



BRDO ANALYTICS AND INITIATIVES

AFTER THE 100 DAYS OF THE WAR, THE COST OF BORSCHT IN UKRAINE INCREASED BY 16.09%

UAH 95 – that's how much a portion of borscht for four people, prepared according to a traditional recipe, will cost on June 3, 2022. Compared with February 24, 2022 – UAH 81.84 – the price increased by 16.09%. This is evidenced by the recent **“borsch index”** from BRDO experts. All borscht ingredients, except for potatoes, rose in price to varying degrees: from a slight 7.7% to a significant 22.56%. Food prices vary considerably depending on the region and even the trade network, as today about 30% of the cost of production is logistics costs, which have risen sharply due to fuel shortages, difficult delivery routes and lack of vehicles. According to Yulia Korneeva, chief economist of BRDO, the seasonal decline in vegetable prices should not be expected.

UKRAINE SIGNED “TRANSPORT VISA-FREE REGIME” WITH THE EU

With this document Ukrainian carriers can do bilateral and transit cargo transportation to the EU countries without permits. The lack of permits has been hampering the market development for years. In the situation of full-scale Russian attack on Ukraine and blockage of Ukrainian sea ports the volumes of automotive cargo transportation and the need for international transportation permits have increased several times. With the beginning of the war 12 EU member states have temporarily cancelled the permit system, but permanent cancellation was the priority and strategic goal of Ukraine. And it was finally achieved. Since the signing of the Free Trade Agreement between Ukraine and the EU in 2016, trade with the European Union has almost doubled, and the number of road transport – by 42%. At the same time, the number of permits for international transportation to individual EU countries not only did not increase, but even decreased. Every year, this led to large losses for both Ukrainian carriers and the country's economy as a whole. How the agreement with the EU solves this problem and what recommendations BRDO experts provided – the details are available in our [release](#).

CONSTRUCTION OF MODERN BOMB SHELTERS IN UKRAINE – THE PARLIAMENT APPROVED THE BILL IN THE FIRST READING

Modern bomb shelters and shelters have become one step closer to Ukrainians – the Parliament passed Bill 7398 in the first reading, which will create conditions for the construction of such facilities in accordance with the level of threats posed by full-scale Russian aggression. This document was developed with the participation of BRDO experts. It is important that from now on, new buildings with significant (CC3) and medium (CC2) impact classes, which will permanently house more than 50 people or periodically house more than 100 people, will have to have civil defence structures (bomb shelters). Read more on the bill in our [news piece](#).

BRDO RESEARCH: INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE AND APPROACHES TO TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE RECOVERY OF UKRAINE

Russia's war against Ukraine continues, so the destruction of Ukraine's infrastructure by the Russian military will increase. At the same time, international assistance for the reconstruction of Ukraine is already coming from our partners and donors, and its volumes will also increase. However, any recovery program has corruption risks that need to be managed. BRDO analysts, with the support of the USAID Ukraine Support to Anti-Corruption Champion Institutions program in Ukraine, researched international experience and mistakes during the reconstruction, as well as analysed possible risks and developed **recommendations** for Ukraine to overcome them. These developments were presented and discussed during a **round table** with representatives of public authorities and a number of public organisations. Key takeaways and suggestions made during the event are gathered in our [press release](#).

“GREEN” RECOVERY OF UKRAINE: PROSPECTS FOR THE USE OF HYDROGEN IN TRANSPORT

Hydrogen can be considered a universal fuel for vehicles, as it has absolute environmental friendliness, can replace gasoline, diesel fuel and fuel oil in all types of heat engines. Europe has already included hydrogen in its “green strategy” for the continent's carbon-free future. In Ukraine, the Hydrogen Strategy is still under development. At the level of technical regulations in Ukraine, such issues as the quality of hydrogen fuel, basic concepts on the safety of hydrogen systems and the use of hydrogen generators using water electrolysis are already regulated. What are the prospects for the use of hydrogen fuel for different modes of transport and how Ukraine should stimulate the development of hydrogen transport during the post-war recovery? Zoya Melnyk, the Head of Infrastructure Sector of BRDO, gives answers to the online edition of [Delo.ua](#).

ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGY ADOPTED AS A WHOLE

Ukraine is going to have the adopted Anti-corruption strategy which implementation will save up to UAH 200 bln of state costs annually. Recently, the Parliament have adopted in the second reading the draft law on the baselines of the state anti-corruption policy for 2020-2024. The document, developed jointly with BRDO, will facilitate the solving of the corruption problem by the Ukrainian state. In particular, digital transformation would be introduced to enhance transparency and mitigate corruption risks in public services; the duplication of functions of different state bodies would be eliminated; the inevitability of legal responsibility for corruption and corruption-related offenses would be ensured; and public intolerance to corruption, establishment of a culture of integrity and respect for the rule of law would be promoted.

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](#)
6. [European Green Deal and railways: transforming the market of freight transportations of Ukraine into a “green” one](#)
7. [Ukrainian fruits and vegetables: how can farmers provide the world with food during the war?](#)
8. [Statistics of Ukrainian emigration because of the war](#)
9. [Borsch index – food prices 24.02.2022-2.06.2022](#)



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