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KEY EVENTS

PARLIAMENT APPOINTS MYKOLA KALASHNYK AS MINISTER FOR RESTORATION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT



Mykola Kalashnyk, Minister for Restoration, Infrastructure and Transport

■ UKRAINE APPOINTS MINISTERS FOLLOWING RESTRUCTURING OF RECOVERY PORTFOLIO

On 16 July, the Verkhovna Rada appointed Mykola Kalashnyk as Minister for Restoration, Infrastructure and Transport and Vitalii Bezhin as Minister for Communities, Territories and Internally Displaced Persons, following the restructuring of the former Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories.

The reorganisation separates responsibility for infrastructure, transport and recovery from regional development, local communities and IDP policy, with the aim of improving governance in strategically important sectors while maintaining the continuity of existing programmes and recovery initiatives.

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Vitalii Bezhin, Minister for Communities, Territories and Internally Displaced Persons

The government stated that the restructuring will not affect the pace of recovery projects, transport operations or logistics, and that all existing commitments and strategic initiatives will continue without interruption.

Addressing the Ministry's staff, Mykola Kalashnyk emphasised that the Ministry would continue operating as usual, with ensuring the country's resilience, restoring communities, and developing infrastructure remaining among its core responsibilities.

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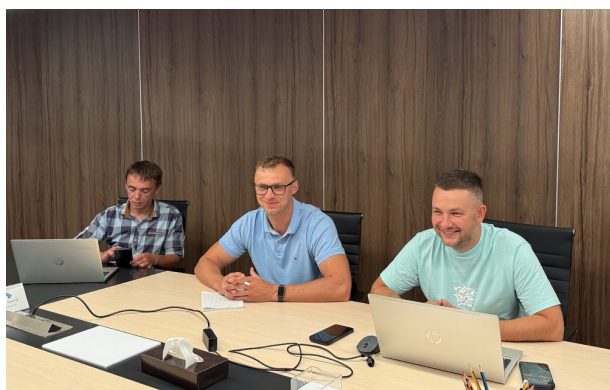
"The separation of functions will allow us to scale up ongoing projects and respond more effectively to challenges in social and critical infrastructure," **said Mykola Kalashnyk**

BUILDING DIGITAL CAPACITY FOR RECOVERY

■ BIM ROLLOUT EXPANDS TO FOUR MORE REGIONS

SARDI continues to scale up the adoption of Building Information Modelling (BIM) by expanding practical training to Regional Restoration Offices in Volyn, Ternopil, Ivano-Frankivsk and Zakarpattia regions. As part of the pilot projects, participants received hands-on training in the Common Data Environment (CDE)—a digital platform for centralized document management and collaboration—as well as international ISO 19650 standards.

Supported by the UK Government through the FIRE (Foundations for Infrastructure Recovery) programme, the initiative advances SARDI's digital transformation and lays the foundation for wider BIM adoption across Ukraine's recovery programme.



■ SARDI HOSTS NATIONAL SEMINAR ON DIGITALISATION IN INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY

9–10 July, Odesa

SARDI hosted the Second National Seminar on Digitalisation in Infrastructure Recovery, bringing together nearly 150 representatives of government, regional Restoration Offices, SE and industry to discuss digital solutions for infrastructure management.

The event focused on the implementation of BIM, WIM, cybersecurity and data-driven project management. The seminar also highlighted progress under the FIRE programme, including Ukraine's first state BIM pilot at the Yahodyn international border crossing and the rollout of CDE.

■ SARDI EXPANDS DATA-DRIVEN ROAD ASSET MANAGEMENT

10 July, Kyiv

With support from EU4Reconstruction (Stream 2), SARDI has launched training on the HDM-4 road asset management system for specialists from its headquarters, regional Restoration Services and partner institutions.

Delivered by experts from the UK's Transport Research Laboratory (TRL), the programme will strengthen SARDI's capacity to use data-driven analysis for road maintenance planning and investment decision-making.

