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# KEY EVENTS

## SARDI STARTS WORK ON 2027–2029 STRATEGY WITH EU4RECONSTRUCTION SUPPORT

■ A kick-off meeting marked the launch of SARDI's 2027–2029 Strategy, which will define its institutional priorities and role within the public investment management system.

The Strategy aims to strengthen SARDI's position as a key delivery partner for complex infrastructure projects and as a centre of expertise for the Government.

A core focus is expanding SARDI's role across the full investment cycle, from project preparation and appraisal to implementation monitoring and quality control, supporting a more strategic approach to reconstruction.

The process is being led jointly with the Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine, with support from EU4Reconstruction Stream 2 and in consultation with international partners.

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“For the Government, this means better coordination in the implementation of infrastructure projects, reduced duplication of functions, and strengthened institutional capacity. For international partners, it is a signal of predictability and accountability,” **said Taras Sluchykh, Acting Head of EU4Reconstruction, Stream 2.**



## UKRAINE NEEDS \$15B FOR RECOVERY IN 2026, ONLY 38% SECURED

■ Ukraine's priority recovery needs for 2026 total **\$15 billion**, with only **38% of the required funding secured**, Deputy Prime Minister Oleksii Kuleba said.

The largest financing gaps are in the **energy, transport and housing sectors**, while total recovery needs have already reached **\$588 billion**.

The Ukraine Investment Framework (UIF) has approved a new package of eight programs worth **€1.5 billion**, including **€466.5 million** for projects coordinated by the Ministry for Communities and Territories Development.

More than **3,000 critical infrastructure facilities** across the country require protection, underscoring the scale of resilience challenges.

### ■ SARDI Steps Up Community Resilience Ahead of Winter

At a Congress of Local and Regional Authorities in Uzhhorod on April 10, officials aligned on resilience planning, with SARDI playing a central role in implementation and infrastructure protection. SARDI is currently involved in safeguarding around **30% of critical infrastructure facilities nationwide**.

"After four years of full-scale war, infrastructure resilience is largely exhausted. Implementing resilience plans is now about survival," said SARDI Head Serhii Sukhomlyn

On April 20, SARDI moved to implementation, holding a technical meeting to develop a **backup heating system for Kyiv**, focusing on reserve power, cogeneration and rapid switching between heat sources.

"We must create an alternative system to avoid the disruptions seen this winter," Sukhomlyn said.



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## NIDI MARKS 100 YEARS AS ROLE EXPANDS IN INFRASTRUCTURE OVERHAUL



■ National Institute for Development Infrastructure (NIDI) marked its 100th anniversary, underscoring its shift from a road research body to a broader infrastructure player.

NIDI now operates more than 10 laboratories and employs about 150 specialists, supporting planning, standards modernization and technical oversight.

The Institute is expanding beyond road infrastructure to cover the wider sector, reflecting the demands of wartime recovery and EU integration.



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“For decades, we focused on road infrastructure, but wartime challenges have pushed us to expand,” **said Artem Bezuglyi, NIDI’s Director.**

## SARDI, UNODC DISCUSS EXPANDING ANTI-CORRUPTION COOPERATION



■ SARDI held a meeting with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to advance cooperation on anti-corruption policy and public procurement under the Norad-supported recovery programme.

The initiative also involves cooperation with key anti-corruption institutions and supports transparency through the DREAM digital ecosystem.

The meeting was attended by Head of the UNODC Programme Office for Ukraine Harsheth Virk and Officer in Charge Field Support Section, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch (UNODC) Jennifer Sarvary Bradford, who serves as the Norad Project Coordinator.

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Discussions focused on implementing SARDI's Anti-Corruption Programme for 2026–2028, strengthening whistleblower protection, and scaling pre-tender analysis and standardised procurement practices.

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“Reducing corruption risks and adhering to international standards is not only a requirement of the time but also the foundation of trust in the country’s recovery process,” **said Deputy Head Ivan Lukeria.**

## SARDI, UK EMBASSY DISCUSS SCALING DIGITAL CONSTRUCTION IN UKRAINE

■ SARDI held a working meeting with representatives of the UK Embassy to advance digital construction and the use of modern technologies in infrastructure recovery.

Discussions focused on improving project delivery, transparency and resource efficiency, with particular emphasis on scaling Building Information Modelling (BIM) across the full project lifecycle.

SARDI confirmed plans to move from pilot projects to systematic BIM implementation, with the Yahodyn border crossing serving as a flagship pilot.

