

Kyiv Mayor Newsletter

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CHANGE STARTS WITH KYIV

Klitschko represented the capital city of Ukraine at property conference MIPIM in Cannes

On March 13-14 the mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko showcased the capital of Ukraine at the international property summit MIPIM hosted in Cannes. This year MIPIM brought together over 24,000 attendees including the most influential developers, major players of the international business, industry and logistics.

At the opening ceremony Vitali Klitschko positioned Kyiv as an investment hotspot and pointed out that during the past 3 years Kyiv has led the way as a destination city, welcoming more than a half of total investment in Ukraine.



«Kyiv is the first Ukrainian city successfully integrating advanced technology trends. IT along with city transport and tourist infrastructure renovation, housing and utilities upgrading, as well as healthcare and education are key investment-attractive spheres,» stressed Klitschko.

Vitali Klitschko showcased a number of projects, which Kyiv offers to sponsor this year, in particular, construction of an aerial cableway to connect the People's Friendship Arch and Trukhaniv Island, construction of Pyrohovo all-the-year-round ski resort complex, establishment of a healthcare center and a private education facility, and development of Kyiv Business Harbour Industrial Park project.

«We focus on preservation and careful restoration of Kyiv historical landmarks, to ensure that our Smart City development strategy and technological innovations are based on appreciation of our heritage,» pointed out Klitschko.



Besides, he gave examples of fruitful cooperation of the City with private businesses and as well as investment projects successfully implemented in previous years. «The most significant of them is UNIT.City Innovation Park which aims to become a unique city in the city with an established business ecosystem for IT and creative industries businesses. Moreover, thanks to attracted investments some new residential complexes, shopping malls, office property, and hotels have been constructed in Kyiv,» he said.

He emphasized that the milestones of the city investment attraction policy are and will remain the same: simplified procedures for investors, transparency and accountability of the city authorities. «Kyiv has a great ambition of becoming a leader in renovation and transformation, more attractive and comfortable place to live in, which meets the highest standards of living. And we are not going to slow down the pace. I encourage you to invest into Kyiv - one of the most attractive and promising cities of the Eastern Europe,» highlighted Vitali Klitschko, «We remain committed to supporting all those who invest into Kyiv development. And I want to emphasize the seriousness of my personal commitment as the mayor to offer a warm welcome and opportunity and support for entrepreneurs and be a guarantor for all foreign investors,» addressed Vitali Klitschko to the potential investors.

At the panel session which took place at property conference MIPIM Kyiv mayor spoke to the challenges which arise before Ukraine and can impact on its European neighboring states.

«Challenges confronting Ukraine must neither retard nor deter our progress of the reformation of Ukraine, of combating corruption, or urban development. Significant and tangible results of the ongoing reforms are the keys to solving our most pressing challenges,» declared Vitali Klitschko in his speech.



Klitschko pointed out, that these are joint threats for both Ukraine and the whole European community. «Located at the center of Europe, Ukraine is critical for the stability of the whole Europe,» noted the mayor. He reminded that today Ukraine defends its sovereignty and territorial integrity with weapon in hand. Russia has annexed Crimea and invaded Donbas where the hostilities have been ongoing since 2014. The mayor stressed that aggression of Russia against Ukraine challenges the European and global security, as well as the rules and standards of international law. «Global and European peace and security are the most daunting questions nowadays. The whole world must join its efforts for searching an efficient mechanism to restrain and prevent aggression,» he added.

Klitschko underlined that today Ukraine faces enormous challenges. «But we understand, fully, that the only way forward for us is successful implementation of reforms and sustained transformation processes. The only way to move forward is to strengthen our statehood and pursue the European path,» stressed the mayor and added that Russian aggression must neither retard nor deter our progress of the reformation of Ukraine.

Klitschko also updated the audience on the latest developments and explained why Kyiv is an investment hotspot. «As mayor of the capital city I work hard to transform Kyiv into prosperous European city,» he said.

At MIPIM Vitali Klitschko held a number of meetings, in particular, with Gunther Adler, State Secretary at

the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety of Germany, mayors of Poznan and Leipzig as well as big international business community.

MIPIM: Kyiv ranks third for cost effectiveness in Top 3 Major European Cities of the Future 2018/19



The mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko has received the award of the Foreign Direct Investment Magazine in its ranking «Major European Cities of the Future 2018/19». The city of Kyiv was ranked third for cost effectiveness and entered top 10 for FDI strategy. The award ceremony of the ranking took place at property conference MIPIM in Cannes, France.