EXPANDING INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

■ SARDI AND THE EU DELEGATION TO UKRAINE HOLD SECOND MEETING ON COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

SARDI and the EU Delegation to Ukraine held the second meeting of the Technical Support and Capacity Building Coordination Initiative, bringing together international financial institutions, donors and technical assistance programmes.

EU4Reconstruction (Stream 2) acts as the Secretariat of the Initiative.

Building on the Initiative launched earlier this year, SARDI presented the results of its comprehensive assessment of ongoing and planned international technical assistance, identified priority areas requiring additional support, and proposed the next steps for better coordinating international assistance in line with SARDI's priorities. The meeting marked the first participation of Joost Möhlmann, Head of Cooperation at the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine, as EU Co-Chair of the Initiative.



Today's work will help us build a shared understanding of who supports what, identify priority needs, and better align future assistance. The goal is to make technical assistance transparent, coordinated and results-oriented," **Joost Möhlmann** said

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■ SARDI, ESTONIA EXPAND COOPERATION ON INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY

At the URC 2026, SARDI and delegations from Estonia's Ministry of Climate and Ministry of Foreign Affairs agreed to expand cooperation on resilient transport, critical infrastructure, construction digitalisation, infrastructure project management, and the implementation of Build Back Better principles.

The discussions built on earlier exchanges of experience in protecting critical infrastructure under wartime conditions.

"Estonia's expertise in digital government and infrastructure development, combined with Ukraine's wartime experience, will help strengthen the resilience of recovery projects," said Serhii Sukhomlyn, Head of the Agency for Restoration. Estonia will host the Ukraine Recovery Conference 2027.



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RE:GENERATION – INVESTING IN FUTURE RECOVERY LEADERS



■ SARDI LAUNCHES RE:GENERATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

SARDI, with support from the EU4Reconstruction (Stream 2) project, has launched RE:Generation, its first internship programme designed to prepare future professionals for Ukraine's recovery. The initiative brings together students from 12 leading Ukrainian universities in urban planning, transport, architecture, engineering, economics and related disciplines.

The programme combines a three-day boot camp with a two-month internship at SARDI headquarters and regional Restoration Services. Ahead of the launch, 20 Agency and regional representatives completed a dedicated mentorship training programme to support interns throughout their placements.

"Regardless of where your career takes you, this experience will be valuable. Perhaps it is here that you will discover how you can make the greatest contribution to Ukraine," said Serhii Sukhomlyn, Head of SARDI.

Following the boot camp, 18 participants were selected for the first internship cohort and have now begun two-month placements at SARDI headquarters and Regional Restoration Offices. The programme combines hands-on experience with lectures on infrastructure recovery, public communications and SARDI's corporate culture.

 **WATCH: RE:GENERATION CAMP 2026**



RECONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

HOUSING AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

📍 Sumy region

■ SARDI LAUNCHES TENDER TO RESTORE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN OKHTYRKA

SARDI has announced a Prozorro tender for the restoration of a damaged apartment building in Okhtyrka, Sumy Oblast, which was heavily damaged in a Russian missile strike in March 2022. The project, financed by the European Union under the Ukraine Facility, includes structural reinforcement, roof insulation, and the replacement of windows and balcony doors. The works are expected to restore safe housing for more than 60 families by the end of 2026, with full reconstruction planned for 2027, subject to the availability of state funding.



📍 Zaporizhzhia region

■ RESIDENTS RETURN TO REBUILT APARTMENT BUILDING IN ZAPORIZHZHIA

Reconstruction of a war-damaged apartment building in Zaporizhzhia has been completed, allowing 35 families to return home. The building, severely damaged by a Russian strike in January 2023 and hit again during reconstruction in 2025, has been fully restored with upgraded energy-efficient systems, modern utilities and renovated façades. With its completion, all six residential projects financed under the programme in Zaporizhzhia region have now been delivered.

