

#### KLITSCHKO UNVEILS HIS VISION FOR KYIV'S FUTURE



At the online conference "Mapping the Future of Kyiv" Mayor Vitali Klitschko has unveiled his vision for the nearest future of Kyiv and plans for its' entering into the global Top 100. The virtual conference brought together Leipzig city council officials, representatives of GIZ, the German Society for International Cooperation, experts of the Council of Europe and the World Bank. The attendees discussed four topics, which the municipality plans to address more closely - development of transport and social infrastructure, renovation of the old housing, and clean environment.

"About four billion people live today in major cities and small towns. This figure may reach seven billion over the next 25 years. The future will depend on mega-cities rather than superpowers or merging regions. Mega-cities will drive the development of the whole world, attracting the best talents and resources," said Klitschko.

Kyiv already must devote considerable effort to successfully compete with mega-cities. "This is why my team and I have been developing an ambitious five-year plan on how to make Kyiv one of those top 100 global cities. This is a clear action strategy which is based on our six years of urban management experience and achievements," he underlined.

To make Kyiv greener like Vienna, more liveable like Copenhagen, more romantic like Paris, more business-friendly like London and more popular among tourists like Rome the authority must focus on four key aspects:

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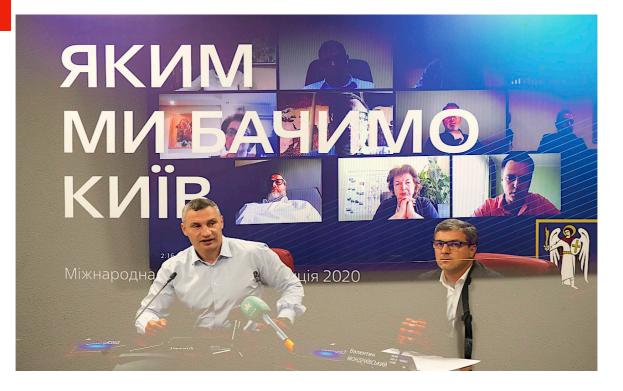
"Transportation system should be drivingfriendly and make a 60-minutes cross-city route possible. To achieve this aim we renovate the road infrastructure, reconstruct bridges and overpasses which have not seen any repairs for decades. Kyiv's road network has a total length of 1667 kilometres and the city has already fixed almost 1,000 km of roads. We will complete the construction of Podilsko-Voskresenskiy bridge which planning reaches back to 1979.

Reconstruction of other bridges across the Dnieper, construction of new overpasses, park-and-ride facilities at the city entrances and cycling paths are also in progress," revealed Klitschko.

Public transport is given priority over cars. By the end of 2021, two new stations of the metro extension to Vynohradar will be completed. More five new stations of the metro extension farther into Troeschyna will follow completion of Podilsko-Voskresenskiy bridge.

Kyiv is stepping up to make the city more liveable. With this in mind, the municipality continues to develop the social infrastructure to make it available in each city district. "Over the last four years we have made a lot of progress. There are 28 newly-built and reconstructed kindergartens and seven schools. Over 40 hospital units and four maternity hospitals have been also renovated and retrofitted. Also, the number of children waitlisted for kindergartens has fallen dramatically by 12,500 kids, and we are working to make waiting lists a thing of the past in the coming years," pointed out the mayor.

It is planned that new developments will bring in new public facilities and a local, onsite infrastructure provided by developers social infrastructure objects, green areas and parking lots.



Klitschko also revealed ambitious plans to develop a big family leisure park located in the Hydropark - the same as Disneyland Park.

Work also continues on plans to develop the city's brownfield land - the so-called 'khruschovka' apartment buildings and former industrial zones. "We are set to limit the height of new buildings in the historic centre and preserve the city's cultural landmarks. To unclog the central streets we want to relocate some administrative buildings to the former industrial zone in Telychka neighbourhood," he said.

Besides, one of the main tasks of the municipality is to improve the environment. It is important not only to safeguard the existing parks and squares but also to establish new ones and increase green spaces. "The reconstructed Dniprovska and Desnyanska waterworks will ensure stable clean water supply. The reconstruction of the Bortnychi wastewater facility will also have a positive impact on the environment of the city. We will further increase the share of renewable energy in the city's energy portfolio and implement energy-efficient projects," revealed Vitali Klitschko.

He reminded that over six past years about 400 parks and squares and eight beaches have been revived. 136 recreational spaces have been given protected green status by the Kyiv City Council.

"This is only a small part of our achievements and a few peeks of our plans. We will make Kyiv a comfortable place for a living, working and leisure. I have lived in many different cities across the world and seen their weak and strong sides. A perfect city hardly exists but this is something we are striving for!" stressed Klitschko.

### KLITSCHKO HOISTS THE LARGEST NATIONAL FLAG



On the hills of Pechersk Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko has inaugurated the largest and tallest flag of Ukraine, which measures 16 by 24 metres. The flag's pole is about 90-metres high and visible from various Kyiv's neighbourhoods. The flag project was sponsored by the philanthropists.

