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BUSINESS DURING THE WAR: THE GOVERNMENT APPROVED THE
RESOLUTION ALLOWING UKRAINIAN ENTERPRISES TO OPERATE BY
PROVIDING A SINGLE DECLARATION ON THE DIIA

Many enterprises were forced to stop operations. According to expert estimates, general direct losses of SMEs during 14 days of the war amount to USD 60 bln. To support Ukrainian business and decrease the regulatory burden, BRDO experts in coordination with the Ministry of Digital Transformation and the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, developed the Government resolution “On some issues of ensuring doing business during martial law”. This document allows business operations on the basis of providing a declaration of doing business to the Ministry of Economy. All other permissive documents (e.g., licenses, permits) are cancelled during martial law.

ENERGY: HOW ALLIES CAN SUPPORT UKRAINE?

Anton Zorkin, the Head of the Energy sector, shared with UBR how the allies of Ukraine can help within the energy sector. In particular, he mentioned measures that could be taken in the markets of coal, oil and petroleum, and natural gas to ensure energy independence of Ukraine during martial law, as well as an action plan regarding the development of alternative ways of energy sources and supplies in a peaceful time.

FOOD INSECURITY: HOW RUSSIA’S WAR AGAINST UKRAINE
THREATENS ALL WORLD

Iryna Gruzinska, the Head of the Agriculture sector, commented to Delo.ua regarding the danger in the food sector that the world might face if the RF continues to invade Ukraine. Ukraine is the global leader in exports of grain, sunflower oil, honey, chicken meat and other food supplies. Twenty per cent of Ukrainian wheat is used to produce bread and bakery in the countries of the Middle East, Africa and South-Eastern Asia. In addition, 20% of exported corn is supplied to Italy, Spain, and Portugal's cattle and poultry farms. Should the Russian invasion continue, production and exports of these commodities will become impossible, and global food markets could collapse.

UKRAINE STRENGTHENS CYBER DEFENCE: STATE AUTHORITIES
WILL BE ABLE TO USE CLOUD SERVICES

Ukrainian state authorities will be able to use cloud services abroad for the secured operations of information and communication systems and public electronic registers. Parliament has already approved draft law #7152, developed by BRDO experts in cooperation with the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine supported by the EU4Digital project, funded by the European Union. As a result, state information and its backup copies can be hosted on servers located outside the administrative-territorial borders of Ukraine. This will protect Ukrainian state information systems from Russian cyberattacks, and Ukrainian citizens will receive better protection of their data and better-protected state electronic services.

WHAT WOULD JOINING THE “ENERGY EU” CHANGE FOR UKRAINIANS?

Now Ukraine is a member of the “European Energy Union”: on March 16, our energy system officially joined the EU energy system. Experts from the Energy Sector of the BRDO congratulate Ukrainians on the implementation of a crucial project for the future of the state and explain the benefits of this event for domestic consumers and producers. The World Bank estimates that the economic benefits of synchronisation will be about \$ 1.5 billion annually.

FARMERS WILL RECEIVE SIMPLIFIED ACCESS TO AGRICULTURAL
LANDS OF UKRAINE FOR SUCCESSFUL SOWING

The sowing campaign is a critical issue for Ukraine. At present, the food security of our state depends on whether domestic farmers will be able to get the harvest during the war. To ensure the maximum intensity of agricultural production, despite Russia's military aggression, the Parliament of Ukraine yesterday passed a bill #7178. Its adoption will make it easier for farmers to acquire the right to use certain land plots

UKRAINE SHOULD BECOME A MEMBER OF THE “ROAMING EU”

Ukraine's joining the EU roaming space is an important step that BRDO experts call to make now. In March 2022, Ukraine became a member of the European Energy Union. As the next step, we propose to temporarily abolish roaming charges for Ukrainians and connect Ukraine to the EU roaming market. Millions of Ukrainians and EU citizens will be able to feel Ukraine's joining the “roaming European Union”. This will allow people to make more calls between the EU and Ukraine and to use the Internet abroad. It will be another “visa-free regime”, but now in the field of communication between countries.

REBUILDING UKRAINE AFTER THE WAR: A NEW BILL WAS
REGISTERED IN THE PARLIAMENT

On March 24 the Parliament of Ukraine has registered the bill #7198 which will allow to provide compensations to Ukrainian citizens for some categories of damaged and destroyed real estate objects due to military operations, terrorist acts, diversions caused by the actions of the occupying state, and collect information for future lawsuits of Ukraine to the RF due to its military aggression. BRDO experts in the Construction sector joined to the development of this document.

IN DEVELOPMENT:

Bill “On specifics of compulsory withdrawal of agricultural products for the needs of the state in the conditions of a martial law regime based on the contract of processing of compulsorily withdrawn agricultural products for the needs of the state in the conditions of a martial law regime”. It envisages that agricultural production during martial law can be withdrawn only by military commands based on tripartite agreements (owner, military, processors: factories that produce products). Based on the bill, the owners give their raw materials to factories under military supervision, but part of the production is left to the owner, and the state buys another part through the state order. In general, it will supply food products to stores and create jobs for processing plants and produce products with more excellent added value and ensure food security.

INFOGRAPHICS: EXPLAINERS OF WHAT TO DO IN DIFFERENT SITUATIONS

BRDO created a cross-sectoral initiative in coordination with state authorities to create infographic instructions with explainers for businesses and citizens on what to do in different situations. In particular, the following instructions were designed (in Ukrainian):

1. Connecting the service of National Roaming
2. Alternative routes of passenger transportation
3. Action algorithm for everyone transporting humanitarian aid across the border
4. Official accounts of funds for reconstruction due to military aggression of the RF
5. Algorithm for customs clearance of humanitarian aid when crossing the border

APPEALS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMPANIES

BRDO supports the global movement of appeals to international organisations, corporations, and separate companies to exclude the RF from respectable international organisations and to boycott the aggressor by stopping business operations with it. In particular, the letters were sent to Food and Agriculture Organization, Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification, Forest Stewardship Council, European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT), World Intellectual Property Organization, World Health Organization, International Labour Organization, UNESCO, World Customs Organization, Organization of Black Sea Economic Cooperation, INTOSAI, IMF, UN, the World Bank, Bank for International Settlements, World Trade Organization. Appeals with calls to stop business in the RF were sent to Auchan, Leroy Merlin, Siemens, Amdocs, TEOCO, FTS billing solutions, Sterlite Technologies.

Apart from that, because BRDO has not received answers to letters with appeals, BRDO called on the international community to boycott companies that decide to remain in the RF, particularly the retail networks Auchan, Leroy Merlin, and Decathlon.

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