📍 Chernihiv region

■ RESTORING YAHIDNE'S SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

SARDI continues the comprehensive recovery of Yahidne, Chernihiv Oblast, by rebuilding key social infrastructure alongside housing and local roads. The project includes a Memorial Complex honouring the victims of the 2022 occupation and a Community Development Centre





📍 Kherson region

■ SARDI CONTINUES COMPREHENSIVE RECOVERY OF POSAD-POKROVSKE

SARDI advances the comprehensive recovery of Posad-Pokrovske in Kherson Oblast, where 234 homes are being rebuilt from the ground up. Construction is nearing completion on 67 homes, with work under way on the remaining properties.

The recovery programme also includes the restoration of utility networks, construction of a primary healthcare centre and a public safety centre, rehabilitation of 21 streets, and plans to build a new school and an administrative and community centre. Together, these projects are restoring housing, critical infrastructure and essential public services, helping residents return home and rebuild their community.

📍 Kyiv region

■ SARDI ADVANCES HOUSING RESTORATION IN BUCHA

SARDI is restoring a 45-apartment building in Bucha, Kyiv Oblast, damaged during the fighting. The destroyed section has already been rebuilt, with work continuing on the rest of the building.

Current work includes façade insulation, roof repairs and interior finishing. Landscaping and upgrades to the playground will be completed before residents return home.



📍 Kyiv region

■ HOSTOMEL REBUILDS WITH NEW HOUSING

Construction continues on 360 new apartments in Hostomel, replacing 272 homes destroyed during Russia's full-scale invasion in 2022. Work is underway on the first two seven-storey residential buildings, while construction has also begun on a 2,100 m² dual-purpose underground facility that will serve as a sports complex in peacetime and provide shelter for up to 1,212 people during emergencies. The project is creating modern, safe and resilient housing for the community.



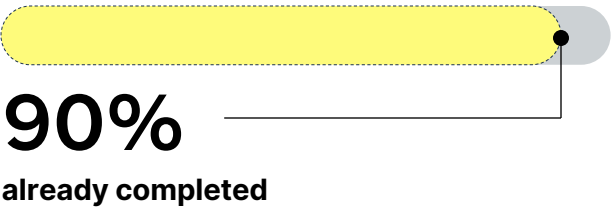
PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

■ SARDI STRENGTHENS PROTECTION OF KYIV'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

SARDI is constructing protective structures for nearly 30 critical infrastructure sites across Kyiv as part of the city's resilience programme. Work began in May 2026 and remains on schedule, with all projects expected to be completed before the winter season.

In frontline regions, more than 100 protective structures are also being delivered, 90% of which have already been completed despite continued attacks and harsh winter conditions.

To support transparency, the Agency has published reference prices for key construction materials used in the projects.



⌚ All projects in Kyiv are progressing on schedule and will be completed before the winter season.



■ SARDI AND LITHUANIA EXPAND COOPERATION ON CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION

SARDI hosted a delegation from Lithuania's electricity transmission operator LITGRID to share Ukraine's experience in protecting and restoring critical energy infrastructure during wartime.

Deputy Heads Roman Komendant and Yurii Sverba met with a Lithuanian delegation led by Mindaugas Ivanavičius, Head of the Synchronisation Programme Implementation Centre at LITGRID. The delegation was accompanied by Daiva Matonienė, Energy Attaché of the Republic of Lithuania to Ukraine.

The discussions also explored future technical cooperation and joint resilience projects.



WATCH:
[Watch Serhii Sukhomlyn, Head of SARDI, provide an update on construction progress at one of these sites in Kyiv](#)

ROADS AND BRIDGES

■ 18 MILLION M² OF ROADS REPAIRED IN 2026

SARDI has repaired more than 18 million m² of state roads across Ukraine since the beginning of the year. The work prioritises strategic routes that support defence, military logistics, evacuation and the movement of people and goods.

■ WIM GENERATES UAH 37 MILLION FOR THE STATE BUDGET

Weigh-in-Motion (WIM) automatic weight control system generated UAH 37.1 million in state budget revenue during the first half of 2026.

Since resuming operation in 2022, WIM has become the country's primary tool for detecting overloaded vehicles, accounting for 64% of all weight control violations.

The system helps protect roads and bridges from premature deterioration while enabling automated, 24/7 enforcement without disrupting traffic.