The ranking jury recognized the capital of Ukraine for its attractiveness as an investment destination and strategy for attracting foreign direct investment.

Vitali Klitschko thanked for recognizing the efforts and prospects of Kyiv and noted that promotion and attraction of investment are among priorities in his work. «At all international events and gatherings which I attend I always communicate with potential investors and urge them to invest into the City. What is important is that the City develops further, becoming increasingly more comfortable and modern and meeting all criteria of European capital city,» stressed Klitschko. «And its recognition by global experts as an attractive investment destination attests that we are heading in the right direction. Besides, it sends a positive signal for foreign entrepreneurs about our investment prospects,» said the mayor.

Foreign Direct Investment Magazine is a foreign direct investment publication (the subsidiary of the Financial Times).

Memorandum of Cooperation signed between Kyiv authorities and Ministry of Economic Development and Trade concerning Public Private Partnerships

The mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko and First Vice Prime Minister – Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine Stepan Kubiv signed a Memorandum of Cooperation to promote the Public Private Partnerships between the City authorities and the Ministry.

«I feel certain that this MoC is the first step to join forces with Ministry of Economic Development to implement PPP projects targeted for Kyiv residents. The capital city will take the lead over other Ukrainian cities on implementation of large-scale infrastructure, education and public healthcare projects, overcoming at the same time a lack of budgeting » said Klitschko.

Besides, the mayor pointed out that the City remains committed to ensure a transparent, corruption-free and business-friendly environment. «We fully understand that development is rather impossible without investments and we work hard to attract investment funding for the city projects. Investment creates jobs, ensures the inflow of funds into economy and taxation and boosts the development of both the City and the whole country,» added Klitschko.

Also he reminded that during the past 3 years Kyiv has led the way as a destination city, welcoming more than a half of total investment in Ukraine.



Klitschko: Kyiv gets ready to host a major boxing event - the 56th WBC Convention

The mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko announced that in autumn Kyiv will play host to a major boxing event - the 56th WBC Convention.

«From September 30 to October 5 professional boxing stars, federation presidents of WBC member countries, boxing promoters, referees and officials will gather together in the capital of Ukraine for the most important boxing meeting of the year. While hosting WBC Convention for the first time, Kyiv will show off its best side and pamper the guests with traditional Ukrainian hospitality,» stressed the mayor.



The Convention will bring together over 600 participants from over 100 countries and provide a space for networking, furthering their work and meet-ups. Besides, the guests will be able to learn more about Ukrainian culture and traditions.

The mayor of Kyiv, the WBC «Eternal World Champion» Vitali Klitschko has personally negotiated the right to host the 56th WBC Convention in Kyiv.

In Berlin Klitschko signed Memorandum of Cooperation to further implement Kyiv Smart City projects

On March 22-23 the mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko paid a working visit to Germany.

In Berlin he and a Germany-based company Atene KOM GmbH. signed a Memorandum of Cooperation to expand Smart City projects in Kyiv. The signing ceremony took place in the Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure of Germany. Cooperation aims to further implement Smart City projects to provide safety and comfort to Kyiv residents.

«Kyiv successfully introduces the latest smart city technologies into all core city spheres. The first project we have launched is the Open Budget. Also we have already incorporated the application system of online petitions to the City Council and the Safe City Project. Besides, Administrative Services Centres operate as part of Kyiv Smart City. And we work further to make Kyiv «smarter»,» noted Klitschko. « MoC envisages concrete solutions to accelerate the implementation of digital projects. This month the first pool of experts from Atene KOM GmbH. will come to Kyiv and start working,» emphasized Vitali Klitschko.



Klitschko feels certain that the support and help of German colleagues will enable Kyiv to accelerate the incorporation of digital technologies into city management to provide safety and comfort to Kyiv residents.

Atene KOM GmbH. is a Berlin-based company with offices all over Germany and in Brussels. The company has over 10 years of experience in providing a broad range of services and solutions in regional

development, digital infrastructure, energy efficiency and education. Moreover, the company coordinates and implements EU projects, guides federal funding, deals with project and financial management and training.

«We are delighted to advance our digital agenda in partnership with Kyiv. As a major player in regional development, our primary concern is benefits from smart city solutions and digital infrastructure for the City residents,» pointed out Tim Brauckmüller, managing partner of Atene KOM GmbH.

Vitali Klitschko thanked his German partners and pointed out, that the biggest contributor and supporter of this cooperation project who made it happen was the State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure of Germany Rainer Bomba.

