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INTERMEDIATE RESULTS OF THE DEREGULATION REFORM: THE MRG REVIEWED MORE THAN A THOUSAND PERMITS, THEN THE FOCUS IS ON PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FROM ENTREPRENEURS, – YULIYA SVYRYDENKO

Since the beginning of the year, the Government's Interdepartmental Working Group on Deregulation has reviewed more than a thousand business permit documents. However, the deregulation reform is not finished there. Further, the IWG will focus, in particular, on the review of instruments at the request of businesses, will work on the deregulation of individual sectors, and will help implement recommendations on the cancellation or optimization of instruments into concrete solutions. This was announced during a joint online event of the Ministry of Economy and the Centre for Economic Strategy "Deregulation of business operations. Intermediate results and plans for the future" said the First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine – Minister of Economy of Ukraine Yulia Svyrydenko. Oleksii Dorogan, CEO of BRDO, told more about the approaches to determining the priorities of deregulation. "It is necessary that on a systematic basis every year, based on analysis and surveys of entrepreneurs, we see a graph of how much money entrepreneurs spend. Based on this, you can set goals. It will be possible to see the problematic points and assess how effective deregulation is, whether the authorities have come up with any new regulatory instruments, etc. This work is part of the transition from a temporary solution to systemic work," he said.



OPEN DATA IN DREAM: INTRODUCING THE PILOT API

On October 31, the presentation of the current version of the public interface for receiving data (Application Programming Interface, API), which provides access to DREAM open data, took place. The DREAM ecosystem is built on the principle of “everyone sees everything” and aims to ensure full transparency and accountability of restoration projects – from planning to commissioning. Thanks to API, all data on projects established in DREAM became available to professional users who work with analytical tools. Currently, more than 1,700 projects are entered into the system, and the Ministry of Community Development, Territories and Infrastructure of Ukraine, the State Agency for Reconstruction and Development of Infrastructure of Ukraine, together with the DREAM Project Office, are working to increase their number. Apart from that, an open beta testing of the updated functionality of the user account in DREAM has begun. It will allow to test the updated functions of the system, as well as to teach community representatives how to use all the DREAM tools. Read more on how to join.



THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED A RESOLUTION THAT CHANGES THE RULES FOR RENTING HYDRAULIC STRUCTURES

The government approved Resolution No. 1151 “Some issues of leasing hydrotechnical facilities” developed by the Ministry of Agriculture and the State Fisheries Agency, which BRDO experts participated in writing. Ukrainian aquaculture has extraordinary potential, and this is a significant change in the regulatory field, which will contribute to the development of the industry. Transparent mechanisms for the provision of hydrotechnical structures for aquaculture purposes and hydrotechnical structures of the fishery technological reservoir for use on lease terms are being introduced. Thanks to this, the legal relations related to the ownerless hydrotechnical structures are finally being settled, which should increase the revenue to the state and local budgets in the future. What changes in the regulation of the sphere? Read in our [explanation](#).



ATTRACTING FOREIGN INVESTMENTS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF UKRAINE: THE PARLIAMENT ADOPTED BILL NO. 9627 IN THE FIRST READING

Developed with the participation of the BRDO team, bill No. 9627 simplifies the procedure for changing the purpose of land plots. For this purpose, amendments are being made to the Land Code of Ukraine and the Law of Ukraine “On Regulation of Urban Planning”. This will contribute to the implementation of investment projects necessary for the rapid and effective recovery of the industry of our country in the post-war period. The implementation of the bill will be useful not only for attracting private investments, but also for the construction of industrial facilities, which will be built at the expense of budget funds (for example, in the field of development of the defence-industrial complex). Read more on details of what is [being changed](#).



THE UNIFIED REGISTER OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS WILL BE LAUNCHED. WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT IN WARTIME?

