

## OECD Country Programme for Ukraine

*In the context of the initial accession dialogue with Ukraine, the OECD in 2023 launched an OECD Ukraine Country Programme for Ukraine at its Meeting of Council at Ministerial Level. Country Programmes are an established OECD global relations tool that, while not formally linked to accession, help bring selected countries closer to the OECD, resulting in a “step change” in their level of engagement with OECD bodies, instruments and tools. The Ukraine Country Programme supports the country’s reform, reconstruction and recovery, as well as its European Union and OECD accession ambitions.*

### The OECD and Ukraine

The OECD has worked with Ukraine since independence, and the relationship has grown steadily stronger since the 2014 “Revolution of Dignity”, when the OECD Council responded positively to the new government’s request for support, and the two agreed a Memorandum of Understanding and an Action Plan to frame their co-operation.

Since Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the OECD has continued to deepen and strengthen its work with Ukraine. The Organisation has expanded its work in support of Ukraine’s reform agenda, provided inputs to the country’s National Recovery and Development Plan and worked closely with international partners to co-ordinate international support for the country, in particular via the Multi-Agency Donor Co-ordination Platform led by Ukraine, the European Union and the United States.

In October 2022, the OECD Council recognised Ukraine as a prospective Member of the Organisation, following a request from the government, and asked the Secretary-General to undertake an initial accession dialogue with the country. The Country Programme helps give structure and substance to that dialogue.

### What is an OECD Country Programme?

The Country Programme is an established OECD tool that enables selected Partner economies to leverage OECD expertise and best practices, strengthen institutions, and build capacity for successful reforms. This support will be vital to helping Ukraine during the war and to ensuring that reconstruction aid is used to the best effect to promote economic development and citizens’ welfare.

The Country Programme has been developed in close co-operation with, and reflects the priorities of, the government of Ukraine, with its focus on stronger institutions and governance, continuing the fight against corruption, attracting private sector investment, and laying the foundations for long-term well-being and opportunities for its people.

It will help bring Ukraine closer to OECD standards and practices and ultimately also support Ukraine’s accession to the EU. The implementation of the Ukraine Country Programme is co-ordinated by the Ukraine Unit in the OECD’s Global Relations and Co-operation Directorate, supported on the ground in Kyiv by the new OECD-Ukraine Liaison Office, which opened in March 2023 with support from Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and the Slovak Republic.

#### OECD Ukraine Country Programme

- **Duration:** 4 years (June 2023-June 2027)
- **Guiding documents:** (i) Framework for the Establishment of Country Programmes, (ii) 2017 Framework for the Consideration of Prospective Members (iii) Ukraine’s own priorities, draft chapters of the National Recovery and Development Plan and Govt Action Plan
- **Oversight:** OECD Council and External Relations Committee, Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine
- **OECD Involvement:** 13 OECD Directorates involved
- **Content:** 31 policy reviews and capacity-building projects, enhanced participation in 24 OECD bodies, potential adherence to more than 70 OECD legal instruments
- **Total budget:** EUR 16 500 000
- **Impact:** advance reform by monitoring results and using OECD instruments as benchmarks
- **High-level co-ordination:** Multi-Agency Donor Co-ordination Platform for Ukraine, co-chaired by Ukraine, the European Union and the United States

## Structure and content

In terms of structure, the Programme rests on three broad pillars, which reinforce one another:

1. Reviews, analytical projects and capacity-building to support better policy design and more effective implementation across diverse policy domains;
2. Enhanced engagement with OECD Committees and other bodies, thereby strengthening Ukraine's voice and presence in international policy dialogue and offering opportunities for peer learning with OECD Members and partners; and
3. Adherence to a range of OECD legal instruments that the Organisation and the government together have identified as particularly relevant to Ukraine's reform agenda.

In terms of content, the Programme focuses primarily on Ukraine's reconstruction and recovery priorities, while also supporting its OECD and EU accession goals. It addresses such critical long-term structural issues as tax policy and administration, corporate governance, public governance, access to justice, education and skills, integrity and anti-corruption, competition, environmental policy and statistics. It also encompasses key reconstruction challenges, such as infrastructure policy and support for displaced persons and returning refugees.



