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Support for Ukraine's energy sector with solar power plants

Lithuania's solar power plant initiative continues, with new sites being equipped with solar panels and energy storage systems. Furthermore, new projects have been approved for implementation by the end of this summer.

Visit of the Minister of Energy

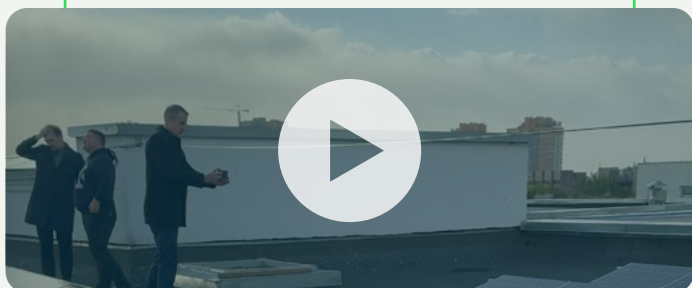
In the last week of April, Lithuanian Minister of Energy Žygimantas Vaičiūnas visited Kyiv. As part of his visit, he inspected bilateral energy projects implemented by Lithuania and toured sites of the CPVA-implemented solar panels programme. It included a major hospital in Kyiv and the Ruta kindergarten in Irpin.

The 10-hectare hospital facility in Ukraine's capital is now operating with Lithuanian-funded solar panels and energy storage systems. According to hospital staff, this integrated system prevented critical power outages during the winter by providing uninterrupted electricity to essential departments, including surgery, intensive care, and laboratory services. Treating both military personnel and civilians, the combination of solar panels, inverters, and storage has already saved hundreds of lives. The Minister inspected the rooftop solar arrays and the technical rooms housing the inverters and storage banks. This project serves as a model for similar initiatives, as the entire system was installed from scratch in just three months.

The Minister also visited the Ruta kindergarten in Irpin, 75 % destroyed by Russian forces in 2022. The facility was rebuilt by CPVA with Lithuanian and Taiwanese funds. Today, the kindergarten accommodates over 300 children and features a modern basement shelter equipped for educational and recreational activities. To ensure continuous operation, the kindergarten is also equipped with a solar system that mitigates the impact of electricity outages caused by Russian attacks.



Watch the video highlights from the Minister's visit to the CPVA project sites [here](#)



“The development of renewable energy is an equally vital direction. The projects visited around Kyiv demonstrate that even under war conditions, a more modern and resilient system can be created. These initiatives, funded by Lithuania and implemented by CPVA, solar plants paired with energy storage systems, already ensure the continued operation of hospitals, schools, kindergartens, and other critical institutions. These are solutions that save lives today while ensuring an uninterrupted educational process for Ukrainian children.

Zygimantas Vaiciunas,
the Minister of Energy of Lithuania

Catch-Up and STEM programme



The highlight of April was the **STEAM & Art Festival** held on April 18, 2026. It marked the results of a five-month pilot STEAM and Catch-Up programme, funded by Lithuania and Taiwan, designed to overcome learning gaps. We are glad to cooperate with our partners savED, who implement the project on the ground.

Over the course of five months, students received up to 72 hours of additional practice-oriented catch-up classes, allowing them to apply theoretical school knowledge

through hands-on experience. Students showcased their work to parents and the wider community through projects in engineering, robotics, and 3D modelling, as well as creative expressions in painting, playback theatre, and music. The event was hosted in a secure, dual-purpose underground shelter in the Odesa region, funded by the EU and Lithuania.

Programme Impact as of April 2026:

90.8% of students improved their academic results (among those who attended **50%** or more of the classes). The programme effectively addresses learning losses, which had reached the equivalent of two years of schooling by the end of 2023 (RDNA3).

44% of students report high enjoyment of learning. This result shows promise in mitigating the consequences of education-sector losses, which are now estimated at \$11.7 billion (RDNA5).

Demining Coalition



The 20th Demining Coalition Meeting Took Place in Reykjavík, Iceland. It brought together delegations from the Coalition's member states, observers, partners, international organisations, the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine, the State Special Transport Service, and the Command of the Support Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

The event included working meetings with foreign partners on further cooperation in the areas of demining, engineering support, and innovative solutions.










The growing scale of the Coalition's activities is reflected in the increasing financial contributions. From the launch of the project the Coalition Fund's budget grew to EUR 141 million. In February 2026, Lithuania made an additional contribution of EUR 22 million to the Fund, bringing Lithuania's total contribution since the beginning of the project to nearly EUR 69 million. Financial contributions to the Fund have also been made by Iceland, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, and Ireland.

The 20th meeting in Reykjavík confirmed the partners' determination to continue supporting Ukraine. It was agreed to strengthen the supply of equipment, expand training programmes, and ensure that Ukraine's engineering and demining units are provided with the tools they need.

Information on partnership opportunities is available on the Coalition's website.