The UK reaffirmed its support for strengthening institutional capacity and advancing digital transformation in the sector.

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“Implementing BIM is about transparency, control at every stage and efficiency,” **said SARDI Head Serhii Sukhomlyn.**

The meeting was attended by Max Petrokofsky, Head of Programmes for Recovery, Energy and Development at the UK Embassy, and Sian Parkinson, Infrastructure Advisor at the UK Embassy.

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## ESTONIA LOOKS TO UKRAINE FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION SOLUTIONS

■ SARDI shared its experience in protecting critical infrastructure with a delegation from Estonia during a high-level meeting on resilience and recovery.

Ukrainian officials presented engineering solutions for safeguarding energy and essential systems, including distributed generation and backup heat and water supply.

SARDI is implementing protective measures at more than 120 sites, with completed works at 22 major substations.

Estonia expressed interest in adopting Ukraine's fast-deployable and resilient protection solutions, proven under wartime conditions.

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“Technologies and engineers exist across Europe, but our engineers have far greater experience — unfortunately due to the war. Even in frontline regions, where air raid alerts last longer than working hours, we find solutions to continue construction safely. We are ready to share this experience — how to develop and implement solutions quickly,” **said SARDI Head Serhii Sukhomlyn**





# RECONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

# HOUSING AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

📍 Chernihiv region

## ■ RECONSTRUCTION OF “LISOVA KAZKA” KINDERGARTEN CONTINUES

Restoration of the “Lisova Kazka” kindergarten, which served around 150 children before the full-scale invasion, is ongoing to meet urgent community needs.

The project resumed in August 2025 after a contractor change.



## ■ SARDI REBUILDS YAHIDNE WITH FOCUS ON SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SHELTERS

Almost immediately after their release, residents began grappling with what to do with the destroyed school where almost the entire village had been held in the basement. The only proposal that met Yahidne’s residents’ demands: to construct a museum.

The proposed museum will consist of a cube made of weathered steel enclosing the central part of the school. Water will run down the cube’s walls. An observation deck will be created on top. The school’s basement will be at the core of the museum, preserved exactly as it was during the occupation. Upper floors will house exhibition spaces, a cinema and a lecture hall.

But until the museum becomes a reality, works are focused on a new community centre with medical and cultural facilities, as well as an administrative building that will also serve as a memorial site. A construction worker takes measurements at the Yahinde school building, which is currently under reconstruction as a museum of war crimes.



## ■ SARDI STARTS REBUILDING HOSTOMEL HOUSING

Ukraine has begun preparatory work to rebuild a residential complex in Hostomel, near Kyiv, destroyed during the full-scale invasion.

Initial construction will deliver two buildings with 144 apartments, alongside a shelter for more than 1,200 people and full utility upgrades. The project prioritises displaced residents, with apartments allocated to families who lost homes. In total, five destroyed buildings will be replaced with 360 modern units as part of broader reconstruction efforts.



## ■ REBUILT BORODIANKA SETS BENCHMARK FOR UKRAINE'S POSTWAR RECOVERY

Borodianka in Kyiv region is emerging as a flagship example of systematic reconstruction, with more than 600 facilities restored following widespread destruction in 2022.

Restoration includes multi-storey housing rebuilt to modern standards, featuring insulation, solar panels and backup power. Key social infrastructure has also been restored, including a school with a shelter, a modern police station, and a community recovery centre supporting local residents.



## ■ SARDI REBUILDS RESIDENTIAL BLOCK IN VASYLKIV FROM SCRATCH

A new nine-storey residential building is under construction in Vasylkiv, Kyiv region, replacing a heavily damaged five-storey block destroyed in 2022.

The project will deliver 96 apartments, with structural works nearing completion and internal systems installation underway.

The building will include a modern shelter and be constructed in line with accessibility and safety standards.



# ROADS AND BRIDGES

## ■ MORE THAN 6.3 MLN SQUARE METERS OF ROAD SURFACE ALREADY REPAIRED IN UKRAINE SINCE YEAR START

Approximately 200 repair crews and 2,000 specialists are currently working on national roads.

Repairs continue on key routes across the country, including:

**M-06** Kyiv–Chop  
28,700 sq m

**M-05** Kyiv–Odesa  
16,600 sq m

**M-03** Kyiv–Kharkiv–Dovzhanskyi  
15,600 sq m

**M-18** Kharkiv–Simferopol–Alushta–Yalta  
11,500 sq m and others.



In total, approximately 10 million square meters of road surface are planned for restoration this year.