The programme is **structured around six broad thematic areas**:

- Economic Recovery and Infrastructure Resilience;
- Environmental Sustainability and Energy;
- Taxation and Financial Management;
- Good Governance and Transparency;
- Competitiveness and Regulatory Efficiency; and
- Human Capital, Social and Cultural Development.

The Country Programme thus builds on a large body of past OECD work in a wide range of policy domains, including anti-corruption and integrity, public administration reform, public finance management, decentralisation, competition, energy-sector reform and the reform of the agriculture sector.

The Programme is implemented in close consultation with the Ukrainian government and other international partners, in particular via the Multi-Agency Donor Co-ordination Platform led by Ukraine, the EU and the United States, in which the OECD participates, and through the work of OECD bodies themselves, including the Council and the External Relations Committee. This co-ordination is critical to ensuring the relevance and impact of the Programme as it unfolds in challenging and often unpredictable circumstances.

The Country Programme offers Ukraine:

- enhanced access to international best practices;
- tailored-made reviews and peer learning;



- improved quality of policy reforms in line with international standards;
- increased participation of authorities in selected OECD bodies;
- further anchoring of long-term reforms;
- enhanced network of international experts and peers; and
- stronger links with the OECD community.

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More information on Ukraine and the OECD is available at: <https://www.oecd.org/ukraine-hub/en/>.

<b>Economic Recovery and Infrastructure Resilience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Capacity building to help Ukraine attract more, better and safer investment for its reconstruction</li> <li>▪ Statistical Policy Review</li> <li>▪ Economic Survey of Ukraine</li> <li>▪ Infrastructure Policy Review of Ukraine</li> <li>▪ Agricultural Policy Review</li> <li>▪ SME and Entrepreneurship Review of Ukraine</li> <li>▪ Review on restoring connectivity, building high-quality communication infrastructure and making Ukraine digital-resilient</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental Sustainability and Energy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Capacity-building on Advanced Nuclear Modelling tools for Nuclear Energy and Safety Applications</li> <li>▪ Reviews of Alignment with Environmental and Waste Management Instruments</li> <li>▪ Report on radiological protection in a conflict zone</li> </ul>
<b>Taxation and Financial Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tax Policy Review</li> <li>▪ Review on Improving Financial Market and Corporate Governance for Recovery</li> <li>▪ Capacity building to improve the tax legislation within the framework of the BEPS Actions Plan implementation and the relevant OECD instruments</li> <li>▪ Training for officials of the competent authorities on international taxation and transfer pricing issues</li> </ul>
<b>Good Governance and Transparency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Capacity building to support the implementation of OECD recommendations of the SOE National Review of Ukraine</li> <li>▪ Capacity building to support the implementation of OECD recommendations from the OECD “Rebuilding Ukraine by Reinforcing Regional and Municipal Governance” report</li> <li>▪ Integrity and Anti-corruption Review of Ukraine</li> <li>▪ Capacity building to align Ukrainian legislation with the requirements of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention</li> <li>▪ Capacity building to track and manage development and humanitarian aid flows to the recovery of Ukraine</li> <li>▪ Public Governance Review</li> <li>▪ Justice Review of Ukraine</li> </ul>
<b>Competitiveness and Regulatory Efficiency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Competition Peer Policy Review</li> <li>▪ Capacity building to support the implementation of OECD recommendations of the Competition Policy Peer Review of Ukraine</li> <li>▪ Regulatory Policy Review</li> </ul>
<b>Human Capital, Social and Cultural Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Education Policy Study</li> <li>▪ Reintegration Policy Review</li> <li>▪ Vocational Education and Training Review</li> <li>▪ Social Policy Review</li> <li>▪ Capacity building activities to support the implementation of the gender recommendations and support gender mainstreaming</li> <li>▪ Labour Migration Policy Review</li> <li>▪ Review of Policies for Culture and Creative Sectors</li> </ul>