■ SARDI RESTORES 30TH WAR-DAMAGED BRIDGE

SARDI has restored another bridge in a frontline region, bringing the total number of war-damaged bridges rebuilt over the past two years to 30. The crossing supports evacuation, military logistics, humanitarian deliveries and connectivity between communities, strengthening resilience in frontline areas.

■ LESS TIME ON THE ROAD: RIVNE NORTHERN BYPASS OPENS TO TRAFFIC

The Rivne Northern Bypass, one of Ukraine's largest recently completed road infrastructure projects, officially opened in early June.

The new 14.5-km route carries around 6,500 vehicles daily, diverting transit traffic from the city, reducing congestion, and cutting travel times on the Kyiv–Lutsk route by 40 minutes to two hours.

The bypass also improves logistics for businesses, particularly in the woodworking and furniture industries, by reducing transport costs and strengthening access to Ukrainian and EU markets.



■ NEXT PHASE OF THE M-15 ODESA-RENI HIGHWAY PROJECT BEGINS

SARDI has launched a new phase in the preparation of the M-15 Odesa–Reni (towards Bucharest) highway project, one of Ukraine's priority transport infrastructure initiatives and part of the country's Unified Project Pipeline.

With support from the Ukraine Government Project Preparation Facility (PPF) and the PREPARE Ukraine Project, SARDI held a coordination meeting to launch the preparation of a preliminary feasibility study in line with international best practices.

A contract to develop the study was signed with KPMG Ukraine on 17 June 2026.

The study will provide the foundation for attracting international investment for the modernisation of the 300-km transport corridor, a strategic route linking Ukraine with Romania and the European Union.

The M-15 Odesa–Reni transport corridor is a vital route connecting Ukraine with Romania and providing direct access to European markets.

The reconstruction and development of this corridor is one of Ukraine's highest infrastructure priorities, given its strategic importance for national security, economic development, and integration into the European Union.



■ M-09 LVIV-RAVA-RUSKA HIGHWAY UPGRADE REACHES NEW MILESTONE

SARDI reviewed progress on the M-09 Ternopil–Lviv–Rava-Ruska (towards Lublin) highway rehabilitation project, implemented with EBRD financing under the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) Development Programme.

Road works have reached around 50% completion on the first section and 43% on the second, while bridge rehabilitation is more than 80% complete, with four bridges already finished.

SARDI continues to monitor construction progress and quality to ensure timely delivery of this key transport corridor linking Ukraine with Poland and the EU.



■ **CONSTRUCTION OF YAMPIL-COSĂUȚI BORDER BRIDGE REACHES ONE-THIRD COMPLETION**

Construction of the Yampil-Cosăuți border bridge between Ukraine and Moldova has reached around one-third completion, with works progressing on schedule. The new crossing is expected to open in October–November 2026.

Once completed, the bridge will shorten the route between Vinnytsia and Soroca by 28 km, improving cross-border connectivity, freight transport and border crossing efficiency.

It will also strengthen Ukraine's integration into the European TEN-T transport network.



■ **MAJOR BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON THE M-19 HIGHWAY**

Major reconstruction of a bridge and its approaches has begun in Terebovlia, Ternopil Region, on the international M-19 highway. The project covers 850 metres and includes replacement of the bridge structure and utility networks.

Traffic restrictions and temporary detours will remain in place until June 2027.

The project is being implemented under the Interreg NEXT Poland–Ukraine 2021–2027 Programme to improve cross-border connectivity, enhance access to the TEN-T network, and strengthen regional transport infrastructure.



■ **TRAFFIC RESUMES ON REHABILITATED M-09 BRIDGE**

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■ MINISTER REVIEWS RECOVERY PRIORITIES IN THREE REGIONS

Ukraine's Minister for Recovery, Infrastructure and Transport Mykola Kalashnyk and SARDI First Deputy Head Mykola Boiko visited Dnipropetrovsk, Odesa and Zaporizhzhia oblasts to review projects protecting critical infrastructure and strengthening border connectivity. The visit covered physical protection works at critical infrastructure facilities, modernized border crossings, and transport infrastructure upgrades.

