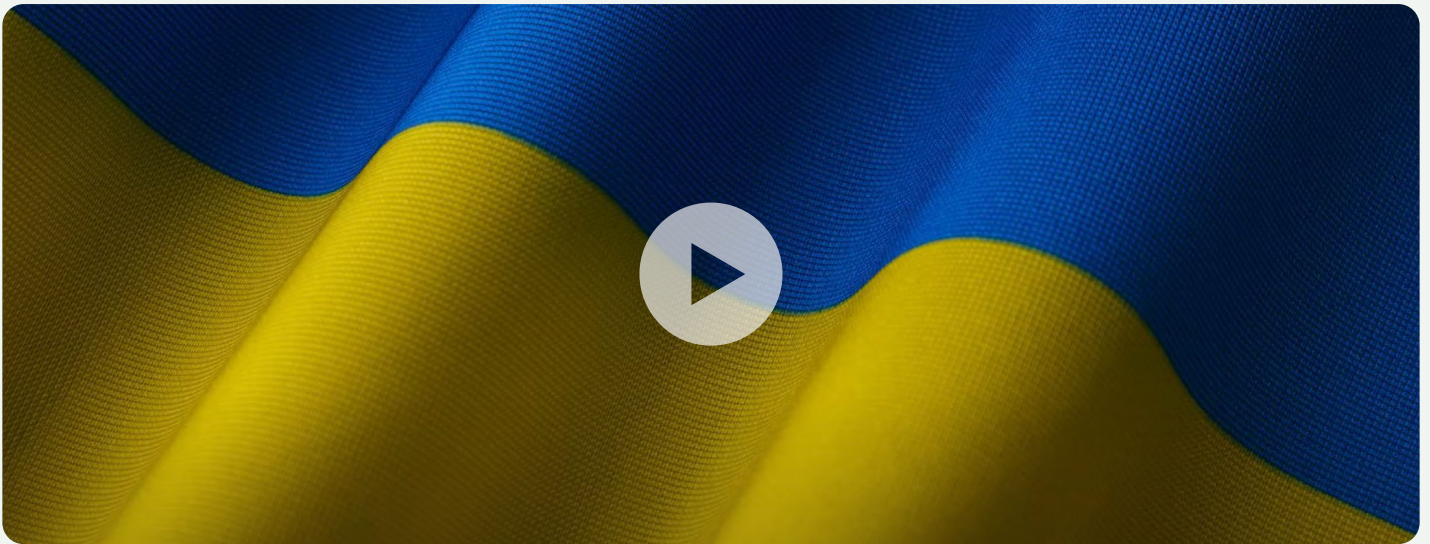


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# Newsletter





On August 24, as Ukraine proudly celebrates its **Independence Day**, we honor the courage, resilience, and unity of the Ukrainian people. Independence is not only a historic milestone but also a daily effort to safeguard freedom, rebuild communities, and invest in a brighter future. At CPVA, we stand in solidarity with Ukraine, contributing to its recovery through initiatives in education, rehabilitation, strengthening institutions, sustainable energy, demining and more.

Marking Ukraine's 34th Independence Day, we proudly showcase our ongoing efforts supporting the nation's recovery and resilience.

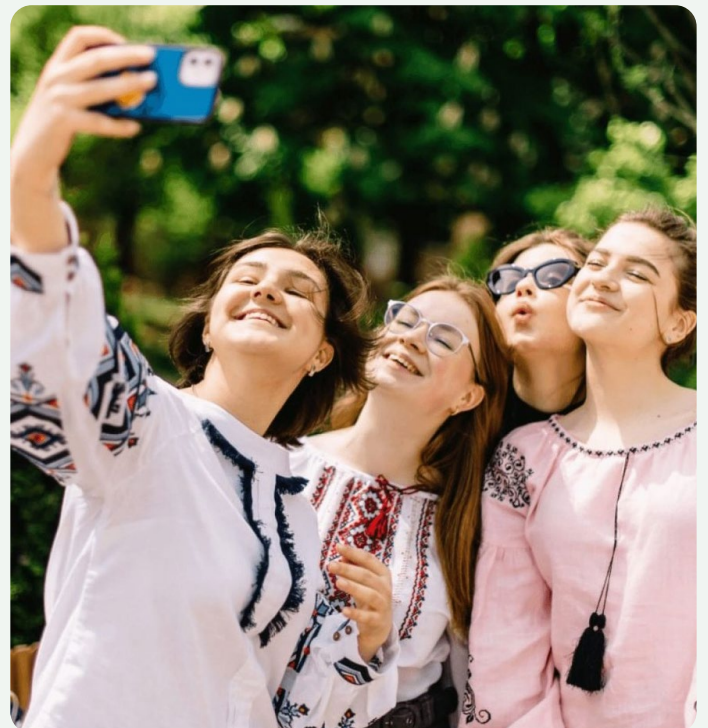
## Create Ukraine

### Ongoing open call for young professionals under "Create Ukraine" programme

As Ukraine advances on its path toward EU membership, the "Create Ukraine" programme invites Ukrainian professionals around the world to return and contribute directly to European integration and national reforms.

