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DRIVER OF DEREGULATION REFORM: BRDO RECEIVES BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARDS

68% of Ukrainian SMEs continued to work during the war, adapted to work in the conditions of relocation and in the de-occupied territories, restore partnerships, enter the EU markets. Many small and medium enterprises were headed by women and veterans. "Business Recognition Awards" is an award celebrating sustainability and achievements in cooperation with the Delegation of the European Union in Ukraine. Both business representatives and organisations supporting entrepreneurship in various fields are awarded. This year, BRDO was honoured in the Driver of Deregulation Reform category. The award ceremony took place during the networking event "EU for Ukrainian SMEs: Together We Are Resilient!". Read more about the event and winners in other nominations in our publication.

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REGULATORY DASHBOARD LAUNCHED: MONITOR THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF DEREGULATION REFORM ONLINE

Deregulation reform has been ongoing in Ukraine for more than a year: the Government reduces the burden on business by cancelling or digitising various licenses, permits, approvals, etc. From now on, a regulatory dashboard has been launched on the reform website, thanks to which anyone can follow the progress and achievements of the reform. What instruments of state regulation has Ukraine already got rid of? How much will businesses in various fields save thanks to this? Which markets are deregulated most successfully? Answers to these and other questions about the reform in the language of graphs and figures are available <u>online</u>. The development of the

new reform website, together with the regulatory dashboard, as well as business surveys are being carried out within the EU4business: SME Policies and Institutions Support (SMEPIS) project, implemented by Ecorys in a consortium with GIZ, BRDO and Civitta.

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REVISION OF THE FIELD OF SUPERVISION (CONTROL) OF TRANSPORTATION: WHAT **DECISION DID THE IWG MAKE?**

The IWG on deregulation, during latest meeting, considered the problems of state regulation in the field of transportation, and recommended simplifying a number of procedures related to state supervision (control). This decision will make it easier to do business in this area, and at the same time will increase the security of citizens who use these services. In particular, the IWG recommended to: adopt changes to the legislation to combat illegal motor carriers; ensure the functioning of a single digital system in the field of transportation; review the amount of fines depending on the violation and its consequences; specify the list of legislative requirements that are checked by the State Service for Transportation Safety. More details on our website. e





















UKRAINE FACILITY: THE GOVERNMENT APPROVED AND SUBMITTED TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION A PLAN TO FINANCE UKRAINE'S ECONOMY FOR EUR 50 BLN

Ukraine Facility is a program of financial support for Ukraine from the EU in the amount of 50 billion euros, which will be directed to the Ukrainian economy during 2024-2027. The plan for the Ukraine Facility is a technical document necessary for the launch of the program. This is the first time that an integrated economic development plan for the next 4 years has appeared in Ukraine. Reforms in the Plan for Ukraine Facility are divided into 3 main blocks: basic reforms, economic reforms, as well as key sectors, the rapid development of which will stimulate comprehensive economic growth. Now, the EU must finally approve the Plan, which will allow the Ukraine Facility to fully operate. It is expected that this will happen already in April-May this year. Next, Ukraine and the EU must conclude a series of agreements to receive the main funding under the program. Work on the Plan was carried out in close cooperation with the EU: the document was prepared by the Government under the coordination of the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine in constant consultation with representatives of the European Commission, and BRDO provided analytical support during the development of the Plan with the assistance of the Kyiv School of Economics within the framework of the project "EU Support in Reconstruction and Recovery". We also joined the consultations on the Plan, which the Government conducted with expert centres, business, the public, people's deputies and representatives of the regions. Read more about the Ukraine Facility and the Plan in our <u>publication</u>.









DEVELOPMENT OF AQUACULTURE IN UKRAINE: WHY SHOULD THE STATE INTRODUCE THE FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT FUND?

The volume of production of aquaculture products in Ukraine is growing: the total volume of production in 2023 increased by 4.3% compared to 2022 and amounted to 15,271 tons. The increase in production volumes on the market indicates interest in its development on the part of product consumers and industry producers. Currently, the State Fisheries Agency, together with the Ministry of Agrarian Policy, is developing possible mechanisms for state support in the field of aquaculture. Representatives of the market, experts and scientists are involved in the discussion, the main purpose of the which is the preparation of economic calculations and indicators of the economic activity of the fishing industry, the justification of the need for state aid and the development of compensation mechanisms. One of the opportunities to stimulate business in the field of aquaculture can be the creation of a suitable support fund. Sources for it can be the funds received from the conclusion of performance contracts investments in the development of aquaculture. They are provided for by draft law "On Attracting Investments in the Development of the Fisheries Industry" No. 8119, developed by the Ministry of Agrarian Policy, the State Agency for Land Reclamation and Fisheries of Ukraine and BRDO within the framework of the USAID Program for Agrarian and Rural Development - AGRO. More details about the project, as well as how aquaculture is supported in EU countries - here.



REFORM OF THE FISHERIES INDUSTRY: WHAT'S NEXT?

The fishing industry of Ukraine can bring billions of hryvnias to entrepreneurs, and millions to the state budget. For this, the industry needs to be reformed. In 2023, the Ministry of Agrarian Policy began a systematic reform of the fishery sector. Why does the state fight against illegal, unaccountable and uncontrolled fishing for this? Why digitalization of the industry — eRiba platform, electronic auctions and GPS tracking of fishing vessels? How is it planned to bring the Ukrainian fish market out of the shadows? In a column for delo.ua, Iryna Gruzinska, head of the "Agriculture" sector of BRDO, discusses these and other issues of the reform. t

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WE ARE HIRING: A LAWYER IN MATTERS OF ENSURING THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES

BRDO is looking for a lawyer who will be responsible for the full support of the legal part of the organization's work: contractual work (preparation and verification of contracts with partners, suppliers, involved experts; tracking of implementation statuses); assessment of legal compliance and control; work with correspondence (checking outgoing letters); internal procedures; founding documents; consulting other departments. For details on working conditions, responsibilities of the position, a list of skills and competencies required by the candidate – follow the link.



WHY IS OPEN DATA IMPORTANT FOR UKRAINE EVEN DURING WAR?

Several CDTO Campus programs dedicated to this issue were launched in February. BRDO's experience in this field was presented by Oleksii Dorohan, BRDO's CEO, at one of the program's training sessions. BRDO experts are convinced that the state should continue the course of openness, because ensuring the transparency and accountability of the reconstruction of Ukraine depends on open data in particular. We covered this in detail in a <u>column</u> for the Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies (RUSI). Providing access to public information also affects the development of various sectors of the economy. In recent years, BRDO, together with other NGOs and entrepreneurs, demanded the publication of financial statements of enterprises in the form of open data. As a result, in March 2023, the State Statistics Service of Ukraine finally published the information submitted by companies for 2022, and the BRDO IT&Telecom sector team based on this data prepared an <u>overview</u> of the situation on the Ukrainian IT market. The training course "OSCE: Formation and implementation of open data policy" was implemented jointly with the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine in cooperation with the NGO "Data Journalism Agency" within the framework of the project "Promoting good governance and a positive business climate in the OSCE region through digitalization and use of open data" Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).





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