SARDI is currently implementing physical protection projects at more than 100 critical infrastructure sites across Ukraine. Some have already been completed, while most are in the final stages of implementation.



■ RECONSTRUCTION OF ZHYTOMYR NORTHERN BYPASS UNDERWAY

Preparatory works continue on the reconstruction of the 22-km Northern Bypass of Zhytomyr along the M-06 Kyiv–Chop international highway.

Once completed, the route will be expanded from two to four lanes, improving road safety, reducing travel times and diverting thousands of transit vehicles away from the city each day. The bypass is currently the narrowest section of the M-06 corridor, one of Ukraine's key international transport routes. Construction resumed in May 2026 after being suspended since 2020. The project also includes upgraded drainage, noise protection, sidewalks and public transport infrastructure.

■ CONSTRUCTION RESUMES ON THE N-31 HIGHWAY

Construction has resumed on the N-31 Dnipro–Tsarychanka–Kobeliaky–Reshetylivka highway, a key route for civilian, humanitarian and military logistics linking Dnipro with Kyiv and central Ukraine.

The project includes 77 km of upgraded infrastructure, combining new construction and major rehabilitation. About 20% of the works have been completed, with the first section scheduled to open by the end of 2026, restoring continuous traffic on at least two lanes. Once completed, the four-lane highway will bypass several settlements, reduce travel times by around one hour, and accommodate up to 26,000 vehicles per day, significantly strengthening connectivity between central and eastern Ukraine.

■ OVER UAH 18 MILLION SAVED THROUGH CENTRALISED PROCUREMENT

Open tenders conducted through SARDI's Centralized Procurement Organization (CPO) saved more than UAH 18 million on technical supervision services. Three open tenders attracted three bidders each, including international companies, reducing the contract value from UAH 27.0 million to UAH 8.7 million — a saving of approximately 68%.

MODERNIZATION OF BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE

■ NEW ROMANIA BORDER CROSSING PREPARES TO OPEN

Final preparations are underway for the opening of the Bila Tserkva–Sighetu Marmăției border crossing in Zakarpattia Oblast.

Initially operating from temporary modular infrastructure, the crossing will serve passenger vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes, with a capacity of up to 600 vehicles per day, helping reduce congestion at existing checkpoints and strengthen connectivity with the European Union.

The project includes new access roads, border control infrastructure, utility networks and riverbank protection works. Once permanent facilities are completed, the crossing will also accommodate buses and freight vehicles.

Since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion, Ukraine has opened four new international border crossings: Dyakivtsi–Racovăț and Krasnoilsk–Vicovu de Sus (Romania), Nyzhankovychi–Malhowice (Poland), and Velyka Palad–Nagyhódos (Hungary).



■ CONSTRUCTION OF BRONNYTSIA–UNGURI BORDER CROSSING NEARS COMPLETION

Construction of the new Bronnytsia–Unguri international border crossing on the Ukraine–Moldova border is entering its final stage. Scheduled for completion by the end of 2026, the project will increase the crossing's capacity by 50%, accommodating up to 600 passengers, 400 passenger vehicles, 50 trucks and 800 pedestrians per day.

The new crossing will strengthen transport links with Moldova, improve regional logistics and support international trade.





AGENCY NEWS

FIVE QUESTIONS TO AGENCY ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT

INTERVIEW WITH OLEKSANDR KOLOMIITSEV, THE HEAD OF SARDI'S RESTORATION OFFICE IN DNIPROPETROVSK REGION



The interview explores how one of Ukraine's key frontline regions is maintaining critical infrastructure while supporting military logistics, protecting strategic facilities and restoring essential services under constant security threats.

Oleksandr Kolomiitsev discusses reconstruction priorities in Dnipropetrovsk region, frontline road maintenance, protection of critical infrastructure, large-scale water supply projects, and preparations for the upcoming winter.

 [**READ THE Q&A**](#)

He explains how wartime experience is shaping new engineering and management approaches that can be applied across Ukraine.



