

Kyiv Mayor Newsletter

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CHANGE STARTS WITH KYIV

Klitschko: we garner new ideas in Davos to develop Kyiv

The mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko attended the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting which took place in Davos, Switzerland on January 22-25.

As Vitali Klitschko commented to journalists in Davos, talks and sessions at the World Economic Forum help generate new projects and ideas which Kyiv subsequently brings to life. “Smart City initiatives that Kyiv has been implementing for nearly 4 years now result from some previous Davos successful negotiations. Back then we made an arrangement with SAP, a German-based company which provided its expertise to introduce the first Smart City project - Open Budget. Two years ago, after my meeting with UBER officials here UBER kick-started its taxi service in Kyiv. It was in Davos that I met IKEA representatives and this year the retailer opens its first shop in Kyiv. IKEA’s entry into Ukraine sends out a positive signal for other big investment players,” remarked Klitschko. “I am pleased to tell that Kyiv leads the way as a destination city over a few past years, welcoming 60% of total investment in Ukraine. And we continue to encourage and secure new investment, brand-new innovations to improve our city,” he said.



Together with his brother Wladimir the mayor also participated in a panel discussion “Smart City. Smart Sport” hosted by Ukraine House Davos. “Davos is a platform where so many key policy-makers and influencers from all over the world gather and discuss the top global challenges - political, economic, governance. One of them which cities face today globally is making their residents’ life more enjoyable and comfortable. And the latest innovations are significantly rewarding in it,” remarked Klitschko. “Kyivans expect me as a mayor of the capital city to provide comfort and excellent services. And I do everything to achieve this,” stressed Vitali Klitschko.

In Davos Klitschko also held a number of meetings with international business community.

Klitschko meets mayors of Davos and St. Gallen



At the WEF Vitali Klitschko took part in a panel discussion ‘Smart Financing for Smart Cities’ hosted by Davos municipal council and featuring mayors of Davos and St. Gallen as well as representatives of big financial institutions.

“Innovative management technology solutions become increasingly important and we have to broaden our cooperation to make our cities ‘smarter’. Kyiv has been implementing Smart City initiatives for nearly 4 years now,” remarked Klitschko. “As of now we have incorporated plenty of technological solutions into urban environment: City Data Centre, Kyiv resident card, online booking medical appointments and kindergarten enrollment scheme, Safe City surveillance network, e-petitions and many other. We are continuing with plans to further make Kyiv smarter and exchange helpful ideas with other cities. Same as we are doing right now here, in Davos,” he emphasized.

The mayor of St. Gallen Thomas Scheitlin presented the innovations of ‘Smart City - Made in Switzerland’ which are currently being implemented by the Swiss. Discussion focused on how best cities can broaden the network of cooperation in order to develop and scale up innovative urban management solutions as

well as financing instruments.

“We discussed how to scale up the smart city concept which is on-trend now. It is an effective urban development and management model to improve urban administration, increase the quality of life in the city and deliver more comfortable tailored city services to the residents. Kyiv is one of such smart cities,” emphasized Klitschko.

‘Smart’ technologies and digitization of various fields were the emphasis of plenty Davos happenings this year.

At Davos Forum Klitschko discusses support for Ukraine with politicians and business chiefs

At meetings with European politicians and representatives of big global companies at the WEF annual meeting in Davos the mayor of Kyiv has discussed the support for Ukraine and its European path as well as the implementation of new projects. At the event traditionally hosted by the Washington Post US newspaper he met with Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz and the new chair of Germany’s Christian Democratic Union party Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer.



“Attending such major events which bring together so many global key politicians and influencers is so important! First of all, politics is about personal interactions, personal networking. All these meetings should benefit both Ukraine and its capital city,” stressed Klitschko. “I met Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer and congratulated her on her election as the CDU chair. I expressed my hopes that the party and Germany will maintain its policy stance towards Ukraine and their championing of our political and economical aspirations, as everyone welcomes Ukraine’s stability and prosperity.

In talking with Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz we discussed Ukraine's further progress and the upcoming elections. Our friends are concerned that elections might endanger the stability of our country and cause turmoil. Sebastian Kurz voiced again the full support for Ukraine and promised to visit Kyiv this year. He also invited me to attend the next congress of the Austrian People's Party which he chairs," told Klitschko.

Also at the Polish House in Davos the mayor of Kyiv met with the Prime Minister of Poland Mateusz Morawiecki.

At the meeting with CEO of SAP William McDermott Klitschko discussed new technology projects tailored specially to Kyiv and their practical implementation. The German company has already helped Ukraine's capital city to introduce an Open Budget within the Smart City system.

Also at the WEF meeting in Davos the mayor of Kyiv attended the Ukrainian Breakfast. This year the participants have been discussing how Ukraine can deal with challenges facing the nation in the year of upcoming elections.

