

# Rapid assistance and long-term prospects for Ukrainians

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH stands firmly with its Ukrainian partners on behalf of the German Government, the EU and other donors. GIZ not only provides urgently needed humanitarian assistance in times of war, but also concentrates its efforts on initial reconstruction of the country. In all of its activities, GIZ has a sharp focus on Ukraine's accession to the EU.

With around 30 years of experience in the country and a nationwide network of partners, GIZ aligns its work with the needs of the people in Ukraine transparently and in a tailored manner. It does this in four thematic areas:

GIZ supports communities in the early stages of **MUNICIPAL RECONSTRUCTION** and advises on **GOOD GOVERNANCE**. Strong municipalities are essential for providing services to the community and for reconstruction. GIZ therefore works with all non-Russian occupied Ukrainian municipalities and supports the implementation of infrastructure projects, such as rebuilding schools that have been destroyed. It also advises local authorities on making their services for citizens more efficient and digital and provides training for administrative staff.

GIZ assists with providing the population with medical and social care for a **RESILIENT SOCIETY**. To improve the living conditions of Ukrainians affected by the war, it offers extensive medical and psychosocial services, particularly for children and young people. It also provides support to rebuild hospitals and equip them with modern medical technology. Together with its Ukrainian partners, it is developing an effective disaster management system.

GIZ is committed to improving **ENERGY SECURITY** and **CLIMATE ACTION**. It advises its Ukrainian partners on how the energy system can be made greener and more resilient. To this end, it supports municipal authorities and companies with energy-saving measures and trains specialist staff in approaches to environmentally friendly construction and renovation. To secure the energy supply in times of crisis it procures power generators for hospitals and urgently needed building materials to repair damaged power lines.

GIZ promotes **SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** so that people have an income and prospects. To secure jobs, it advises small and medium-sized companies on tapping into new markets and provides funding quickly. Many skilled workers have left the country on account of the war, so GIZ is training new and urgently needed specialists in reconstruction – whether for health care or the construction industry.

In all these activities, GIZ is supporting Ukraine on its path to **EU ACCESSION**. It advises the Ukrainian Government on necessary reforms, for example in the areas of local self-government, the rule of law, trade facilitation, energy regulation and climate action. It also provides support to create the conditions required for reform plans to be implemented. This includes the reform of Ukraine's environmental protection agency, for example, and the creation of accreditation bodies that, in future, will be able to certify products from Ukrainian companies in line with EU standards.



GIZ is focusing on Ukraine as a whole and is working in all parts of the country not under Russian occupation. Above all, it relies on close cooperation with local authorities, as they have had a crucial role to play since the outbreak of the war and in the initial reconstruction process: they need to rebuild schools and hospitals, care for internally displaced people and ensure that energy and water supplies are operational. Together with local decision-makers, GIZ ensures that the needs of the local population are considered, particularly those of disadvantaged groups such as children, internally displaced people and those with disabilities. Thanks to close dialogue with citizens, projects can be implemented with precision and transparency.

### Rapid assistance since the outbreak of war

When Russia's war of aggression began, GIZ supported Ukrainian municipalities in supplying the population with urgently needed materials. It provided around 300,000 internally displaced people with essential goods including food and clothing and set up emergency shelters. Hospitals received around 250,000 medical items and medicines. In cooperation with German municipalities, equipment for disaster control was organised, including fire service equipment, mini excavators and clearing machinery. The communities most affected by the war have also received tools and building materials to repair electricity and heating systems, including around 3,000 generators, which today continue to supply energy to hospitals and administrative and community centres. Around 300 vocational schools were provided with IT equipment and teaching materials, allowing them to continue training skilled workers – particularly for reconstruction.

### At a glance

**Objective** Promote the reconstruction of Ukraine in a sustainable and citizen-oriented manner and pave the country's way to EU accession – building a liveable future for all Ukrainians.

- Topics**
- Good governance
  - Resilient society
  - Energy and climate change mitigation
  - Sustainable economic development

**Commission volume** EUR 625 million

**Number of projects** 45

**Commissioning parties/financiers** German Government, EU, Denmark, Switzerland, Poland

**Partners** Ukrainian ministries, municipalities and NGOs

**Project staff** 560 employees



#### GIZ Ukraine

In its role as a highly effective implementing organisation, GIZ is already supporting Ukraine's reconstruction efforts. The focus is on building municipal and social infrastructure, ensuring reliable energy supplies and strengthening the Ukrainian economy. At the same time, GIZ is supporting the country on its path towards EU accession. It provides advice on necessary reforms and drives the modernisation of public administration. Its decades-long record of cooperation and a network spanning the entire country mean that GIZ is well placed to offer tailored support that is both forward-looking and responsive to citizens' needs. Around 470 Ukrainian and 90 international staff work for GIZ in Ukraine, in about 45 projects. The total volume of commissions amounts to some EUR 625 million.

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