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In attendance for the ceremony also were Ihor Gordiychuk, Commandant of Ivan Bogun Military High School, Mykola Podrezan, a social activist and traveller, Larysa Rusnak, a popular Ukrainian actress as well as ATO veterans, diplomats, famous Ukrainian athletes and cultural leaders, politicians and businessmen. "I am very excited today since I have put lots of effort and time to make the hoisting ceremony happen. It was no easy task, but still, we did it!" said Vitali Klitschko.

He also underlined that the flag is not only a national symbol but also a symbolic talisman that gives courage to battle for freedom and independence of Ukraine in the east.

Ukrainians have carried the national flag on Maidan while defending the democratic freedoms and the European future for Ukraine. The national flag is being raised when students from Ukraine win the international competitions, when Ukrainian



#### "Today I am proud to raise the largest and tallest national flag in Ukraine!"

athletes win gold at world championships and Ukrainian singers win the Eurovision Song Contest. Ukrainian flag is flown not only in our country but also in those most distant corners of the world where Ukrainians live.

"Every time I stepped in the boxing ring, I saw plenty of Ukrainians around waving blue and yellow flags. It gave me strength and determination for sports victories. Because I felt like I belonged in Ukraine," he stressed.

As Klitschko said, small and large flags, tiny and great victories of each Ukrainian are woven together to make up the national flag of Ukraine and our common great victory. "The main flag we are raising today will always remind of it!"

#### PROGRESS ON TWO LARGE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



Borschahivsky overpass which has undergone massive repairs opens back to traffic. "We have constructed literally a new bridge. The overpass has never been renovated since 1967, the year of its construction. It was in a very bad condition from deterioration and could collapse anytime," wrote Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko in a Facebook post.

He revealed, that work crews replaced 23 pillars, 76 beams, renovated the deck, exit ramps and light rail tracks. The overpass has now also new LED lighting and pedestrian sidewalks.

Meanwhile, work on the metro extension to Vynohradar continues. In two weeks contractors plan to start tunnelling between Syrets and Mostytska stations. Due to the lockdown, the representatives of Herrenknecht, the German-based manufacturer of tunnel boring machines could not travel to Kyiv earlier to supervise the assembling and launching a tunnel boring machine. The delay has led to slower project progress but now, according to contractors, it is catching steam to be on track.

The expected rate of tunnelling is 200 metres per month, so it will take six months to complete one of the twin tunnels.

"The municipality which provides regular funding is overseeing this important project to ensure that two new metro stations will open to passengers by the end of 2021," said Vitali Klitschko.

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#### **PEIZAZHNA ALLEY GETTING UPGRADE**

As Kyiv mayor Vitali Klitschko wrote in a Facebook post, the first phase of Peizazhna Alley renovation project has been completed.

"I have inspected the completion of the first phase of Peizazhna Alley renovation project. It includes a stretch from stairs to Gonchari-Kozhum`yaki ravine to the figure of Alice in Wonderland. The Alley has been built about 40 years ago and it was in dire need of an upgrade," he wrote.

The refurbished stretch has now reinforced retaining walls and replaced storm drain pipes, newly paved paths and new benches. It is available for disabled people and has a widened entrance opposite the History Museum.

"We also limited vehicle access to the Alley except for the residents' cars and emergency vehicles," remarked Klitschko.







#### KLITSCHKO: KYIV TACKLES THE MAIN ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

At the first meeting on the EBRD Green Cities Action Plan for Kyiv the mayor of Ukraine's capital city Vitali Klitschko has confirmed the commitment of the municipality to projects related to energy efficiency and the environmental protection.

"In March we signed the Memorandum of Understanding on joining the EBRD Green Cities programme because the environmental challenges are high on our priority list. Unfortunately, those problems have been piling up for decades. By contributing to green projects we are investing in our future and health as well as in the future generations. This is why all urban initiatives are viewed through the lens of environmental consciousness and renewable energy," said Klitschko.

According to him, there are some city's environmental challenges which impact the city's current environmental performance. Among them are the growth of urban transportation, industrial pollution, old road infrastructure and others.

"Kyiv is not unique in this context, many other European capitals face the same challenges. Today we are implementing a number of urban green policy instruments. One of them is the Borthnychi aeration station reconstruction which is the biggest infrastructure projects in Ukraine. This project is secured by a loan from the government of Japan," explained the mayor.

He also reminded that two years ago the municipality discontinued the contract with a privately owned company 'Kyivenergo' and regained control of the municipal heat and power system. Since then the city is investing in its rehabilitation. This year the city starts the replacement of the chemical cleaning exhaust gas system at Energy incineration plant designed to meet the European environmental standards.

"Last year the municipality implemented a solid waste segregation project. The volume of waste that could be recycled is constantly growing. By the year-end there will be 3,600 garbage bins in Kyiv installed for plastic, paper, glass and cans." commented Klitschko. "Also, this year the first stationary air quality monitoring stations will be deployed in Kyiv to provide the real-time air monitoring data and help the pollution reduction," he added.

"These are only a few of our environmental projects. Thanks to the support of our international partners and shared knowledge we will make Kyiv environmentally sustainable," emphasized Vitali Klitschko.