"The danger represented by the Russian aggression is huge. Moreover, there are a lot of challenges in the domestic situation. Upcoming presidential and parliamentary elections mean a lot for the future of the country. First, it is important that conduct of elections is carried out according to the highest democratic standards. The second important thing is the readiness and ability of the winner to protect our national interests and strengthen the process of reforms," remarked Vitali Klitschko.



City celebrates rescue fleet boost



Kyiv rescue fleet gets a boost. Munich city council which is the sister city of Kyiv has allocated €1 million for the purchase and further refurbishment of six rescue fire trucks. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) announced bid for them, that was won by a German company. Rescue trucks were officially put into service at the unveiling ceremony in Kyiv.

“Through the partnership with our German friends today Kyiv rescuers receive the most necessary vehicles and life-saving equipment. Rescue teams have a lot of work, but their equipment is outdated. Though such trucks are very expensive, we look to update the fleet gradually,” remarked Klitschko.

Though German vehicles are not brand-new, they are reliable, in excellent condition, technically upgraded and newly equipped. These are specialty vehicles, used for various emergency/hazards purposes, with a control room or command centre. There is a rig with a locator for Urban Search and Rescue operations, 2 ladder rigs (with 32- meter long ladders) and a platform truck. Two more vehicles customized for fire departments and rescue crews are fitted with light and air units.

“I cannot say thank you enough to Dieter Reiter, mayor of Munich. And we greatly appreciate all our reliable partners and friends from GIZ and the German Embassy who always support us and contribute to changing Kyiv for the better,” stressed Klitschko at the unveiling ceremony.

GIZ is a Government company which operates across the globe and supports the German Government in achieving its objectives in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development and international education. GIZ offers tailored solutions for political, economic and social development in a globalized world. The GIZ office in Kyiv opened in 2009.

Klitschko inspects the revamped Children Clinical Hospital No. 4

As Vitali Klitschko remarked during his inspection of the retrofitted and refurbished departments of Children Clinical Hospital No. 4, one of the tasks of Kyiv authorities is to ensure that people seeking medical care can get an effective treatment and feel comfortable.

The hospital provides healthcare services to residents of five biggest city districts. 210 thousand children passed through the hospital last year.

“The hospital underwent major upgrade of polyclinic premises, a thermal upgrade and replacement of the windows and doors that allowed to cut heating bills by €700,000 annually. The city also installed a hospital elevator,” stressed Klitschko.

Renovated at a cost of €17 million, the hospital has installed 10 million modern equipment.

Two children swimming pools started recently following a massive restoration after over 15 years of dilapidation. Now the pools can admit over 100 kids for rehabilitation every day.



“Medical staff here have never dared hope of such modern, up-to-date medical equipment. Last year the city handed over a very expensive ultrasound equipment to our hospital which we have dreamt of,” noted the chief of the hospital staff Valentina Zaleska.

Now up to 300 children per day are expected to undergo rehabilitation at the updated clinic, in compliance with modern standards of physiotherapy, balneology, mud treatment and relaxation. Improvements also include new comfortable disability-friendly family rooms and baby stroller parking.

The mayor emphasized that online patient appointment scheduling is now available at Children Clinical Hospital No. 4 as well as other city healthcare facilities.

Moreover the mayor reviewed progress on project of a new city emergency hospital located on the right bank (of the Dnipro river). According to Klitschko, no emergency and urgent care health facility is reasonably available to the residents of the right bank neighbourhoods. “What we are doing now is revamp and repair of old hospital buildings. Now we are to construct a brand new facility. Construction works will start this spring,” remarked Klitschko.

Podilsko-Voskresenskiy bridge open to traffic in about 2 years



The mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko unveiled plans to open Podilsko-Voskresenskiy bridge to motor vehicle traffic in about two years.

“Works on installing bridge tying cords are already underway. There are only rusty temporary work trestles. In summer they will be removed and we all see what a beautiful bridge it is!” said Klitschko. “It will be a double-decked bridge, with upper level for automotive traffic and lower level for metro rail tracks.”

According to Mayor, the city must allocate further seven billion hryvnas on top of five billion already been spent on construction. “When funds are available, we will unveil the bridge in about two years. Afterwards we can talk of building a subway line to Troeschyna neighbourhood, which is most awaited by Troeschyna residents. Many previous mayors have made big promises to finish the bridge. I promised the same thing and I am committed to keep my promise,” emphasized Klitschko.

Klitschko meets the Austrian National Council President Wolfgang Sobotka



The mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko met the President of the Austrian National Council President Wolfgang Sobotka who has traveled to Kyiv for an official visit.

At the meeting Klitschko and Sobotka discussed the important issues of the Ukrainian-Austrian cooperation as well the current political situation in Ukraine and Kyiv before the presidential and parliamentary election.

Klitschko thanked for consistent support of Austria in championing the European path of Ukraine. Also he told about the changes the city has implemented over the past four years, Kyiv's attractiveness for investors and outlined the city's further plans.

In turn, Wolfgang Sobotka remarked that Austria continues to watch Ukraine closely because political stability in Ukraine is important for Austria.