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KEY EVENTS

4 March 2026

NATIONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE DISCUSSED AT PM-LED MEETING

■ Prime Minister Yulia Svyrydenko held a working meeting with Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration and Minister for Communities and Territories Development Oleksii Kuleba, Head of SARDI Serhii Sukhomlyn, and heads of regional recovery and infrastructure development services, to review road repair and maintenance works.



Ukraine's government has allocated UAH 12.6 bn from the 2026 state budget for the repair and maintenance of public roads, including UAH 4.6 bn for current works. Current repair works are underway and scheduled for completion by June 1.

More than 1 million sq m

of road surface have been repaired since the start of the year. This is the highest figure in the last six years.

13 March 2026

SARDI AND THE EU DELEGATION TO UKRAINE LAUNCH A TECHNICAL SUPPORT COORDINATION INITIATIVE

■ The first meeting of the Technical Support and Capacity Building Coordination Initiative took place in Kyiv, organized jointly by SARDI and the EU Delegation to Ukraine, with support from EU4Reconstruction Stream 2.

The Initiative aims to coordinate donor support, increase transparency and improve the effectiveness of international assistance by avoiding duplication.

More than 30 representatives of partner organizations participated in the first meeting of the Initiative, including Polaris, EUACI, EBRD, EU4Reconstruction Stream 2, FCDO/CPC, UNODC, EIB, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, UNICEF, the Basel Institute on Governance, IBRD, and the World Bank Group.



If you would like to join the Initiative, complete the questionnaire using the following link:

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HOW WE WILL GET THROUGH THE NEXT WINTER: A COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN



■ NV event “Ukraine’s European Path: dialogues about the future”

SARDI Head Serhii Sukhomlyn spoke at an NV conference on Ukraine’s path to the EU, highlighting recovery priorities and the role of infrastructure in European integration.

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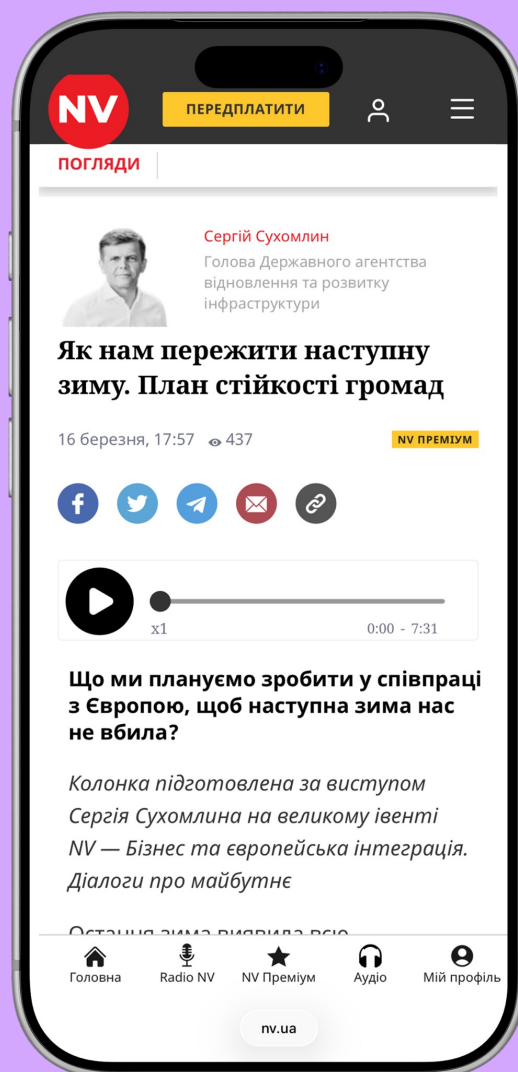
■ Serhii Sukhomlyn’s column, based on his remarks at an NV conference on European integration, outlines Ukraine’s plan to strengthen community resilience ahead of the next winter following disruptions caused by Russian attacks.

