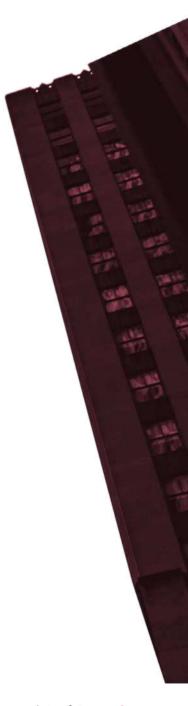
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Dr. Cyrus de la Rubia, Chief Economist and Head of Research at Hamburg Commercial Bank - Germany, explores the potential future of inflation. Eduardo Saravia, Chief Economist of Sound Diplomacy and Member of the expert facilities of UNESCO, emphasizes the need for proactive cultural policies.





## **Investment Nanny Debuting: How Ukraine Attracts Investments for Infrastructure Recovery**

kraine continues to implement mechanisms to stimulate investment projects aimed at economic development and resilience during wartime. Among these are projects with significant investments in various industry sectors, known as "investment nannies" ("Investment Projects").

Although the law regulating these mechanisms has been in effect since 2021, the first projects are only now being implemented, which is promising news for both foreign and domestic investors.

The first project has already received a positive assessment from the Ministry of Economy and is awaiting the signing of the investment agreement. Ten additional projects are currently being prepared for submission or are under review (Information available on the Government webportal **HERE**). Investment Projects are also gaining attention for their potential role in creating a network of waste processing plants across Ukraine over the next six years, a venture requiring more than 5 billion euros (Information available on the Government web-portal **HERE**).

The recent increase in activity is driven by several factors, including the allocation of approximately 65 million euros in this year's state budget to fund Investment Projects, as well as the introduction of regulatory measures for securing funds to develop infrastructure projects and connect them to engineering and transport networks (Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine Resolutions No. 292 dated March 15, 2024, and No. 468 dated April 26, 2024).

Investment Projects may be implemented in various industry sectors, including manufacturing, biogas and biomethane production, extraction and processing of minerals, waste management, transportation, warehousing, and others. To take advantage of state benefits, investors must ensure an investment of at least 12 million euros and complete the project within five years. The implementation of projects is based on a special investment agreement

concluded with the Ministry of Economy for a term of up to 15 years.

State support for Investment Projects can cover up to 30% of the total project budget, including:

- Funding or reimbursement of costs for constructing engineering and transport infrastructure and connecting to it:
- Reduction or exemption from land tax or lease payments;
- Tax and customs reliefs for up to five years, including exemptions from corporate income tax, VAT and customs duties on imported equipment (currently these tax and customs reliefs are granted until January 1, 2035);
- Exemption from loss compensation in forestry production.

These benefits are not only available for new Investment Projects, but also for those launched up to 18 months prior to applying for state support.

Among these Investment Projects' other significant advantages is the ability of Investors to implement projects independently, without the mandatory involvement of third parties such as management companies or initiators, as is required for industrial parks. Additionally, investors have the right to acquire land lease rights for these projects through a simplified procedure, without land auctions, and can later purchase the land.

The development of Investment Projects under the "investment nannies" program signals an improving investment climate in Ukraine, even amid wartime challenges. These mechanisms not only open new opportunities for industrial development but also provide investors with substantial state-backed incentives. By fostering a more attractive environment for both foreign and domestic investors, these initiatives are poised to play a critical role in Ukraine's economic recovery and growth.



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# • INTEGRITES Advises Ukrainian Subsidiary of Peikko Group Corporation (Finland) on Launching Production in Ukraine.

INTEGRITES has assisted the client with drafting, negotiating and execution of a build-to-suit pre-lease and main lease agreements for a 2,400 m<sup>2</sup> plant for the production of concrete joints and composite structures within Bila Tserkva Industrial Park nearby Kyiv. The site to be built is expected to produce 2500 tonnes of goods annually and create up to 30 jobs.

INTEGRITES will advise Peikko Ukraine on all further stages of the project, including construction and commissioning of the production facility scheduled for spring 2025.

### • INTEGRITES Assists UAID Fund in Financing the Reconstruction of a Destroyed Shopping Mall in Kyiv Region.

INTEGRITES supported UAID Fund, US-based private investor focused on rebuilding Ukraine's middle-market commercial and residential real estate, within the transaction on the provision of a cross-border financing for the reconstruction of the 6,500 m<sup>2</sup> Giraffe Mall in Irpin, Kyiv Region.

The Giraffe Mall was one of the first targets of the Russian troops during their attempt to occupy Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, in February – March 2022. It was the scene of the battle which was ultimately fought back by the Ukrainian forces and later followed by the deoccupation of the capital region, including towns of Irpin and Bucha.

### · INTEGRITES Advised American University Kyiv on Real Estate Issues Related to Opening Campus in Kyiv.

INTEGRITES assessed the lease agreement and developed additional agreements to it in response to the changes in the building's renovation plan.

The firm was heavily involved in negotiations pertaining to these additional agreements. The team also provided legal analysis in regard to the arrangement of bomb shelters in order to ensure seamless educational process at the AUK.

### • INTEGRITES Announces New Female Partner to Lead Real Estate, Construction and Infrastructure Practice.

Anna Pogrebna becomes the 14th partner in the Kyiv office of INTEGRITES effective April 2024. She brings to the firm more than 25 years of practicing law, 20 of which – in international and local law firms, advising multinational and domestic clients on large transactions and deals with financing, M&A and tax aspects involved.