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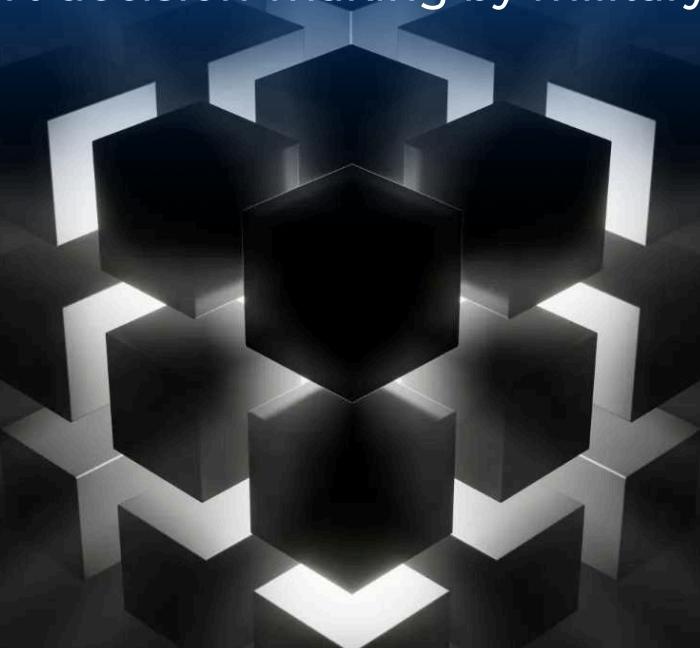
# BRDO NEWS DIGEST



# The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted a resolution on the functioning of the updated Register of Gunsmiths

The updated electronic Register is intended to create a secure and structured environment for interaction between state defence procurers and manufacturers.

Once implemented, the Register will provide an up-to-date and protected directory of suppliers and risk assessment tools for procurers, more transparent and clearer conditions for manufacturers' participation in defence procurement, and comprehensive data on the capabilities of the defence-industrial complex to support decision-making by military leadership.



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# The “Pulse” Platform Has Come into Effect as an Official State Tool for Digital Interaction Between Business and Government

On 1 January 2026, Resolution No. 1304 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine came into force, launching a pilot project to digitalise interaction between executive authorities and business through the “Pulse” system. From now on, the platform officially operates as a state tool for dialogue, as well as for collecting and analysing business feedback to inform regulatory decision-making. The resolution also sets mandatory deadlines for processing submissions — no more than 15 working days.

As of 1 January 2026, nearly 350 000 ratings and over 30 000 comments from businesses across Ukraine have been collected via “Pulse”.



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# BRDO Position on Maintaining Open Access to Data on Ultimate Beneficial Owners

BRDO calls for maintaining open and public access to information on ultimate beneficial owners during the implementation of the EU's 6th AML Directive. The new Directive introduces access based on the “legitimate interest” criterion, which makes ownership structure checks slower and more complex compared to the approach of the 5th AML Directive, under which such information was publicly accessible.

In the context of full-scale war, open access to beneficial ownership data is critical for Ukraine's financial security — including countering sanctions evasion, money laundering and terrorist financing. The current open-access model reduces costs and barriers for business, enables effective financial monitoring and public oversight, and aligns with Ukraine's national security interests. BRDO calls for preserving this approach during martial law and beyond.