The column argues that the past winter exposed uneven preparedness across regions and highlights the need for a unified, government-backed system to assess readiness and allocate support.

Sukhomlyn identifies four key priorities:

- **Protection of critical infrastructure**, including energy and water facilities
- **Development of local power generation** to cover essential consumption
- **Backup heat supply systems** to prevent failures in centralized networks
- **Reserve power solutions**, including widespread deployment of generators

He also emphasizes the role of European partners in providing equipment and support, while noting gaps in technical capacity at the local level. Overall, the plan aims to ensure Ukraine enters the next heating season significantly better prepared for energy disruptions and infrastructure risks.



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UKRAINE'S REGIONAL RESILIENCE PLANS

Odesa region

■ **Ukraine steps up protection of energy infrastructure ahead of winter**

SARDI's head Serhii Sukhomlyn took part in an offsite government meeting in Odesa chaired by Prime Minister Yulia Svyrydenko and inspected construction sites of protective structures in the region.

Ukraine allocated UAH 12.85 bn to protect 209 critical infrastructure sites as part of Ukraine's **Regional Resilience Plans** to strengthen energy security. Of the allocated amount, UAH 3.5 bn will be used to fund the protection of 24 high-voltage substations by SARDI. An additional UAH 9.4 bn has been allocated to frontline regions and the Kyiv region. These funds will be used for protective structures for distribution substations and other critical infrastructure facilities.

Ukraine's Regional Resilience Plans are a set of measures to prepare the power grid and housing and utilities sectors for the upcoming heating season. The total funding requirement for these measures is estimated at UAH 278 bn (EUR 5.4 bn). To cover this, the Government is working to secure financial resources from international partners. Co-financing by communities for public utilities is also envisaged.

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Sumy region

■ **Work continues on protective infrastructure in Sumy region**

SARDI head Serhii Sukhomlyn and Deputy Prime Minister Oleksii Kuleba visited a protection site in the Sumy region.

Despite harsh weather and shelling, construction continues. Protective structures have kept a substation running even after 60 drone strikes, ensuring power supply.

The Commander-in-Chief's Staff has tasked authorities with building a second level of physical protection at 110–150 kV substations across more than 100 critical infrastructure sites.

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RECONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

HOUSING AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

📍 Chernihiv region

■ RECONSTRUCTION CONTINUES IN YAHIDNE

Since 2023, SARDI has been leading the comprehensive recovery of Yahidne in Chernihiv region. Shelter construction is underway, the foundations are complete, and a new community center is being built on the site of the destroyed cultural center.

A memorial complex will also be created at the school where residents were held hostage during the occupation.



■ RECONSTRUCTION OF “LISOVA KAZKA” KINDERGARTEN CONTINUES

Reconstruction of the “Lisova Kazka” kindergarten in Chernihiv region is ongoing, with key works completed and a shelter for 120 people under construction to restore access for local children.



📍 Zaporizhzhia region

■ RESIDENTIAL BUILDING RESTORED IN ZAPORIZHZHIA

Reconstruction of a residential building on Zaporizka Street in Zaporizhzhia, damaged by shelling, has been completed. Residents of 36 apartments can now return. Works included demolition of damaged structures, reinforcement of the end wall, installation of new floors, restoration of heating systems, interior finishing and installation of energy-efficient windows, as well as landscaping of the surrounding area. Apartments were restored in line with residents’ preferences.



■ APARTMENT BUILDING RESTORED IN ZAPORIZHZHIA

Another apartment building destroyed by a Russian missile has been restored in Zaporizhzhia. All 80 families will return to comfortable homes with improved living conditions. The building is now energy-efficient, with new windows and balconies.



■ NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION

A new nine-storey residential building is under construction in Vasylkiv, Kyiv region, on the site of a five-storey building destroyed by a Russian missile strike in 2022.

The damaged structure was demolished, and construction of a modern 96-apartment building began.