Besides, Mayor Klitschko joined Elmar Brok for a panel discussion «Ukraine: Caught in a Crisis?» hosted jointly in Berlin by GIZ and Der Tagesspiegel newspaper.

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 tailor-made solutions in political, economic and social change processes in a globalized world. The GIZ office in Kyiv opened in 2009.

Klitschko: City in negotiations with German partners to improve Pidhirtsi landfill safety

As part of cooperation between Kyiv authorities and the German Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, German partners expressed their willingness to help enhance a safety of Pidhirtsi landfill # 5. And Kyiv is currently negotiating the ways of such cooperation.



It was announced by the mayor Klitschko after his meeting with the State Secretary of the Ministry Gunther Adler and his visit to a state-of-the-art solid waste management facility in Rosenow, northern Germany.

German experts scrutinized the Pidhirtsi landfill and submitted their findings and recommendations on this issue. The most immediate action is to install technological equipment to ensure a homogeneous composition of the landfill and prevent its dangerous interference with the environment.

«This is a very interesting example of how 5 districts of northern Germany joined up and formed a joint secure landfill and waste company to process the waste in an eco-efficient and safe way,» explained Klitschko, «Currently we are exploring the expertise and solutions to waste management in various countries and we will adopt an optimal decision on technologies and safety measures for Pidhirtsi landfill,» pointed out the mayor.

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«According to German experts, the Pidhirtsi landfill has accumulated ca. 1 million m³ of toxic leachate. Our German partners assessed the situation and determined an optimized leachate treatment strategy. Our top priority right now is to attract investments to introduce new technology and install an equipment. And we are working on it,» stressed Vitali Klitschko after the attending Rosenow solid waste management plant.

The City and the Ministry of Ecology of Ukraine to outline a road map for addressing the City environmental concerns

The City authorities and Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine will outline a road map for addressing Kyiv's environmental concerns, as discussed in the meeting of the mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko and the Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources Ostap Semerak.

As agreed, a working group will be set up to make a decision and draft guidelines on each separate facility due to their specific nature.

In particular, this refers to Radikal and Radon state plants, Energiya incineration plant and Darnitsa thermal power plant.

Earlier the City set out an 2017-2025 Action Plan which aims at a total overhaul of Energiya incineration plant to make it more environmental-friendly. According to the Action Plan, Darnitsa thermal power plant will launch a new ash handling system and start a reclamation of an ash disposal site.

Kyiv and the Métropole du Grand Paris signed the Joint Communiqué on Agglomeration



Kyiv and the Greater Paris Metropolitan Area signed the Joint Communiqué to strengthen their cooperation on agglomeration development, enhance the efficiency and innovative capacity of regional development, assist cultural exchange and attract investments. The Communiqué was signed following a roundtable “Greater Paris – Greater Kyiv” as part of the official visit of Le Grand Paris delegation to Kyiv at the invitation of Mayor Klitschko and with assistance of the Alliance for Investment Solutions.

Among the issues discussed were decentralization, community development, setting up and further growth of urban agglomeration.

Vitali Klitschko pointed out that both the capital city and its suburbs and smaller adjunct towns are interested in integration within an urban agglomeration. «We need to use the best European experience, particularly French,» said Klitschko.

Kyiv mayor stressed that the City must accelerate the settlement of pending Kyiv urban agglomeration issue. According to Klitschko, every day almost a half a million people from suburbs and smaller adjunct towns commute to Kyiv and exploit metropolitan infrastructure and social facilities. «I stand for drafting a by-law for Association for cities, towns, and villages which cluster around Kyiv. We have already tackled this issue and must move on. Integration of cities within an urban agglomeration will positively affect both Kyiv and cities located around its` beltway. United we are stronger and can achieve more success,» said Kyiv mayor.

Klitschko is confident, that both communities of Kyiv and its suburbs have to boost collaboration to solve common problems shared by both Kyivans and suburban residents, in particular concerning roads and utilities condition, public transport coordination, etc.

«Amalgamation of local communities must match the growth of cities,» said Vitali Klitschko. As an example Vitali Klitschko noted, that despite the need in new entry points to the capital city, Kyiv cannot construct them due to subordination of this territory to Kyiv regional council. Or despite the housing construction boom, there is a lack of social infrastructure.

He thanked his French colleagues for their interest and visit to Kyiv, and the helpful dialogue underway at this time.