## ■ WIM SYSTEMS GENERATE UAH 5.9M FOR THE STATE BUDGET IN MARCH

In March, WIM (Weigh-in-Motion) systems generated UAH 5.9 million in budget revenues through automatic enforcement of weight and dimension regulations.



The highest number of violations was recorded in Dnipropetrovsk (33), Mykolaiv (25), and Poltava (23) regions.

WIM enables automated detection of overloaded vehicles, helping prevent road damage, improve safety and ensure compliance among freight operators. The system uses in-road sensors and cameras to measure weight, dimensions and vehicle data, with violations processed by SARDI and Ukrtransbezpeka.

The development and modernization of WIM remains a key priority, including maintaining existing sites and deploying new systems on key transport corridors.

# MODERNIZATION OF BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE

## ■ UKRAINE TO OPEN BILA TSERKVA–SIGHETU MARMAȚIEI CHECKPOINT FOR CARS IN JUNE

Bila Tserkva – Sighetu Marmăției BCP on the border with Romania is set to launch for passenger cars as early as June.

On the Romanian side, the works are nearly complete; the Ukrainian side still needs the infrastructure to be finished.

The project will include lanes for passenger vehicles, trucks and buses, with capacity of up to 600 cars and 350 trucks per day.

The crossing will improve border capacity and strengthen Ukraine’s export logistics and connectivity with Romania.



## ■ UKRAINE ALLOCATES FUNDS TO STRENGTHEN TRANSPORT LINKS IN ODESA REGION

The government has approved UAH 718 million in additional funding to support transport connectivity in Odesa region and along the Moldova border.

UAH 335 million will be used for emergency road repairs near the damaged bridge in Mayaky and UAH 383.8 million will fund the construction of a temporary crossing over the Dniester River near Yampil–Cosăuți.

The measures aim to ensure uninterrupted logistics routes and strengthen cross-border connectivity amid increased wartime pressure





# AGENCY NEWS

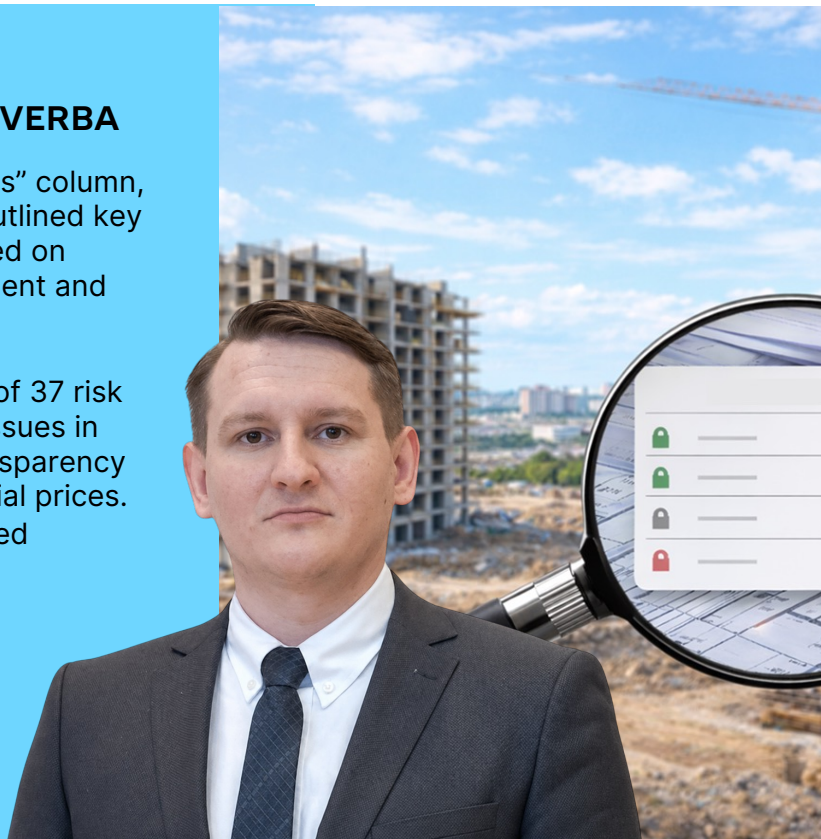
# FIVE QUESTIONS TO AGENCY ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT

## INTERVIEW WITH DEPUTY HEAD YURII SVERBA

In the regular “Five Questions” column, Deputy Head Yurii Sverba outlined key procurement reforms focused on transparency, risk management and efficiency.

