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68 OPERATORS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED THAT WILL RECEIVE GRANTS FOR TELECOM PROJECTS IN THE DE-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

According to the results of the competition “Financial assistance to providers of electronic communication services operating in the de-occupied territories”, organized within the framework of the program ReACT4UA (“Utilization and Implementation of the Association Agreement between the EU and Ukraine in the field of trade”), which is financed by the German Government and implemented by the German federal company “Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH”, 68 winners were selected. They will receive funding for telecom projects in the de-occupied regions of Ukraine.

In total, the expert commission processed 113 submitted applications. The largest number of projects will be implemented in Kyiv (16), Sumy (13) and Kharkiv (11) regions. 50 winning companies use technologies of the xPON family, which allows communication even when there is no electricity in the consumer's premises.

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ALMOST UAH 13 BILLION IS THE FORECAST EFFECT OF THE DEREGULATION REFORM

The deregulation reform will allow Ukrainian entrepreneurs to save more than ₴12.8 billion. Such an economic effect will be achieved due to the cancellation and digitisation of the instruments of state regulation of the economy, decisions on which have already been made by the Interdepartmental Working Group on Deregulation. Entrepreneurs of which industries will save the most?

Agriculture

₴8.5 billion



In the sphere of the Ministry of Economy

₴1.4 billion



In the sphere of the Ministry of Health

₴1.4 billion



In the sphere of the Ministry of Environment

₴477 million



In the sphere of the Ministry of Finance

₴279 million



In the sphere of the Ministry of Internal Affairs

₴277.7 million



Construction

₴268.5 million



In the sphere of MIU

₴175.2 million



Energy

₴32.7 million



IT and Telecom

₴5 million



In the sphere of the Ministry of Strategic Industries and the State Space Agency

₴1.1 million



Read more about the calculation methodology in the [release](#). The amount of savings was calculated by BRDO experts, who joined the work of the IWG on deregulation within the EU4Business: SME Policies and Institutions Support (SMEPIS) project, implemented by Ecorys in a consortium with GIZ, BRDO and Civitta. With the support of the USAID Program “Competitive Economy of Ukraine” regulation, BRDO prepares [analytics](#) on the expediency of maintaining or canceling regulations, participates in IWG meetings and the development of relevant legal acts.

PEP FOR LIFE, BUT IN-DEPTH MONITORING IS NOT: HOW THE NBU WILL PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF POLITICALLY EXPOSED PERSONS IN CASE OF UNJUSTIFIED PRESSURE FROM BANKS

Politically exposed persons (or PEP) are persons who are national or foreign public figures and figures who perform public functions in international organizations. They are subject to financial monitoring, as well as persons related to them and members of their families. In October 2023, the new Law of Ukraine No. 3419-IX entered into force, which introduced changes to the legislation on the prevention and combating of money laundering against politically significant persons. In particular, Ukrainian society was shaken by the adopted norm on the lifetime status of PEPs, which in practice means problems, in particular, with opening and maintaining bank accounts for PEPs and their family members. On February 6, the NBU published clarifications on financial monitoring issues. These clarifications, as well as the question of how to improve the process of monitoring politically significant persons, was the subject of a public discussion organized by the BRDO together with the Center for Financial Crime and Security Studies (CFCS) at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) as part of the project “Supervision and monitoring of reconstruction funds of Ukraine” (SMURF). Read about the results of the discussion and innovations in our [material](#).



THE UNIFIED PROCEDURE FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF MINE ACTION OPERATORS IS LAUNCHED

Ukraine needs to attract as many mine action operators as possible – both Ukrainian and foreign. According to the State Emergency Service, as of February 17, 2023, the total area of the territories of Ukraine that may be contaminated by explosive ordnance due to the military aggression of the RF is about 174,000 km². Accordingly, the process of certifying operators should be optimised and transparent – less bureaucracy and more clarity in the rules for all participants in the process. This will contribute to the accelerated demining of territories and the formation of a competitive market for demining services, as well as ensure cost savings. The Government of Ukraine is completing an important stage in the implementation of a unified standard for the certification of mine action operators and mine action processes. The Cabinet of Ministers approved this experimental project on February 2, 2024.

Read [more](#) about the project, in the development of which the BRDO team participated.

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DEREGULATION REFORM 2023: WHAT WAS DISCUSSED AT THE FINAL BRIEFING OF SRS AND BRDO

Deregulation of Ukraine's economy continues. During a joint briefing, Oleksii Kucher, the Head of the State Regulatory Service, and Oleksii Dorohan, CEO of BRDO, spoke about what the 2023 reform was marked by. SRS reported on the annual results of the structure's work, its achievements and plans. In 2023, the SRS reviewed 1,229 drafts of regulatory acts of central, regional, and local executive bodies. According to the results of the analysis and calculation of the costs of the implementation of regulations (according to the RIA of the developers of the projects of regulatory acts), approval was refused for 49 of them. Thanks to this, 14.8 billion UAH were saved for business and 15.8 million UAH for the state. Oleksii Dorohan summarised the annual results of the work of the Interdepartmental Working Group on Deregulation, which includes the Head of the SRS. To remind, in January 2023, the Government created the Interdepartmental Working Group on Deregulation, which has already reviewed 1,323 regulatory instruments for business. Of them, 456 are recommended to be canceled, 584 to be modernised. The full recording of the briefing is available [online](#).



THE MARKET OF TECHNICAL HEMP IN UKRAINE IS DEREGULATED: THE PRESIDENT SIGNED THE LAW №7457

The deregulation of the market of medical cannabis and technical hemp has become a reality – draft law No. 7457 was finally signed by the President. For several years, the BRDO team has emphasized the need to address the issue of medical cannabis and the decriminalization of technical hemp. We joined in the development of project No. 7457 and participated in the work of the IWG on deregulation of economic activity, which recommended the draft law for approval in the summer of 2023. Read about the potential of using hemp products both in everyday life and to provide for the army in the column of Iryna Gruzinska, head of the “Agriculture” sector of BRDO.

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DIGITIZATION OF FISHERIES: A NEW ONLINE SERVICE HAS BEEN LAUNCHED IN THE ERYBA SYSTEM

From now on, business entities that plan to fish on an industrial scale or carry out exploratory fishing can submit a clarifying declaration in this regard online. In order to obtain a permit for the special use of aquatic biological resources in fishery water bodies (parts thereof), the economic entity must participate in a state auction. After that, the winner of the auction, who concluded the relevant contract with the State Fisheries Agency, must submit a clarifying declaration. From now on, this can be done online using eRyba (the Unified State Electronic Management System for the Fisheries Industry). A webinar was held to acquaint industrial fishermen with the algorithm for obtaining the service - a step-by-step explanation is available in the format of video and text instructions. To remind, eRyba became operational in October 2023. Resolution of the CMU No. 1076, which made this possible, was developed with the participation of the BRDO team, as well as representatives of scientific circles and NGOs.

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