The Greater Paris Metropolitan Area comprises 135 communes. The population of the metropolis reached 7.5 million people. Its GDP accounts for 25% of the national GDP.

Kyiv sets trend in a quality and scale of road repairs

Last year the City Council repaired 25 major highways and maintained 93 overpasses and 20 inner-block passages, inner courtyards and driveways.



“Kyiv will not slow down the pace of road renovation. We inherited roads in a terrible state, some of them had not been repaired for 30-40 years. Let me remind that in 2016 we fixed 200 km of roads, and in 2017 some 300 km. And we are planning to rehabilitate over 300 km roads this year,” said the mayor.

According to the authorities, if the City keeps up the pace of road renewal set previously, the City roads will meet the European standards of road quality in 2-3 years. The City deals with not only new road surfaces, but also footways and the surrounding infrastructure.

It is worth pointing out, that the Kyiv urban myth about repaired potholes which are breaking again within 6 months, does not reflect the reality of the situation. The City authorities closely supervise the quality of new road surfaces and cost-effectiveness of roads overhaul. Klitschko emphasized that contractors offer a 5-year warranty on new roads, and if the road surface is damaged, the contractors will replace the lost surface material or do repairs at their own expense.

Vitali Klitschko noted, that in the first place Kyivans should assess the quality of road improvement. Kyiv sets trend in a quality and scale of road repairs among other Ukrainian cities.

Memorandum of Cooperation signed between Kyiv authorities and related State agencies concerning Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Centre



The mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko and heads of related State agencies signed a Memorandum of Cooperation to establish in Kyiv Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Centre. «We are honored to be joined in signing the MoC by both the Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Education,» said Klitschko and added that the best way to implement this project is to combine efforts of all related authorities. «We have to understand our history in order to not repeat the mistakes of the past. We want to commemorate the victims of the Nazi atrocities, when people were murdered due to their ethnicity, nationality or race,» emphasized Vitali Klitschko.

He pointed out, that establishing Babyn Yar Memorial is among his top mayoral priorities and reminded that among the countries which have a national Holocaust memorials are Israel, Poland, the United States, and Germany. «There are many museums and memorials around the world dedicated to the memory of the Holocaust. But until recently, Kyiv has lacked a monument to honour the victims the Babyn Yar massacre. We must make it right,» he added.

He announced that it is a joint responsibility for all MoC participants to construct a museum as well as contribute valuable content which ensures that the lessons of this most horrible global tragedy remain within the national consciousness for generations to come. «Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Centre in Kyiv has to be on a par with Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington. As mayor I will work hard to implement this project. I feel confident that as many people as possible should volunteer the project,» pointed out Klitschko.

According to the mayor, work is well advanced on the Memorial. Prominent Ukrainian and international philanthropists, historians, educators, and civil society actors have already teamed up to make the Memorial a symbol of remembrance and honour to victims of Babyn Yar and the Righteous Among the Nations.

Klitschko met the students of London School of Economics



The mayor of the capital city Vitali Klitschko had a meeting with students of LSE Grimshaw International Relations Club whilst their stay in Ukraine. Students were interested both in economic and political issues. In particular, they enquired about the current situation in the country, conflict in eastern Ukraine and how Ukraine can restore the peace in Donbas and take back Crimea.

Speaking of the armed conflict in Donbas, Klitschko pointed out, that it has everything to do with

propaganda, financial support and weapon transfers by Russia. «Everyone understands that this conflict have no regional dimension. This is a conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Our state is pursuing a European path, and Russia aspires to restore the empire,» stressed Klitschko. «The conflict in eastern Ukraine is triggered by Russian propaganda, money injections and weapon transfers,» explained Vitali Klitschko to LSE students.

He pointed out, that the only way to end the war in Donbas and win back Crimea is to achieve a success - both economic and political. «One question I am asked very often is how to win back Crimea and stop conflict in the East. I feel certain: the best answer to our enemies and friends is our economic and political success. It's not an easy task, because we inherited an old, bureaucratic and corrupted system which we strive to change. We must implement all necessary reforms and transformations,» believes Vitali Klitschko.

Also he pointed out, that Russia is meddling in the internal affairs of Ukraine. «Russia continues to meddle in internal affairs of Ukraine. It seeks to destroy Ukraine from inside. This is a hybrid war. A warfare which blends arms and a propaganda and a populism,» he summarized.

Besides, Vitali Klitschko told the students how the City manages to supplement budget, reduce external debt, repair roads, construct schools and kindergartens and install Smart City projects.

