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BRDO prepares solutions for attracting investments in subsoil sector: Production Sharing Agreements and critical raw materials clusters

In the context of global competition for access to critical materials, Ukraine has a chance to turn its resource potential into a sustainable economic and security advantage.

BRDO provides expert support to the Government on two key instruments: the Production Sharing Agreement (PSA) mechanism for solid minerals and the development strategy for critical raw materials (CRM) clusters.

According to the Government's Action Plan, by the end of 2025 a draft law on PSAs will be submitted to Parliament, a pilot tender held for the "Dobra" lithium deposit, and a CRM cluster strategy approved.



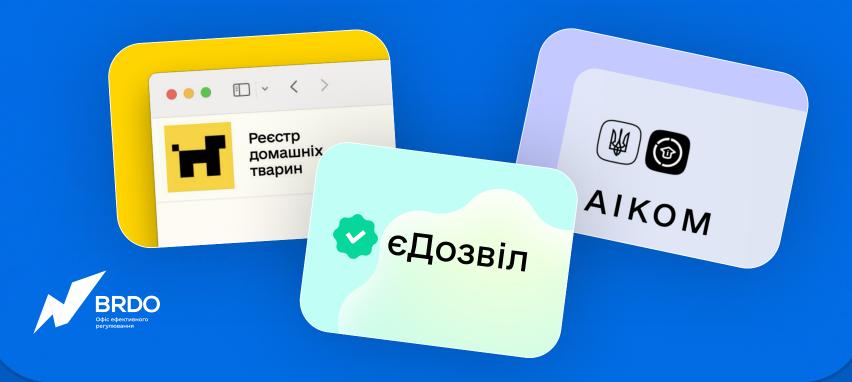
Digitalisation

Diia.Engine: how GovTech teams can begin working with government software to create registries

In 2023, the Ministry of Digital Transformation launched Diia. Engine — a platform for the fast and secure creation of state registries and online services. It offers ready-made components, integrations, and data protection, while also imposing certain constraints, from file formats to interface customisation.

The BRDO team has already implemented several solutions on the platform, including ePermit, the Unified Register of Domestic Animals, and AIKOM with its portal and the "Mriia" app.

Read more about BRDO's experience with Diia.Engine in a column (in Ukrainian) by Yana Horiunova, Deputy Executive Director and Head of IT at BRDO, on DOU.



Digitalisation

Ukraine takes another step towards digitalising the fisheries sector

The Cabinet of Ministers <u>has adopted</u> the procedure for the operation of the Unified State Electronic System for the Management of the Fisheries Sector — e-Fishery.

Thanks to the system, the time for issuing permits has been reduced from 30 days to 2, saving businesses over UAH 150 million annually. In addition, up to 54.2% of illegal fishing vessels have been legalised, while paper records have been replaced by electronic accounting of activities and catches, and the route of fish from the water body to the landing site can now be traced — an effective tool in combating poaching.



European integration

The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and Ukraine: are Ukrainian farmers ready to compete on the EU market?

In September, Ukraine launched the screening process with the European Commission under Cluster 5 "Resources, Agriculture and Cohesion Policy" — an important stage towards integration into the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). The next step is the preparation of the Negotiating Position, which will take into account proposals from businesses and farmers.

Ukraine is already implementing key CAP mechanisms: establishing a Paying Agency, launching the Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS), and developing a network of AKIS hubs. Farmers are working in line with harmonised European standards of safety and quality, and introducing traceability systems.

Read more <u>in the article</u> by Iryna Gruzinska, Head of the Agriculture Sector at BRDO.



Defence

Ukraine and the EU Deepen Cooperation in Defence Innovation at Defense Tech Valley 2025

On 16–17 September, Lviv hosted <u>Defense Tech Valley 2025</u> – Europe's leading dual-use technology and investment summit. The event gathered over 5,000 participants from more than 50 countries and highlighted Ukraine's role as a global hub of battlefield-proven innovation.

The summit also announced the launch of the first initiative under a new EU-funded project on strengthening defence innovation, implemented by BRDO in partnership with the Ukrainian Startup Fund and Bravel. Key components include grant support for Ukrainian innovations, regulatory changes to improve access to defence procurement, and the creation of the Bravel Exporoom in Kyiv.

Full details of the initiative will be presented later this autumn.







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