

# Kyiv Mayor Newsletter

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**CHANGE STARTS WITH KYIV**

## **Klitschko congratulates on Easter**

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko congratulated all Ukrainians on the Feast of Glorious Resurrection. He posted a video with his congratulations on Facebook.



In video he decorates the stairs leading down from Peyzazhna lane to Podil's Gonchari-Kozhum`yaki ravine with Easter eggs and garlands. The staircase, which is now a part of a main tourist route linking Peyzazhna lane and the Friendship of Nations Monument, opened to the public following a massive restoration last summer.

Borys Bunny, a rabbit also appeared in the video. Kyivans who wished to contribute garlanded the stairs along with Mayor.

"I wish you all the best, peace and positive thoughts! Don't lose faith! We will win through!" said Klitschko.



## Klitschko congratulates Volodymyr Zelensky

The mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko congratulated Volodymyr Zelensky on winning Ukraine's presidential elections.

Klitschko remarked that the newly elected President won a big vote of confidence which brings a great responsibility for his further decisions as the head of state.



“A significant part of Kyivans voted for you. As Kyiv mayor I congratulate you on your new position as the President of Ukraine. On behalf of the city's community I would like to point out the expectations for changes shaping the future of Ukraine's capital city,” remarked Klitschko. “First of all, it is about strengthening the local governance. Kyiv is in dire need of the City of Kyiv Law which will enhance the participation and involvement of local residents in city governance. President's support of this issue is crucial,” stressed the mayor.

He emphasized that funding continues to pose a great problem for the city's further development, in particular infrastructure renovation. “Previously 100% of tax levied on income of individual entrepreneurs has remained at a local budget's disposal due to the capital city status and greater strain on city's infrastructure. Today 40% of personal income tax revenues from each Ukrainian city budget goes to the national budget. The capital city faces even more discriminatory practice and gives away 60% of revenues!” remarked the mayor. “These revenues are dedicated to roads and bridges repair, renovation of ‘tired’ city infrastructure. The capital city is looking forward to the President's corresponding support,” he said.

He wished Volodymyr Zelensky wisdom and strength to implement the changes that his voters expected from him. Klitschko also thanked the President Petro Poroshenko for pushing forward with state reforms, steady European path, reaching visa waiver and a start of decentralization reform.

Mayor Klitschko expressed confidence that following the free and democratic Presidential elections Ukraine will continue on its European path. “Our goal is setting up the European life standards and democratic liberties for every Ukrainian,” he declared.

## Klitschko meets Ukrainian and German students creating 3D models of Kyiv monuments

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko met the students from the Jade University in Oldenburg, Germany and the Kyiv University for Construction and Architecture who are jointly creating 3D models of different buildings and monuments in the city of Kyiv. He also watched as they demonstrated the Leica laser scanner they use for the project.

“I am pleased you can network, share your ideas and best practices and learn about other cultures. The best time to open up new horizons is your student years! And then again, you are mastering a complex and very important science discipline. Drones, virtual reality, lasers, artificial intelligence, 3D technology - all of these are the latest trends shaping the future of architecture and construction that already impact them today. It all sounded like science fiction back in my youth!” remarked Vitali Klitschko.



According to Klitschko, VR and AR design and development of three-dimensional physical models is becoming one of the most commonly used techniques for cultural and historical heritage conservation and restoration work. This is a very promising tool that Kyiv can benefit from.

During the week of April 7-13 a mixed group of German and Ukrainian students participated in the joint student project of creating 3D models of various Kyiv buildings and monuments. After the field work in Kyiv all students traveled to Germany to finish their work and give a final presentation.

At the meeting at the Kyiv City Hall students also presented a portfolio of some graduation works of students of Kyiv University for Construction and Architecture as well as a 3D model of their university campus.



## **Klitschko: talks underway between Kyiv and Europa-park to develop similar park in Ukraine's capital**

The mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko visited Europa-park located in Rust, Germany and met with its owners. He announced plans to attract investment to develop a similar leisure park in Ukraine's capital city.



“We plan to develop a big amusement park in Gydopark - some 130 hectares island recreation zone located not far from the city centre,” remarked Klitschko. “And we are currently seeking an investor who is ready to fund such an ambitious project and also contribute his expert advice and ideas,” said Klitschko at the meeting.

Klitschko was shown around the park and briefed on both the park development and some new projects, due already this year.

“This is the most interesting family theme park - a cosy, old stylized but with the latest rides, a wide range of activities and nice setting. There are also many activities for children to have fun and learn. My old dream is to create a similar park in Kyiv and I will do the best to make it true” stressed Vitali Klitschko.

Europa-park is the largest amusement park in Germany and the second most popular theme park resort in Europe, following Disneyland Paris. Only last year it attracted over 6 million visitors from Germany, France, Switzerland and other countries.

## **Klitschko visits German factory producing steel wire ropes for pedestrian bridge in Kyiv**

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko visited the Bridon-Bekaert factory in Gelsenkirchen, Germany that is one of top wire rope manufacturers.

Now the factory produces bespoke bridge-cables for the pedestrian-cycling bridge which is currently under construction in Ukraine's capital city.

“They walked me through the manufacturing process. Soon the wire ropes will be ready to be shipped to Kyiv. Also I held talks with the Bridon-Bekaert senior management on our further cooperation,” remarked Klitschko.