SARDI introduced a system of 37 risk indicators to flag potential issues in tenders and launched a transparency dashboard publishing material prices. In 2025, procurement reached UAH 73 billion, generating UAH 2.8 billion in savings.

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## INTERVIEW WITH DEPUTY HEAD IVAN LUKERIA

Infrastructure reconstruction today is no longer just about roads and bridges — it’s about Ukraine’s place in Europe.

Will Ukraine become a “sea-to-sea” transit country? How has cooperation with EBRD, European Investment Bank (EIB), and The World Bank Group evolved? What is holding back reconstruction the most today — security, financing, or lack of qualified personnel? Read an interview with Ivan Lukeria, Deputy Head of the Restoration Agency.

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# WORKING IN WARTIME

■ **Liudmyla**, head of the Vyzhnytsia district road maintenance branch in Chernivtsi region

**“A road is safety and comfort for people.”**



Liudmyla Nahirniak heads the Vyzhnytsia district road maintenance branch in Chernivtsi region, continuing a family legacy in a traditionally male-dominated field. She rose from engineer to branch head in 2018 after nearly two decades in the sector. She oversees 108 km of roads — half in mountainous terrain — leading a 33-person team that maintains roads, reinforces bridges and operates in highly unpredictable conditions. **“Managing in the mountains is like playing chess with nature,” she says.** [🔗 READ MORE](#)

■ **Dmytro**, a veteran of Ukraine’s Defence Forces, now a road worker in Zhytomyr region

**“It’s frustrating to hear people say road repairs aren’t necessary. Roads are our lifelines — they keep the economy and logistics moving. I take pride in my work because I don’t want to let anyone down — or have to look away afterward.”**



Dmytro, a 27-year-old veteran of Ukraine’s Defence Forces, now works on repairing international highways critical for logistics and the economy. After serving on the front lines since 2018 and facing the invasion in Kyiv region in 2022, he transitioned to road construction, where his team operates under demanding conditions to keep key routes open. [🔗 READ MORE](#)

■ **Vasyl**, road maintenance master with over 50 years of experience

**“When floods hit and roads become impassable, you immediately understand their true value. Without them, people are left isolated.”**



Vasyl Yakiviuk has spent more than five decades in Ukraine’s road sector, witnessing its transformation from wooden bridges to modern infrastructure. He began his career in the 1970s and worked across mountainous regions of Bukovyna, later becoming a road maintenance master. Over the years, he has dealt with major floods that destroyed roads and bridges, cutting off entire communities. [🔗 READ MORE](#)



# IMPORTANT REGULATORY CHANGES

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## ■ UKRAINE ROLLS OUT FRAMEWORK PROCUREMENT MODEL TO SPEED RECONSTRUCTION

Ukraine has introduced a new framework-based procurement model for reconstruction under Resolution No. 521 (April 24, 2026), expanding the mandate of the Centralized Procurement Organization (CPO) and shifting to a centralized system built on framework agreements. The measure was developed with the participation of experts from SARDI.

The reform closes a key gap in Ukraine's procurement system, which previously lacked a mechanism to procure works through framework agreements. By adapting a model used in defence procurement, the government aims to accelerate contracting and improve flexibility in delivering large-scale infrastructure projects.

At its core is a two-stage process: contractors are pre-qualified and admitted to an open framework, allowing contracting authorities to award projects among vetted suppliers without repeating full tenders. The approach is designed to cut procurement timelines while preserving competition.

Procurement will be conducted through the Prozorro platform, with clear eligibility criteria and mandatory disclosure of contracts to ensure transparency.

The model is structured as a time-limited wartime pilot and applies to projects financed by state and local budgets as well as international financial institutions and donor funding.

It is expected to inform broader legislative changes and support alignment with EU procurement practices.

### Why It Matters

- Faster project delivery through streamlined procurement
- Stronger execution capacity via centralized contracting
- Improved transparency through digital processes and disclosure
- Compatibility with IFI and donor-funded projects
- Foundation for long-term procurement reform

The mechanism serves as a live pilot, with lessons from the open framework expected to be incorporated into national legislation and scaled across contracting authorities. SARDI is advancing institutional capacity to support transparent and efficient reconstruction.

# Questions? Let's connect.

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