European integration

# The Exporter's E-Cabinet Is Now Operational

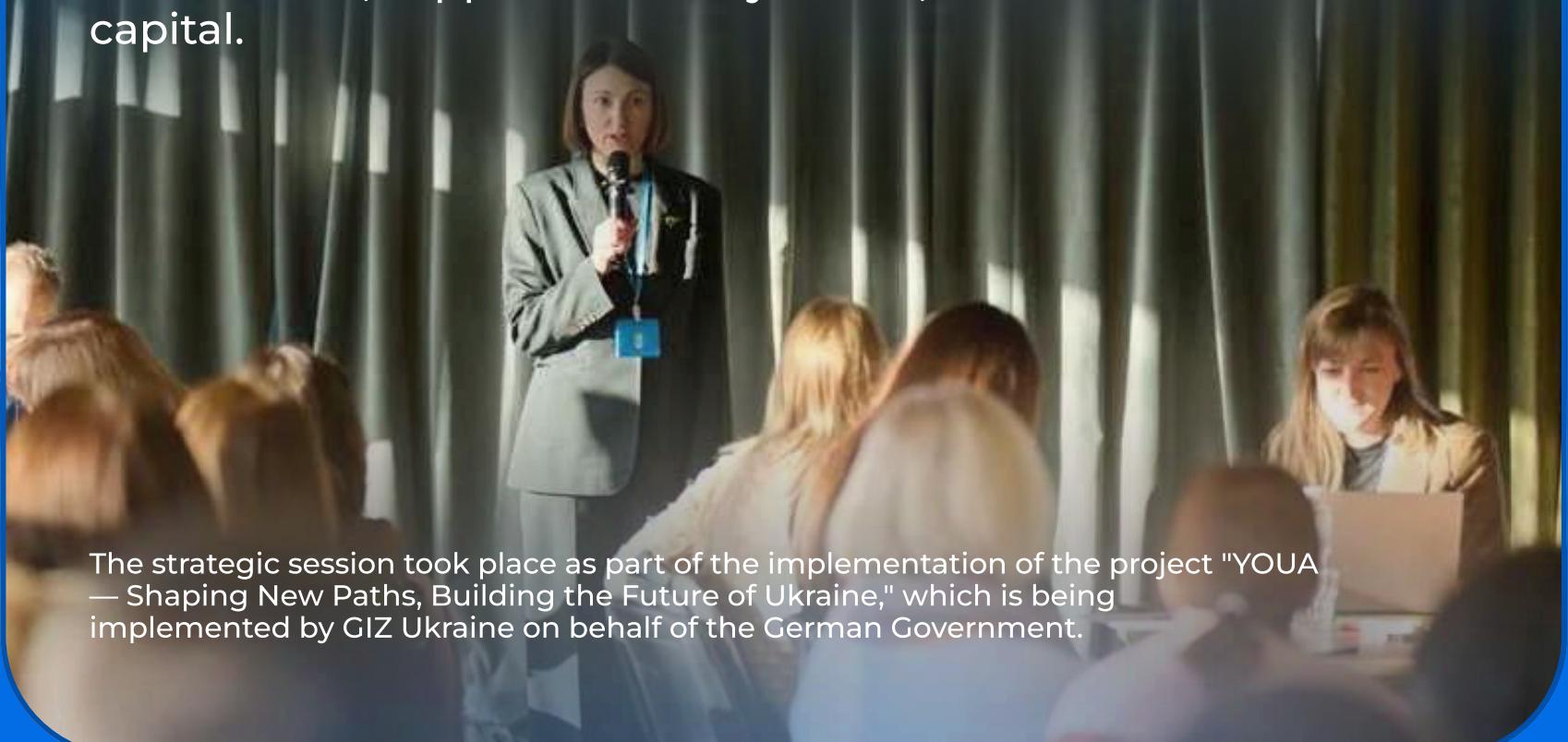
Ukraine has taken another step towards implementing the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) with the launch of the Exporter's Electronic Cabinet — an online tool that helps businesses confirm the compliance of timber and wood products with EU requirements.

The system allows exporters to verify timber using felling permits, timber waybills or tags, access data on harvesting locations and felling site coordinates, check key quantity and quality characteristics, and generate QR-code certificates to confirm the authenticity of the information.

# Unity, Demographic Renewal, and Reintegration: Ukraine Develops Strategy to Maintain Ties with Ukrainians Abroad

The Ministry of Social Policy, Family, and Unity of Ukraine has launched the development of the Strategy for Maintaining Ties with Ukrainians Abroad and Promoting their Voluntary Return for 2026–2036. The first strategic session took place on 21 January.

The Strategy responds to unprecedented migration challenges caused by the full-scale war: as of November 2025, 4.6 million internally displaced persons were registered in Ukraine, while more than 5.8 million Ukrainians remain abroad. The document aims to establish a comprehensive state policy to preserve ties with citizens, support voluntary return, and restore human capital.



The strategic session took place as part of the implementation of the project "YOUA — Shaping New Paths, Building the Future of Ukraine," which is being implemented by GIZ Ukraine on behalf of the German Government.

# Government Launches Pilot Project for e-Employment and Digital Labour Relations via Obrii System and Diiia Portal

At the initiative of the Ministry of Economy, Environmental Protection, and Agriculture, the Ministry of Digital Transformation, and the State Employment Centre, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has approved a resolution to implement an experimental project for employment and the formalisation of labour relations in electronic form using the Obrii Unified Information and Analytical System.

The pilot project will run for two years from the date the resolution comes into force, with technical implementation scheduled for the third quarter of 2026. The goal is to digitalise all employment processes and procedures using the Obrii system.



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# AI-powered Tool for Monitoring Draft Laws — BRDO Introduces the “Regulatory Monitor” Bot