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As of late March 2026, CPVA delivered to Ukraine:

-  **305** off-road vehicles
-  **240** mine detectors
-  **11** ambulances
-  **88** trucks
-  **370** blasting machines
-  **1780** Explosive Ordnance Disposal kits
-  **1079** drone mitigation systems
-  **43** armored personal carriers
-  **135** mine rollers **+5**
-  **216** night vision equipment

Rehabilitation and reintegration for Ukrainian defenders and war victims



Zhytomyr Rehabilitation Centre

CPVA has signed the construction contract for the restoration of the Zhytomyr Military Hospital's rehabilitation centre. The highlights of the project are state-of-the-art occupational and physiotherapy rooms, which will be located in a 19th-century historical heritage building — a former monastery. A new modular unit will be located next to the hospital's main building.

The renovated facility will feature a modern shelter with a capacity for 200 people and 15 inpatient beds specifically designed for patients with disabilities.

Additionally, the surrounding grounds will include a specialised practice area with various surfaces to assist patients learning to walk on prosthetics.

Strengthening capacity to provide comprehensive rehabilitation services in Ukraine

CPVA completed a final week of the intensive Maitland® Concept training in Lviv in early April, with Ukrainian specialists attending from Dnipro, Lviv, and Zhytomyr. The in-depth theoretical learning was combined with supervised clinical practice. This knowledge will be applied to treat war victims, including both military personnel and civilians. Learn more about this unique practice by the link below

The final week of the unique Maitland® Concept training is complete





Lithuania unites the Baltic states' experience to enhance cardiac rehabilitation techniques in Ukraine

A group of Ukrainian specialists has completed a week-long practical training program in Tallinn. The curriculum covered the guidelines and rationale of cardiac rehabilitation, service structuring, exercise prescription, and clinical hands-on practice. This experience will be a vital asset in Ukraine, helping to strengthen and modernise applied rehabilitation protocols.

CPVA presented process management improvements at the Military Medical Command of Ukraine Rehabilitation Conference

Given the overwhelming burden of war, Ukraine's rehabilitation system requires more than just infrastructure and new treatment approaches. It also requires the time and resources to systematise newly acquired expertise. Managing rehabilitation institutions that handle hundreds of patients daily is a complex new reality. To support this, CPVA conducted an analysis of the management and organisational structures of rehabilitation centers across the country and presented our findings and solutions at the **Military Medical Command of Ukraine's Rehabilitation Conference**.



Civil Protection Shelter Coalition

New milestones mark the ongoing work of the Civil Protection Shelter Coalition.

Seven new construction and modernisation projects have been approved, expanding civilian protection efforts across Ukraine. These new shelters will soon provide a safer daily environment for four medical institutions and three kindergartens in the Chernihiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, Mykolaiv, Odesa, and Sumy regions - areas facing constant shelling threats. These efforts are funded under the EU's Ukraine Facility programme and implemented by CPVA in partnership with Belgium's development agency, Enabel.

In April, **CPVA signed the first construction agreement, and work has officially begun on a 1,100 sq. m. shelter for a kindergarten** in the Sumy region. Once completed, the facility will serve as a modern, safe space for education and recreation for 200 children.

This is a strong start with great potential to help Ukrainian communities remain resilient in the face of the ongoing war.

Ukraine2EU

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Ukraine2EU contributes to the development of the National Programme for the Adoption of the EU Acquis (NPAA).

On 1 April, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approved the National Programme for the Adoption of the Acquis (NPAA), a central planning instrument for the country's EU accession process. Its adoption marks a key step in translating Ukraine's EU commitments into a structured and actionable plan.

The Government Office for Coordination of European and Euro-Atlantic Integration (GOCEEI), one of key beneficiaries of Ukraine2EU programme, is responsible for the NPAA development and implementation.

Since the launch of the process in May 2025, Ukraine2EU has supported GOCEEI in this process with methodological assistance, contributions to content drafting, and review of inputs from line ministries on national measures.

In March, at GOCEEI's request, Ukraine2EU continued to coordinate international technical assistance for implementing the NPAA. In particular, data collection and discussions have been launched for Cluster 2 (Internal Market) to assess ongoing and planned support for implementing tasks and related needs.

In response to specific requests from state institutions on NPAA implementation, Ukraine2EU together with GOCEEI is preparing targeted support in priority areas. This includes support for implementation of Regulation (EU) 2020/1503 on European crowdfunding service providers (at the request of the National Security and Stock Market Commission), and support to the health and energy ministries in implementing relevant EU legal acts.

The programme will continue supporting annual updates, as well as implementation and monitoring of the NPAA.

Development cooperation and democracy support projects in Ukraine

The 2026 Call for Proposals for development cooperation and democracy support projects in Ukraine has attracted significant attention.

More than 100 applications were submitted, demonstrating strong interest in advancing initiatives in key areas — healthcare, including physical and psychological rehabilitation for war-affected individuals and veterans, as well as strengthening resilience to Russia's disinformation and hybrid attacks, and supporting democratic institutions and civil society.



100+

applications were submitted

The evaluation process has now begun, with selected projects to be announced soon.