"We cannot prevent attacks. What we can do is restore damage as quickly as possible, keep building and ensure that critical infrastructure continues to serve people despite the war."

SARDI APPROVES COMMUNICATION STRATEGY FOR 2026–2028

On 24 July 2026, SARDI approved its Communication Strategy for 2026–2028. The Strategy establishes a long-term framework for transparent, consistent and evidence-based communication with citizens, international partners and other stakeholders.

It defines common principles and standards for communicating Ukraine's recovery, strengthens institutional resilience, and supports greater transparency, accountability and public trust in reconstruction efforts.

WORKING IN WARTIME

■ SERHII OVERSEES CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN ODESA REGION

"We come to work together, talk through both work and life, and always have each other's backs. There are projects to deliver, so we keep going. Above all, we are all waiting for one thing — the end of the war"



Serhii has spent more than a decade working on SARDI infrastructure projects across Cherkasy, Kirovohrad, Poltava, Luhansk and, most recently, Odesa regions. Forced to evacuate from Luhansk following Russia's full-scale invasion, he remained committed to helping rebuild Ukraine.

Today, he oversees a broad portfolio of infrastructure projects in Odesa Region. Among them is the Dachne checkpoint on the M-05 Kyiv–Odesa highway, where his team is delivering one of Ukraine's first Weigh-in-Motion (WIM) facilities. Despite wartime challenges and a shortage of skilled workers, his team continues to deliver the critical infrastructure that keeps Ukraine connected. Looking beyond the war, Serhii believes Ukraine has a unique opportunity to build stronger, more resilient roads — including expanding the use of concrete pavements on the country's busiest transport corridors.

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■ NATALIYA, CHIEF ENGINEER, REGIONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE COMPANY

"I could have changed careers when funding was scarce, but this is where I put down roots. When you see a road you've helped strengthen stand the test of time, that's the greatest reward. Just like a doctor, you see the results of your work."



For more than 25 years, Nataliia has dedicated her career to keeping Bukovyna's mountain roads safe. It wasn't the career she had planned. While studying law, she took a temporary job as an economist with a road maintenance company in Chernivtsi Oblast. What began as a stopgap became her life's work.

Today, as Chief Engineer, she oversees the maintenance of bridges, mountain passes and protective structures across Bukovyna's road network. During the devastating floods of 2008, she worked almost around the clock to restore transport links after entire sections of road were washed away. She believes professionalism, mutual respect and dedication matter far more than gender in a profession traditionally dominated by men.

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IMPORTANT REGULATORY CHANGES

■ **IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION NO. 1178: EXPANDING COMPETITION WHILE SAFEGUARDING CRITICAL PROCUREMENT**

The Government has approved further amendments to the Public Procurement Framework (**Resolution No. 1178**) to expand competition while preserving the flexibility needed for critical procurement.

Most grounds for direct contracting removed.

Most procurements previously eligible for direct contracting will now be conducted through the negotiated procurement procedure.

Two exceptions remain for:

- implementation of **Comprehensive Regional and Municipal Resilience Plans**, including power generation equipment, transformers, boiler houses, cogeneration units and related infrastructure;
- construction and protection of **critical infrastructure**, primarily in the energy sector and essential public services.

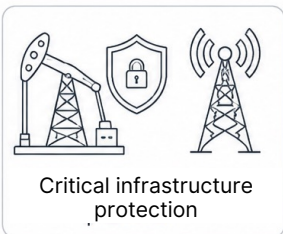
Temporary exemption from local content requirements.

Local content requirements are temporarily waived **until 31 December 2026** for selected energy equipment, including: turbines, cogeneration units, generators, modular and mobile boiler houses, heat pumps, steam boilers, related works and services for construction, restoration, reconstruction and installation.

The exemption is intended to accelerate the procurement of equipment needed to restore energy infrastructure damaged by Russian attacks and help prevent national and regional emergencies.

 **SOURCES:**
Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine – amendments to Resolution No. 1178

Transition to competitive procurement



Temporary exemption from local content requirements



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