Monolithic works have been completed up to the 7th floor, with works ongoing on the 8th floor, basement masonry and structural elements.

The new building will include a shelter and meet accessibility standards to ensure safe and comfortable living.



■ LARGE-SCALE HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION IN BORODIANKA

A nine-storey residential building for 254 families in Borodianka is undergoing restoration.

Works progress:

60% - Facade and interior works

95% - Water supply and stormwater systems

80% - Lightning protection

Elevators — **installed and operational.**

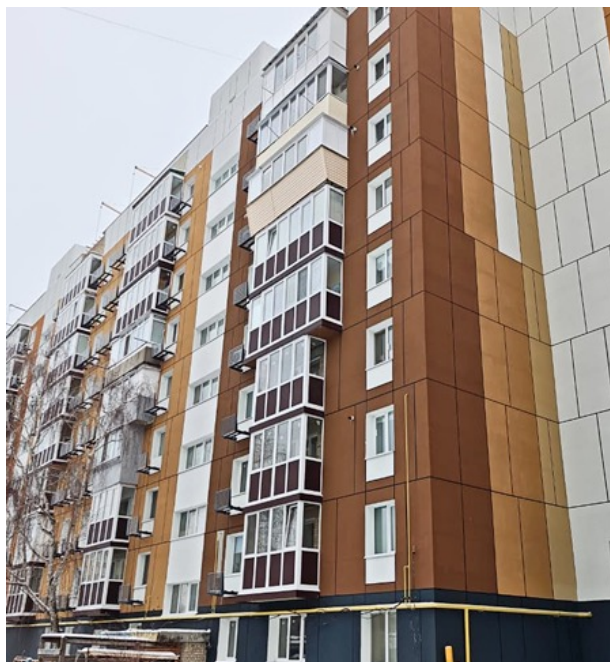
Next steps:

facade completion, landscaping and final electrical works



■ RECONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-APARTMENT BUILDING IN PISKIVKA UNDERWAY

A residential building in Piskivka, Kyiv region, heavily damaged during the invasion, is being rebuilt from scratch, with works nearing completion so residents can return home.



ROADS AND BRIDGES

■ SARDI TRAINS FIRST COHORT OF BIM PROJECT MANAGERS FOR RECONSTRUCTION

SARDI has completed the first cohort of its “Building Information Modelling (BIM) for Project Managers” program, aimed at strengthening digital project management in infrastructure.

Participants included SARDI’s staff, regional offices, affiliated organizations and contractors. The program covered 7 modules, including digital project management, data management, BIM roles, procurement, team building and lifecycle coordination.

The training lays the groundwork for integrating BIM into project planning and delivery, including pilot projects. The initiative is supported by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) in partnership with Connected Places Catapult.

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“I’d like to thank our British colleagues for supporting participants throughout the course and sharing practical case studies, international experience and modern approaches to infrastructure project management. This support is vital for building our team’s capacity, advancing digital solutions and shaping a new culture of recovery management.”

Roman Komendant, Deputy Head of the Agency for Restoration



■ WIM SITES GENERATE UAH 7.6M IN FEBRUARY, UP 20.6% MONTH-ON-MONTH

In February, WIM (Weigh-in-Motion) sites generated UAH 7.6 million in budget revenues, a 20.6% increase compared to January (UAH 6.3 million).

The highest number of violations was recorded in three regions:

- Mykolaiv — 37 cases;
- Vinnytsia — 27 cases;
- Ivano-Frankivsk — 21 cases.

The amount of the fine depends on the percentage of overload:

- 5%–10% — UAH 8,500
- 10%–20% — UAH 17,000
- 20%–30% — UAH 34,000
- Over 30% — UAH 51,000

WIM systems automatically detect overloaded trucks, helping curb road damage and improve carrier compliance.

A total of 103 WIM sites are at various stages of deployment, including facilities damaged by hostilities. Currently, 62 sites are operational and issuing fines, with further system upgrades and expansion planned.

