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# Newsletter



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# Civil Protection Shelter Coalition



CPVA continues to deepen its involvement in the Shelter Coalition, working closely with partners, donors, and Ukrainian stakeholders at every stage to move projects forward.

During the second Governing Board meeting in Kyiv, CPVA's team shared progress on ongoing activities.

The visit to Ukraine also included time in Sumy, where the team visited the site of a planned shelter under the Coalition initiative, expected to move into implementation once a contractor is approved. The team also reviewed a school shelter currently under construction as part of the EU-Lithuania-Ireland funded programme.

At the Governing Board meeting, the Ambassador of Lithuania to Ukraine, Inga Stanytė-Tolockienė, stressed the importance of moving beyond immediate construction to focus on long-term sustainability and national safety standards.



The progress of the Coalition is good. But it is important to make it sustainable. We agree that in the long run, the Coalition must engage in a broader discussion on countrywide civil protection standards <...> and become the main hub for civil protection in Ukraine.

**Inga Stanytė-Tolockienė,**  
Ambassador of Lithuania to Ukraine



Four more countries officially joined the initiative: the **Slovak Republic**, the **Hellenic Republic**, the **Czech Republic**, and the **Republic of Austria**.

## Support for Ukraine's energy sector with solar power plants



Strengthening Ukraine's energy sector amid ongoing attacks on critical infrastructure remains a top priority. Following a difficult winter, preparations for the next heating season are already underway.

Lithuania's initiative to equip Ukrainian schools, hospitals, and kindergartens with solar power plants continues to progress. Two additional plants have recently been installed, while several more are currently in the installation phase or undergoing final documentation.

### As of March 2026:

**12 solar power plants** have been installed

**8 additional sites** at critical institutions are currently under installation

**For 6 new sites** contracts are scheduled to be signed in April 2026

## High-level visits highlight Borodianka's Lithuanian-Ukrainian Lyceum as a successful recovery project

In Ukraine, thousands of children are growing up with air raid sirens, shelters, and the destruction of their homes and as daily reality.

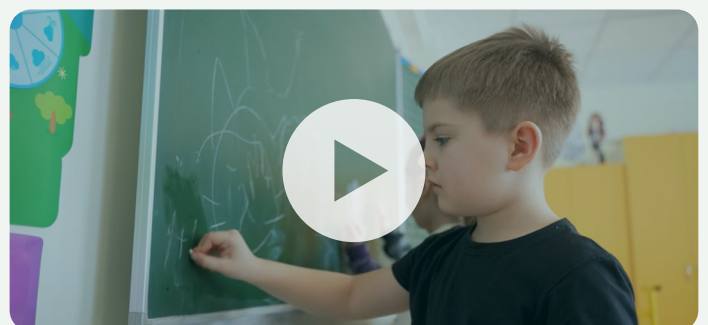
At the Lithuanian-Ukrainian Lyceum in Borodianka, education continues despite the war — a quiet but powerful reality for its students. Restored by CPVA with funding and support from Lithuania and Taiwan, the school now offers modern learning facilities alongside a secure underground shelter, ensuring both safety and continuity of education.

As a successful example of swift decision-making and high-quality reconstruction, the lyceum continues to attract visits from high-level leaders and international partners. On the anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion, Ukraine's **Minister of Education and Science, Oksen Lisovyi**, visited the school. Later, at the end of March, **representatives of the Ukraine Donor Platform** also included the lyceum among key restored sites during their visit to Borodianka.



The school has been restored with the support of Lithuania—clear proof that we are not alone on this path and that we have the backing of the civilized world. Of countries where respect for human dignity is the foundation of society.

**Oksen Lisovyi**,  
the Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine



# Catch-Up and STEM programme



The second phase of the programme, hosted in a modern underground school-shelter funded by the European Union, Lithuania and supported by Ireland, is in full swing.

The highlight of the spring season will be the April Science Festival, where student-led groups will present their original STEAM projects.

**The recent programme evaluation showed an increase in students' emotional engagement with the studying process, and strengthening of interpersonal bonds with fellows and teachers — results made possible through the joint support of Lithuania and Taiwan.**



**Programme impact as of March 2026 includes:**





- Increased feeling of joy attending school**  
from 2.0% to 13.4%
- Anxiety dropped from**  
10.2% to 5.0%
- The sense of teacher trust and support increased**  
from 19.7% to 24.4%

## Demining Coalition

The demining initiative led by Lithuania and Iceland continues to grow, addressing the large-scale land contamination across Ukraine caused by the Russian war.