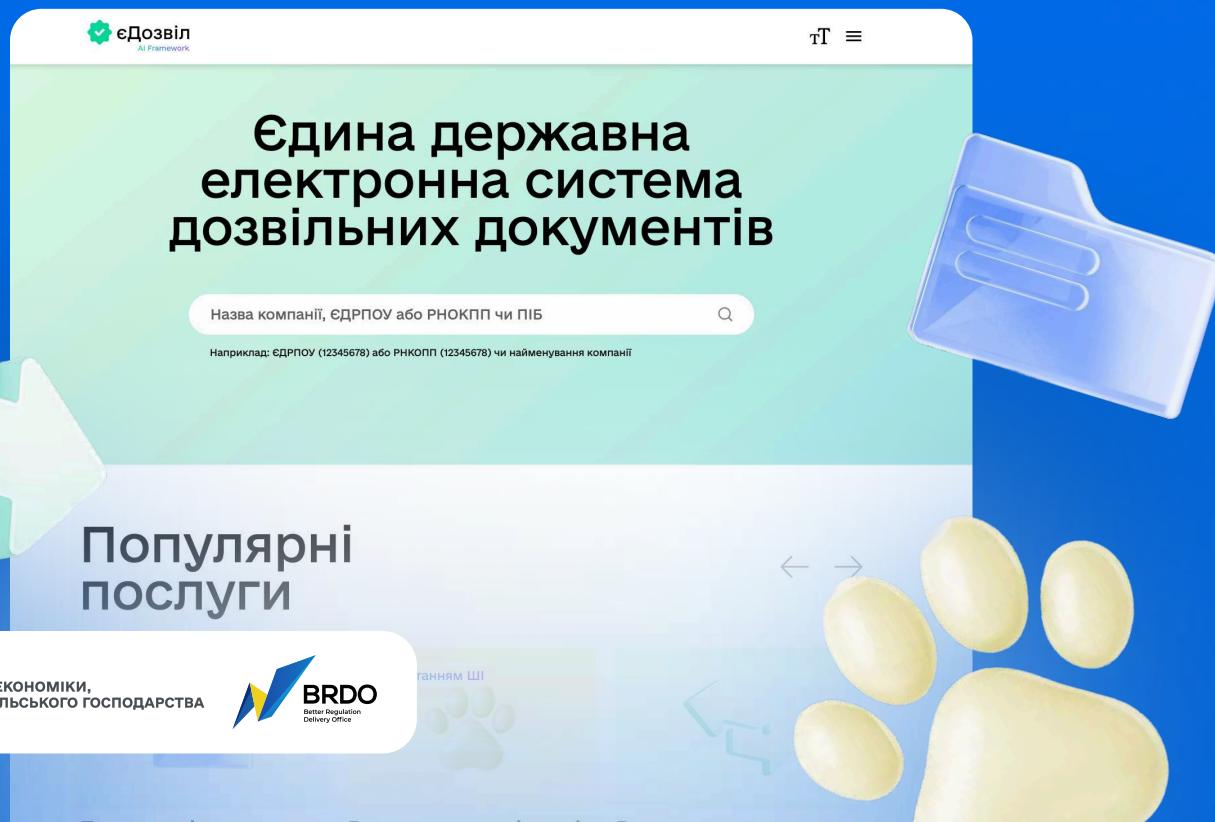
BRDO has launched a new digital tool for monitoring legislative initiatives — the Telegram bot “Regulatory Monitor.” It provides rapid access to newly registered draft laws and generates concise AI-assisted summaries of explanatory notes.

The “Regulatory Monitor” automatically tracks new draft laws published on parliamentary committee pages and sends notifications with the draft law number and title, the initiator, a link to the official document page and a concise AI-generated summary of the explanatory note.

# Government Updates Rules for Permits and Licensing Services via e-Permit

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has adopted a resolution to improve administrative procedures within the e-Permit system, with a focus on digitalisation, automation, and unified rules. The resolution updates the framework for providing permit and licensing services through a single digital platform.

The changes apply to administrative services implemented via e-Permit at the first stage, including veterinary practice, tour operator activities, pre-school education, trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors, as well as the issuance of conclusions on time limits for international settlements.



# Ukrainian Business Continues Eurointegration: Government Approves Draft Law on SMEs

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has supported the draft law “On Amendments to Certain Laws of Ukraine Regarding the Definition of Business Entities.” The document harmonises the criteria for defining Ukrainian micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with EU standards and removes barriers preventing SMEs from accessing European support programmes.

The new law establishes three European classification criteria: number of employees, annual turnover (income), and balance sheet total (assets).

# Ukraine Launches Initiative to Modernise the State Employment Service According to EU Standards

The State Employment Service (SES) of Ukraine has joined PES Benchlearning — a European methodology for assessing and developing public employment services. The initiative aims to modernise the SES, improve the quality of services for citizens and businesses, and align its operations with EU practices, as part of preparations for integration into the European Network of Public Employment Services (EU PES Network).

In 2026, PES Benchlearning will include self-assessment of SES processes, external evaluation with the involvement of European experts, and structured exchanges of best practices with employment services from EU member states. Participation in the initiative supports the harmonisation of Ukraine's employment policy with EU approaches and contributes to fulfilling commitments within the European integration process.



The project to support the capacity of the State Employment Service is carried out with the participation of the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine within the PES Benchlearning initiative, facilitated by the German Government and supported by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and the Better Regulation Delivery Office (BRDO) as part of the "REJOIN" project — promoting the socio-economic integration of returnees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and host communities in Ukraine.

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