The Unified State Register of Pets will be launched in Ukraine – the Government recently adopted the corresponding Resolution. Information in the register will allow creating a centralized system of veterinary data for pets for the convenience of owners and veterinarians; will be the basis for the animal's veterinary passport in Diia; will simplify the search for lost animals, control of their vaccination and sterilization. Read [more](#) on how the Registry will help pet owners and what animals it covers.



ENGLISH WILL OFFICIALLY BECOME THE LANGUAGE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION IN UKRAINE – THE PARLIAMENT SUPPORTED BILL NO. 9432

the Parliament of Ukraine considered and supported bill No. 9432 “On the use of the English language in Ukraine”, which establishes the status of the English language as the language of international communication in Ukraine. The Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine, the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine and the team of the BRDO Effective Regulation Office participated in the development of the document. It is important that the norm of showing English-language films in cinemas in the original language with Ukrainian subtitles, which caused a hot discussion and condemnation in Ukrainian society, was excluded from the final text of the document. Accordingly, Ukrainian dubbing will remain mandatory for English-language films. Changes applied by the bill are explained in our [news piece](#).



20 DAYS FROM DEVELOPMENT TO CONTRACT: SPEEDING UP THE SUPPLY OF WEAPONS TO THE ARMED FORCES

The Ministry of Defence of Ukraine has significantly accelerated the process of receiving new weapons samples to the army. This became possible thanks to recent changes in Cabinet of Ministers Resolution No. 345 dated February 25, 2015, initiated by the Minister of Defence on November 21. Now, the process of supplying new types of weapons and military equipment can last as little as 20 days, although this period can vary depending on the quality of the documentation provided by the manufacturers. The BRDO team was involved in the development of the resolution in the part related to the new approach to the procurement of UAVs. From now on, unmanned aerial vehicles of the “micro” and “mini” classes, which can be used for both civilian and military purposes, can be purchased by a government customer even if they have not passed the full process of admission to operation and codification as an item of supply. These changes significantly speed up the process of putting new weapons into operation, which allows the army to get the necessary weapons and equipment faster. It also reduces the administrative pressure on manufacturers and facilitates more efficient interaction between the military and the defence industry.



DECRIMINALIZATION OF PORNOGRAPHY: HOW INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT THE PROCESS

In 2023, the International Commission of Jurists, together with the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), officially released the “March 8 Principles on Approaches to Criminal Law on based on human rights”. Using the basic principles of criminal law and principles of human rights, they demonstrate that the criminalization of sex work is unfounded and violates human rights. In recent decades, there have been significant changes in public and legal opinion regarding the criminalization of sex work. Now more and more international organizations are speaking out in support of the decriminalization of sex work. BRDO experts reviewed the positions of international organizations regarding the decriminalization of pornography in the new [analytical material](#).



BRDO AT THE MINEX EUROPE FORUM: WHAT ARE THE MAIN BARRIERS AND POTENTIAL RISKS FOR INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS IN THE FIELD OF SUBSOIL USE OF UKRAINE?

The 7th European Mining and Exploration Forum MINEX Europe was recently held in Wroclaw. The theme of the event was “Extractive industry and “green transition” in Central and Eastern Europe”. Hanna Bashniak, Head of the BRDO Regulatory Policy sector, gave a speech on the topic of “Reforming the subsoil use sector of Ukraine during a full-scale invasion” and talked about legislative developments in the field of critical raw materials. Ukraine has considerable potential in the extraction of minerals, including critical raw materials: deposits of 27 critical minerals out of 34 listed in the CRM EU list are available in our country. Despite this, potential investors still have to overcome a number of obstacles that inhibit the development of the industry. Among others, it is that the balance reserves of most critical raw materials are classified, and there is no land reservation mechanism. “Today is the time when the regulatory rules and instruments for regulating the extractive and industrial sector should be as simplified and transparent as possible,” Hanna said. “We must understand the role of critical materials and, together with EU partner countries, develop policies to achieve specific goals of the green and digital transition. This is a way to strengthen the economy, because today there are almost no areas left where critical materials are not used.”





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