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Information for applicants

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Ukraine's population of 44 million share the second largest territorial state in Europe. The official language is Ukrainian, though some speak Russian. Ukraine gained independence in 1991. Geographically it is largely made up of flatlands and high plateaus. The Kyiv region is the largest urban centre, with a population of roughly 3 million. Besides the Kyiv office, some GIZ staff members work in Donetsk, Dnipro, Lviv (and Kharkiv).

Medical care

Medical services are not always up to Western European standards but are relatively good. Not all doctors speak Central European foreign languages. As a result, you should take sufficient quantities of any medication you require regularly with you from Germany. There is, however, a comprehensive network of pharmacies. No mandatory vaccinations are required for Ukraine. The German Federal Foreign Office recommends the standard vaccinations in accordance with the Robert Koch Institute's latest immunisation schedule. You and your family will receive a comprehensive health check when you sign the contract. Kyiv has several hospitals, including a children's hospital. There are health centres nationwide, some of which are supported by international aid organisations.

Living locally, finding accommodation

Ukraine offers a wide range of leisure activities (e.g. water sports activities on the Black Sea coast or climbing and winter sports in the Carpathian Mountains). The cuisine is varied, and the people set great store by hospitality. Ukraine has 16 public holidays each year.

In recent years, rents in the major cities have increased considerably, and there is a shortage of good accommodation. Due to the ageing infrastructure, there can be problems with the supply of electricity, water and gas.

DSL broadband is available in major cities, and the internet is accessible via mobile phone networks in other areas.

Due to the poor road conditions, you should avoid cross-country drives at night. If possible, always park your vehicles in car parks with attendants.

Shops and services

Everyday items are readily available. You can shop at central department stores or markets, for example.

The exchange rate fluctuates and is roughly EUR 1 = 31 hryvnia (UAH) (as of 11/2017). You will have no problems exchanging euros or dollars. Some businesses accept credit card payment with Visa or MasterCard. Transferring money is a straightforward matter with major banks in the Ukraine.

Climate

The climatic conditions in the Ukraine are similar to those in Germany, but slightly more continental. The average winter temperatures fluctuate between -8°C and +4°C and, in summer, between +17°C in the west and +23°C in the east. The Crimean Peninsula has a different climate to the rest of the country – it is Mediterranean/subtropical.

Accompanying partners

We support a healthy work-life balance as a matter of principle and encourage family members to accompany GIZ staff. Currently, unmarried accompanying partners cannot secure long-term visas.

Schools

In Ukraine, all major cities have international primary and secondary schools, e.g. the German School (DSK) in Kiev. Kyiv in particular offers many leisure facilities for children, e.g. the X-Park sports complex, cinema and several climbing halls.

Childcare

All major cities have international childcare centres (e.g. the German School in Kyiv). Ukraine has many parks, playgrounds and swimming pools for leisure activities. Kiev has a children's hospital.

Good to know

The largest international airport is Kyiv Boryspil (KBP, approx. 30 km from Kyiv). In spite of a well-developed rail network, travel times can be very long. However, there are InterCity express trains between Kyiv, Harkiv, Dnipro and Lviv.

Find out more

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