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TRANSPARENT RECOVERY AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PORT INFRASTRUCTURE OF UKRAINE: THE CONDITIONS ARE CREATED BY DRAFT LAW NO. 9664

The full-scale war led to the destruction of the country's port infrastructure, to changes in cargo flows and to an increase in the load on the ports of the Danube region. The existing infrastructure was mostly built during Soviet times and has been in operation for 30-40 years in a row. Together, these factors do not create favorable conditions for attracting investments in the creation and development of port infrastructure and strengthening the competitiveness of Ukrainian seaports. Draft Law No. 9664 eliminates legislative deficiencies in the field of construction in internal sea waters, the territorial sea of Ukraine and seaports, and also brings all processes into a digitized, transparent plane. Read <u>more</u> about the details of the document.

THE GOVERNMENT APPROVED THE LIST OF INDICATORS OF THE DIGITAL ECONOMY AND SOCIETY INDEX (DESI)

The Cabinet of Ministers approved the list of indicators of the Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI), adopting the relevant resolution No. 774. DESI is the Digital Economy and Society Index, which is a standard tool for measuring EU digital productivity. With the help of this index, the progress of EU member states in terms of digital competitiveness is monitored, and they, in turn, get the opportunity to prioritize their needs for reforms and investments. Specialists of the BRDO analyzed the current policy and regulatory framework for data collection in Ukraine, and also participated in the development of indicators of the Digital Economy and Society Index within the framework of the EU4DigitalUA project, funded by the EU. Read <u>more</u> on why this Index is important for Ukraine.

PHYTOSANITARY EXAMINATION, OPERATING PERMIT AND VETERINARY CERTIFICATES: THE IWG ON DEREGULATION RECOMMENDS SIMPLIFYING THE OBTAINING OF PERMITS FROM THE SSFSCP

Businesses should spend less time and effort on obtaining permits from the State Service on Food Safety and Consumer Protection – this decision was made by the IWG on deregulation at the last meeting. For this, it is necessary to modernise the lists of products for import, export and re-export, phytosanitary examination, and other instruments of state regulation, which are taken care of by the SSFSCP. What instruments are recommended to digitise and optimise? Read more in our <u>press release</u>.

WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS OF AQUACULTURE IN UKRAINE?

On September 15, 2023, as part of the project "Improving the Regulatory Environment in the Aquaculture Sector" of the USAID AGRO program, on the initiative of the State Fisheries Agency and BRDO, an online round table "Dialogue with BRDO: between the state and business" was held, in which the problems of modern aquaculture were discussed. More than 30 participants of representatives of the business and scientific sphere joined the survey on market issues and dialogue within the framework of the round table. During the presentation by the BRDO, the main attention was paid to the discussion of the main problems of aquaculture, in particular those related to land issues, lease issues (including hydrotechnical structures), investment attraction, taxation, etc. Legislative initiatives registered in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine were presented, namely draft laws No. 8119 on attracting investments in the development of aquaculture in Ukraine and No. 9545, 9546 on the traceability of aquatic biological resources. Details of the event and its results are available <u>here</u>.

DIIA.ENGINE – A TOOL FOR CREATING AND MANAGING REGISTERS – PRESENTED IN THE MINISTRY OF DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF UKRAINE

Ukrainians are already used to receiving state services online, quickly and in efficiently, in particular through Diia. Each such service is made possible by state registries, which are the basis of the digital state. Until recently, a significant part of the 400 Ukrainian state registers remained technologically outdated, vulnerable to cyber-attacks, or were generally kept on paper. Finally, Ukraine is ready to solve this problem systematically. Recently, the Diia.Engine platform was presented, a product of the joint work of the Ministry of Digital Transformation, State Special Communications Agency and SE "Ukrainian Special Systems", created on the basis of the National Centre for Reserving State Information Resources. It is a tool that will enable public authorities to create and manage registries. The cost of developing a registry on this platform is twice as low as compared to the usual one. The development period is two to three times shorter. "I am sure that the active use of Diia.Engine will allow building a truly digital state in Ukraine at an accelerated pace," said Oleksii Dorogan, BRDO CEO, who participated in the presentation. Read <u>more</u> about the tool and its possibilities.

REPORTING IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORTATION – WHAT PROBLEMATIC ISSUES EXIST?

How to simplify the activities of transport entrepreneurs? An important step is the cancellation or optimisation of certain types of reporting that businesses must regularly submit to the State Statistics Service of Ukraine. The review of 9 forms of mandatory reporting in the field of social security was recently carried out by the BRDO team with the support of the USAID program "Competitive Economy of Ukraine". What problems were identified and how could they be solved? Read in our <u>press release</u>.

WHY IS THE RECONSTRUCTION OF UKRAINE IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION?

Digital transformation is necessary for Ukraine to join the EU. But the EU can also benefit a lot from digital projects in the country. How exactly is this implemented, and can the European Union help Ukraine in this matter? Ihor Samokhodskyi, head of the "IT&Telecom" sector of BRDO, explains in the <u>podcast</u> of the European Liberal Forum.

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