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ARMS EXPORT, DIGITALISATION OF THE ARMY AND THE PATH TO VICTORY — THE VICTORY DRONES PODCAST

How does arms export become an instrument of foreign policy, and not just a means of economic growth? Why are partnerships with allies more important than competition? How are digital registers, cybersecurity, and modern technologies changing the Ukrainian army? Taras Yemchura, head of the Defence Policy Sector at the BRDO, talked about these issues with Maria Berlinska, co-founder of the Dignitas Fund and head of the Victory Drones project for technological enhancement of the Security and Defense Forces of Ukraine. Watch [the podcast](#) to learn more about key challenges and solutions in Ukraine's defense sector (available in Ukrainian only).

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Podcast Victory Drones



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UKRAINE CAN BECOME A SUPPLIER OF WEAPONS TO NATO COUNTRIES

The Ukrainian defence industry is experiencing unprecedented growth, and UAV manufacturers are ready to enter foreign markets. Might it lead to a reduction in international assistance? In his [article](#), Taras Yemchura, Head of the Defence Policy Sector at the BRDO, analyzes the prospects and risks of Ukrainian arms export. The proposed solutions include attracting allied funds for purchases from Ukrainian producers for Ukraine's needs, trilateral contracts for the supply of military products, strategic localization of foreign production, integration into NATO supply chains and joint ventures.

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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a news article. The browser's address bar shows 'zn.ua'. The article is from 'ДЗЕРКАЛО ТИЖНЯ' (Mirror Weekly), which has been published since 1994. The article title is 'УКРАЇНА МОЖЕ СТАТИ ПОСТАЧАЛЬНИКОМ ЗБРОЇ КРАЇН НАТО' (Ukraine can become a supplier of weapons for NATO countries). Below the title, it says 'ZN,UA Опитування читачів' (ZN,UA Reader Survey). The date and time are '03 січня, 2025, 08:30'. There are social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, Telegram, and Messenger. The main image shows a soldier in camouflage gear operating a large, complex piece of military equipment, possibly a drone or a specialized vehicle, in an outdoor setting.

DEREGULATION IN UKRAINE: HOW TWO YEARS OF IWG'S WORK AFFECT BUSINESS

Despite the military challenges, the deregulation reform in Ukraine has already brought significant simplification of regulatory requirements, digitalisation of services, and savings for entrepreneurs. Its main goal is to create a transparent business environment that stimulates entrepreneurial activity and accelerates economic development. The key achievements of the reform include the launch of the ePermit platform, the abolition of outdated regulatory requirements, and the simplification of business inspections. BRDO has been actively involved in deregulation, particularly by joining the work of the IWG within the EU4Business: SME Policies and Institutions Support (SMEPIS) project, implemented by Ecorys in a consortium with GIZ, BRDO and Civitta with the financial support of the European Union. The team analyzed the regulatory framework, prepared proposals for its simplification, developed analytics and legislative initiatives, and supported their implementation. In addition, we helped launch electronic services and implement measures aimed at digitizing business processes and simplifying conditions for entrepreneurs.



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REGULATORY PRESSURE ON BUSINESS: FINDINGS FROM BRDO RESEARCH

BRDO team, together with the Centre for Innovation Development, commissioned by the Ministry of Economy within the framework of the EU4Business: SME Policies and Institutions Support (SMEPIS) implemented by Ecorys in a consortium with GIZ, BRDO and Civitta with the financial support of the European Union, conducted a research to find out what challenges entrepreneurs face and what changes are needed to create a comfortable business environment. Representatives of the major sectors of the economy, such as construction, IT, agriculture, logistics, technical consultancy, and others, took part in the research. The research showed that many regulations do not meet the current needs of business and significantly limit its potential, creating artificial barriers to growth and competition in the market. Reducing this regulatory pressure will not only facilitate the work of entrepreneurs, but also boost economic development.

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COURTS ISSUE SENTENCES FOR PORNOGRAPHY BASED ON THE 1923 CONVENTION UKRAINE NEVER SIGNED

The BRDO is launching a series of articles analyzing court rulings on the creation and distribution of pornographic materials. The first article examines the verdict of a district court in Odesa region, where a woman was convicted of publishing adult content on Telegram. The court referred to the 1923 international convention that Ukraine has never signed. Over the past three years, courts have handed down 39 verdicts citing the century-old Convention on the Prohibition of Pornography, which is not in force in Ukraine. Despite this, the National Police investigators continue to use it in new pornography cases, and the defence usually does not challenge such details. The BRDO, along with a number of civil society organizations, oppose the criminal prosecution of Ukrainians for the production and sale of pornographic materials. The adoption of the draft law No. 12191 decriminalizes pornography in Ukraine. This will protect Ukrainians from criminal prosecution and unjustified sentences due to the use of outdated legislation.

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WHAT HAS THE DIGITALISATION OF UKRAINE CHANGED IN 2024? — GOVTECH PODCAST

In the latest episode of the GovTech podcast, Oleksii Dorogan, CEO of the BRDO, talks with Roman Lansky, co-founder and CEO of Strimco, Oleksandr Strelnykov, editor-in-chief of AIN, and Volodymyr Brusilovskyi, Manager of the Diia Support project at UNDP Ukraine, to discuss the results of a year that has become a turning point for digital services in Ukraine. In particular, Oleksii Dorogan spoke about the GovTech initiatives that BRDO joined in 2024: ePermit, eFish, Reserve+, and the Pet Register. Each of these initiatives is aimed at solving problems of different stakeholders, but they are united by their focus on simplifying the lives of citizens and businesses through digital solutions that automate complex processes, save time and money, promote efficiency and increase transparency. Watch the podcast [here](#) (available in Ukrainian only).

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