MODERNIZATION OF BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE

■ EU FUNDS M19 BRIDGE UPGRADE IN WESTERN UKRAINE

A bridge on the M-19 highway in Ukraine's Ternopil region will undergo major repairs under the EU-funded Interreg NEXT Poland-Ukraine 2021-2027 program, following a partnership agreement between the Restoration Office in Ternopil region and Poland's Mazovian Road Authority.



The project covers the overhaul of the bridge and its approaches on a key logistics route linking Ukraine with Europe and the Romanian border.

The crossing is seen as critical for ensuring uninterrupted transport, improving cross-border mobility, and boosting regional transport safety.

The European Union will finance 90% of the project, with the remaining 10% covered by Ukrainian local budgets.

External funding remains vital as domestic resources are primarily directed toward defense.

■ EU-UKRAINE SOLIDARITY LANES: LUBLIN MEETING ADVANCES BORDER PROJECT

Ukrainian and Polish partners met in Lublin to coordinate the CEF-funded project "22-EU-TG-PL-UA roads BCPs," aimed at improving access roads to border crossing points and strengthening TEN-T connectivity.

Ukraine has completed a 1.9 km upgrade of the M-07 road near the Yahodyn-Dorohusk crossing and is building a 13-hectare truck parking area for up to 600 vehicles.

In the Lviv region, works are underway near Rava-Ruska and Krakovets, adding 470 truck parking spaces to improve traffic flow under the Solidarity Lanes initiative.

Background

The Dorohusk-Yahodyn BCP is part of the EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes, an initiative to establish and improve transport routes in response to Russia's illegal full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

In total, the EU has mobilised more than EUR 2.3 bn to improve the Solidarity Lanes - out of which EUR 1.55 bn in grant funding from the Connecting Europe Facility.



The meeting brought together SARDI's Volyn and Lviv regional offices, Polish partner institutions, and the project manager from the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA), Etienne Couchet.



AGENCY NEWS

FIVE QUESTIONS TO AGENCY ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT

INTERVIEW WITH ARTEM BEZUGLYI

Ukraine's infrastructure is being rebuilt with a focus on resilience and EU standards. As NIDI, part of SARDI, marks its 100th anniversary, its shift from a sector-focused institute to a national infrastructure body signals a broader transformation of the system.

 [READ THE Q&A](#)



INTERVIEW WITH VIKTOR SLYVA

SARDI's training center in Bila Tserkva is preparing workers for reconstruction, from machinery operators to welders. Viktor Slyva, director of the training center, says demand for technical skills is growing, with veterans, IDPs and more women entering the workforce.

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WORKING IN WARTIME

■ **Inna**, finishing works supervisor,
Kyiv region, Borodianka

"I chose to stay in Ukraine. It's hard — people leave with just a suitcase and start over.

You have to believe in Ukraine, love it, work here and rebuild it."



Inna, an internally displaced person from Lysychansk, has worked in construction for over a decade. She is now a finishing works supervisor in Borodianka, where nearly 80% of infrastructure was damaged or destroyed in early 2022. Today Borodianka is undergoing large-scale reconstruction.

Inna has had to start over twice — and each time chose Ukraine. In 2014, after heavy fighting damaged Lysychansk, she began rebuilding homes and found her calling. After the full-scale invasion in 2022, she evacuated to Kropyvnytskyi, then moved to the Kyiv region. Despite opportunities abroad, she chose to stay. For over a year and a half, Inna has worked in Borodianka, overseeing finishing works — the final stage that makes homes livable again. She commutes from Bucha and now feels at home there.

She also worked as a site manager, overseeing teams and processes, and says she has learned to focus on what matters most.

"When you see people stay because their homes are restored, you realize this work truly matters."

Like hundreds of other builders, Inna's work often goes unnoticed. Every day, they restore homes in towns once devastated by war — helping bring places like Borodianka back to life.