Since the beginning of 2026, contributions to the Coalition Fund have grown from **€119 million in December** to over **€141 million in March**. Lithuania contributed €22 million to the Fund in February 2026 alone, following a €46.9 million contribution in 2025.

As of late March 2026, CPVA delivered to Ukraine:

-  **305** off-road vehicles **+70**
-  **240** mine detectors
-  **11** ambulances
-  **88** trucks
-  **370** blasting machines
-  **1780** Explosive Ordnance Disposal kits
-  **1079** drone mitigation systems
-  **43** armored personal carriers
-  **129** mine rollers **+6**
-  **216** night vision equipment



## Rehabilitation and reintegration for Ukrainian defenders and war victims

### Strengthening capacity to provide comprehensive rehabilitation services in Ukraine

As the full-scale Russian war enters its fifth year, the war's hidden toll is staggering:

*according to the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, over 15 million Ukrainians require mental health support, and up to 60% of soldiers face PTSD.*

To meet the urgent demand for specialised care, CPVA launched two vital initiatives this March within the project:



**Psychological Trauma Training:** Over 70 mental health professionals from across Ukraine completed an intensive program on trauma neurobiology and acute stress. Using real-life case studies, specialists mastered exact protocols for treating injured soldiers, veterans, and their families.



**Physical Rehabilitation Internship:** In partnership with the First Lviv Medical Union, physical rehab specialists from the Dnipro Regional Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Center spent an in-depth week at Lviv's "Unbroken" National Rehabilitation Center. Working alongside local colleagues, they treated severe frontline casualties — including complex amputations and mine blast injuries — and mastered advanced physiotherapy for prosthetics and modern rehabilitation department management.

## New international fund for the recovery of Ukraine's transport sector



At the end of February, in Stockholm, Lithuania, Sweden, Canada and Ukraine agreed to establish a dedicated International Transport Forum (ITF) support fund aimed at helping restore Ukraine's transport infrastructure.

**The purpose of the fund is to mobilise international financial and expert support to address the most urgent needs of Ukraine's civilian transport system, including roads, railways, ports, aviation, urban mobility and logistics.**

Russia's aggression has been devastating Ukraine's civilian transport sector for nearly four years. It is estimated that **losses in this sector alone exceeded USD 38 billion in 2024.**

At Lithuania's initiative, **the fund's executive activities have been entrusted to CPVA.**

We believe that through cooperation we can help build a safe, resilient and future-ready transport system for Ukraine.

## Call for proposals: development cooperation and democracy support projects in Ukraine

The Embassy of Lithuania in Ukraine invites applications for 2026 development cooperation and democracy support projects.

This year's call focuses on healthcare — including psychological and physical rehabilitation and prosthetics for war-affected individuals — as well as strengthening democracy and civil society, enhancing media resilience to Russia's disinformation and hybrid attacks, and raising public awareness.

Projects of up to €50,000 can be funded, with implementation running from May 2026 to March 2027.

Applications (in English or Lithuanian) are open until 17 April 2026. [More information by the link.](#)

Ukraine2EU



Supporting civil society as a vital partner and important player in Ukraine's EU accession process is among the priorities of the Ukraine2EU programme. In August 2025 we launched a **competitive call for proposals to fund related CSO work**.

We received **182 concept notes** during the first stage, and **39 full applications** at the second stage. Among these strong proposals, 20 were selected for funding.

The total fund of the call is EUR 3.5 million, with budgets for selected projects ranging from EUR 120,000 to 200,000.

The projects will support key Ukrainian institutions involved in EU accession, including the Deputy Prime Minister's Office for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, the Government Office for Coordination of European and Euro-Atlantic Integration (GOCEEI), the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Ukraine's Integration into the EU, and other parliamentary committees and line ministries.

## On 19 March representatives of the awarded CSOs gathered in Kyiv for a launch event and presented their projects.

They were greeted by Jana Mueller, Programme Officer, Enlargement Coordination and EU Integration, and took part in a strategic panel discussion with Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration Taras Kachka on strengthening public administration capacity for EU accession.

The event was strongly focused on community building. CSO representatives analysed how their projects and activities can stimulate synergies and amplify shared results.

Ukraine2EU will provide updates on the work in progress.