A contractor constructing Podilsko-Voskresensky bridge is also keen to use the Bridon-Bekaert bridge-cables and bargaining over this possibility.

“An interest of such well-known companies as Bridon-Bekaert Ropes Group in cooperation with our city means Kyiv is a reliable and trustworthy partner. We explore the best possible solutions and the high-quality equipment and materials for our construction,” said the mayor.

As a developer and producer of the steel wire products and solutions globally, to the oil&gas, mining, crane and infrastructure construction sectors, the Bridon-Bekaert Ropes has 16 production plants across various countries. Earlier the Group has also provided its products, contributing to the reconstruction of Olympiysky stadium in Kyiv prior to the Euro-2012.



## Klitschko runs Kyiv Half Marathon 10k race



As Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko has emphasized, Kyiv has once again become the global sporting capital. “13 thousand runners from 57 countries take part in the international Kyiv Half Marathon this year. The event saw the record number of participants, among whom are professional athletes who have won more than one prestigious international running races. Today they are running here, in Kyiv,” noted Klitschko.

According to Klitschko, this is the first time the Half Marathon has had a new two-day format, to make all participants comfortable and shorten the time of street block off. As of this year the Kyiv Half Marathon is a full member of the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS) and entitled the prestigious IAAF BRONZE LABEL.

Traditionally, the Kyiv Half Marathon included the “Fundraising Marathon. Spring” - an event raising money for 14 charity projects on the platform of the Ukrainian Charity Marketplace.

“I am pleased to see so many physically fit and active people. Plenty of happy faces around. A perfect day today. I am glad that Kyiv hosts more and more sporting events. Our city is becoming the global sports capital,” remarked Vitali Klitschko after his 10k run race.

## Klitschko announces plans to increase effluent treatment capacity on Pidhirtsi solid waste landfill

Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko inspected the work of new systems of landfill leachate treatment installed on Pidhirtsi municipal solid waste landfill #5. He revealed plans to increase the effluent treatment capacity up to three times.

“In 2015 we renovated the installed €17 million ROCHEM UF - Systeme GmbH system for landfill leachate treatment which has been in need of repair since 2012. There was a risk of soil and water pollution by leachate which is very hazardous for the environment. Now we know that equipment works with increased waste treatment capacity,” remarked Klitschko.

According to the mayor, now the equipment treats up to 550 cubic meters of toxic effluent per day, compared with 350 cubic meters recycled previously. Next up is retrofitting of the system with two more modules which will enable to increase the effluent treatment capacity up to 950 cubic meters per day.



Last year the Kyiv City Council adopted a roadmap for closure and remediation of the solid waste landfill site to make it environmentally safe. Work on the first phase of the landfill restoration project began in 2018.

This is the first time ever the remediation project of such scale and complexity has been established in Ukraine. The best Ukrainian and international experts as well as the civil activists and the neighbouring communities are involved into discussion and work on the project. The experts of Germany's Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety have already scrutinized the landfill site and offered their opinion on the remediation solutions.

“The landfill is getting much safer and controllable now due to a number of repairs and equipment renovation. The first 18 hectares of dump area has already been covered with inactive soil, the dangerous slopes stabilized,” stressed Klitschko.

Recent developments that reduce the chance of an emergency happening, include entrance road reconstruction, construction of access road to the second landfill area section, electric power substation repair and purchase of some new equipment. Remediation project for the first section of Pidhirtsi landfill is being reviewed currently by state regulators. There are plans for a new waste recycling facility to be built in Kyiv.

Pidhirtsy landfill was put into operation over 30 years ago, back in 1986. It covers 65 hectares and receives a waste volume of 1.2 million tons per year, nearly half of which (0.5 million tons) generated by the capital city.



## At UNESCO headquarters Klitschko briefs on pedestrian bridge under construction in Kyiv

In Paris Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko has met with the Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre Mechtild Rössler. Together with the deputy mayor Olexander Spasibko and the executive director of ICOMOS Ukraine Olena Serdyuk he briefed the UNESCO experts on plans for a major tourist route in the heart of Kyiv. Construction of a new pedestrian and cycle bridge which will become an important part of the route, stringing together Volodymyrska Hirka and the Friendship of Nations Monument, is already underway.

Klitschko remarked that the work is carried out beyond the buffer zone of the Saint Sophia Cathedral as a world heritage site. The boundaries of the buffer zone were defined by Ukraine's Ministry of Culture in 2017. The construction work does not in any way violate the legislation since the city authorities have obtained all corresponding permits. According to Klitschko, the city administration has also sought the expert advice of the Ukraine's National Committee of International Council of Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS Ukraine) on the bridge construction project.

“ICOMOS Ukraine confirmed that the construction of the pedestrian bridge will not in any way affect and damage the world heritage site,” stressed Klitschko. “It is of vital importance for us to preserve the universal value of the objects, which are part of the world heritage and this principle guided our project work. This bridge will encourage a higher attendance of global heritage sites in Kyiv by residents and visitors, as well as smarten area around these monuments,” emphasized the mayor of Kyiv. He also remarked that the city closely works with UNESCO and is ready for further expert consultations. The Advisory mission visit to Kyiv was scheduled for in the second half of April.