■ **Fenia Lutsenko**, resident,
Zaporizhzhia

“When I came back, I left everything behind. I forgot the fear — it’s all gone. I live for the future”



Fenia Lutsenko, 85, is settling into her restored apartment in Zaporizhzhia after her building was damaged by a Russian missile in March 2023. One section was destroyed and another was damaged.

“I was in the kitchen when it happened. I heard an explosion — then another blast. The window frame hit me, and the building caught fire. It was terrifying,” she recalls.

After the strike, her apartment was severely damaged. She and her daughter lived in rented housing until receiving the keys to their restored home in February. The apartment was restored in line with her preferences, with new finishes and utilities. Reconstruction of the building is complete, with landscaping ongoing. In total, 41 apartments were restored: 36 rebuilt from scratch and 5 fully renovated.

■ **Ihor**, crane operator, road
maintenance, Lviv region

“After everything I’ve been through, you realise everyone has a role to play. I can’t carry a rifle anymore, but I can still do my job — operate a crane. Roads matter too. The country is rebuilding, and I want to be part of that.”



Ihor, a crane operator working on road repairs in Lviv region, has twice taken up arms to defend Ukraine. He participated in the Revolution of Dignity and later volunteered to fight in eastern Ukraine in 2014–2015.

After returning to civilian life, he joined the army again following the full-scale invasion. He fought in some of the most intense frontline areas and was seriously wounded near Bakhmut in March 2023. After a long recovery, he returned to service and continued until 2025, when he was discharged due to health reasons.

“I never looked for an easy path. When the country needed defending, I didn’t hesitate. First in 2014, then again in 2022 — it’s simply who I am,” he says.

Today, Ihor works for SARDI’s contractor, helping repair and maintain roads — including those used daily by civilians and for frontline logistics.

Ihor is not someone you’ll see on billboards — but it’s people like him who keep the country moving forward.



IMPORTANT REGULATORY CHANGES

■ PUBLIC INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT REFORM (PIM)

The Cabinet of Ministers has approved new rules for evaluating public investment projects after completion under **Resolution No. 189 of 11 February 2026 (the Procedure for conducting a final appraisal of the implementation of a public investment project)**.

The reform addresses the previous lack of a standardized system for assessing the efficiency of public spending and the achievement of project objectives. Under the new framework, projects will be evaluated using clear economic, social and environmental criteria, while the DREAM digital ecosystem improves transparency and accountability across the full project lifecycle.

In 2025, Ukraine applied these standards during the national project selection cycle and formed a single public investment project portfolio. According to the official reporting released by the Ministry of Finance, the portfolio for the 2026–2028 medium-term period includes 195 projects and programs with a total estimated value of UAH 12.6 trillion. These projects cover strategic sectors of Ukraine's reconstruction and growth: energy, transport, municipal infrastructure, housing, education, healthcare, social services, environment, and digitalization.

Alongside the rollout of national project-preparation programs such as FIRST (with the support of EBRD and EIB) or PREPARE (supported by WB), local governments are also deeply involved.

Thus, 680 communities and 20 regional military administrations have already approved their own portfolios, bringing the total number of regional portfolios to over 8,400 projects.

This impressive level of local activity was made possible by a large-scale training program in 2025, where participants learned PIM procedures, project preparation standards, and how to work with the DREAM system.

The state budget for 2026 allocates UAH 116.9 billion for financing public investment projects and programs included in the unified project portfolio. Several projects have already secured financing from the state or international partners, while others are in advanced preparation stages.

Importantly, the state now classifies projects by financing sources:

- 100% budget/donor-funded
- Mixed financing
- Potentially commercial projects suitable for PPPs or concessions

Supported by the DREAM digital ecosystem, the reform improves transparency and accountability across the full project lifecycle.

Overall, it creates a more predictable environment for public investment and strengthens Ukraine's ability to attract donor and private financing.

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