Over **1.3 million** highly educated young Ukrainians live abroad. Many of them are ready to return and contribute to shaping Ukraine's future in Europe - despite the ongoing war. Based on Lithuania's successful "Create Lithuania" model, this talent return initiative addresses lack of structured, impactful return pathways into public service.

It offers Ukrainians coming back from abroad project-based placements in ministries and key public institutions. Selected professionals will contribute to **EU accession priorities and high-impact national reform projects**.



Applications are accepted until **September 10, 2025** via Kyiv School of Economics (KSE) [website](#).

The programme is led by CPVA, in partnership with the KSE Foundation, Create Lithuania and the Government Strategic Analysis Center (STRATA), and the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine. It is also supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania and implemented in close cooperation with the Government of Ukraine.



Find out more about the programme following the QR code.

# Rehabilitation and reintegration for Ukrainian defenders and war victims

## Strengthening capacity to provide comprehensive rehabilitation services in Ukraine

On August 11-14, Ukrainian rehabilitation specialists participated in a four-day training at National Rehabilitation Center "Unbroken", organized by CPVA.

The session introduced the Maitland® Concept of Manipulative Physiotherapy and Neuro-Musculoskeletal Management (Level 1). Participants engaged in both theoretical modules on musculoskeletal assessment and treatment, as well as supervised clinical practice with patients.



This training is part of a comprehensive programme consisting of four sessions. The next training will take place on September 23-26, 2025, with two additional sessions planned in 2026. Upon completion of all sessions, participants will receive an official Level 1 Certificate in the Maitland® Concept.

Delivered by the International Maitland® Teachers' Association (IMTA, Switzerland), the programme gathered 18 rehabilitation specialists from Dnipro, Lviv, and Zhytomyr.



Our team had the opportunity to attend a training on the Maitland® concept. This approach provides a clear framework for assessing a patient's condition and planning their subsequent treatment. It is great that we can practice all these techniques under the supervision of an experienced instructor, rather than just learning about them theoretically.

**Andriy Novosad**, physical therapist at the National Rehabilitation Center "Unbroken



## Rehabilitation Center for Spinal Cord Injuries in Dnipro

On July 28, a purchase agreement was signed for the reconstruction of the **Center for the Rehabilitation of Spinal Cord Injuries** at the Dnipro State University Hospital.

Following the necessary preparations, construction **is now underway**.

## Demining capability coalition cooperation for Ukraine

In July 2025, Germany contributed **€15.000.000** to the Coalition budget, reinforcing international support for Ukraine's security and recovery.

 **8 heavy mine rollers** were delivered to the Ukrainian Armed Forces (UAF), adding to the country's demining capacity.

To date, a total of **2,882 units of equipment** have been delivered to beneficiaries in Ukraine, UAF and the State Special Transport Service (SSTS).



The Demining Capability Coalition highlights a significant achievement: the overall budget collected has reached around **€100 million** in support of Ukraine's security and recovery.

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



The solar energy initiative is rapidly advancing. To date, contracts have been signed for the installation of solar power plants at **10 educational institutions** and **3 healthcare facilities**.

Children at the "Rūta" kindergarten in Irpin, Kyiv region, are expected to begin the new school year with newly installed solar panels in September 2025. Installations at other sites are scheduled for completion by January 2026.

Following the conclusion of public procurement procedures, six additional contracts are now underway.

# EU4PFM: Empowering the next generation of public procurement professionals in Ukraine

## EU4PFM trained public procurement lecturers in Uzhhorod

EU4PFM, in cooperation with the Public Procurement Department of the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, held a three-day training, “Public Procurement – a Strategic Area for the Development of the National Economy During and After the War”, for university lecturers in Uzhhorod. The event brought together educators from across the country responsible for training future public procurement specialists.

EU4PFM experts and Ministry representatives presented modern approaches to developing the procurement sector and shared practical guidance for preparing future professionals. Participants also took part in practical sessions focused on integrating public procurement disciplines into university curricula.

Through initiatives like this, EU4PFM continues to support the development of public procurement education and professionalisation in Ukraine, including training sessions, online courses, educational programmes, and other methodological materials.



## EU4PFM supports Ukraine on its path to a European customs system — Contract for NCTS Phase 6 signed

The State Customs Service of Ukraine has signed a contract for the development of NCTS Phase 6 – a key priority in the European Commission’s annual reports on Ukraine’s progress towards EU accession. The contract will be financed by the EU4PFM Programme as part of wider EU assistance in preparing Ukraine for EU membership.

Ukraine joined the Convention on a Common Transit Procedure in 2022 on the condition of timely transition to NCTS Phase 5. This requirement was successfully met – in April 2024, Ukraine became one of the first among the 36 Convention countries to make the switch. The system’s development was financed by EU4PFM. NCTS Phase 6 is the next step, ensuring alignment with EU Regulations and the Multi-Annual Strategic Plan for Electronic Customs (MASP-C).



By funding the development of NCTS Phase 6, the EU, through EU4PFM, is helping Ukraine advance its customs IT systems in step with EU Regulations — so that by accession, Ukraine stands on equal footing with EU Member States.

**Vytėnis Alisauskas**, EU4PFM International Expert on Customs

The EU Member States are preliminarily scheduled to begin transitioning to NCTS Phase 6 in September 2025. Ukraine aims to develop and implement the system in 2026.