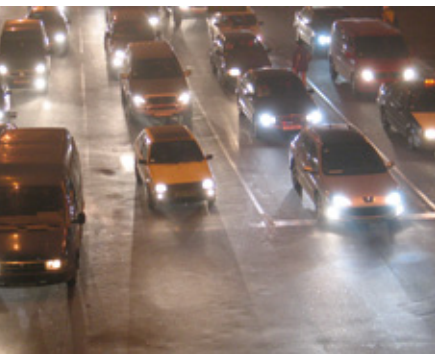


Support to Transport Policy Design and Implementation in Ukraine, Twinning Project



Project Budget:
€1 million

Duration:
January 2009 – October 2010

Funded by:
European Union

Country of Implementation:
Ukraine

Project implementing partners:

- German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs
- Austrian Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology

Key Project Partner and Beneficiary:
Ministry of Transport and Communications of Ukraine (MTCU)

"The key policy of the Ministry is to adapt the Ukrainian transport system to the standards and norms of the European Union".

Yosyp Vynskiy, Minister of Transport and Communications of Ukraine

Project's Objectives and Tasks:

Overall objective:

To assist the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Ukraine to improve the quality of transport policy design and implementation with the aim to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the transport sector thus contributing to sustainable economic and social development.

Project purpose:

To enhance the capacity of MTCU enabling the Ministry to better manage the process of transport policy design and implementation through transfer of best EU practice, training and guidance.

Project's activities:

The key component of the Project is Capacity Building which consists of knowledge/best practice transfer and training with hands-on assistance to MTCU in their current Transport Strategy Design duly coordinated with parallel Twinning and Technical Assistance projects. MTCU staff will be trained "on-the-job". Doing so, the "state-of-the-art" of policy making in EU countries is being reviewed, and its relevance to Ukrainian conditions assessed. Furthermore, formal training in workshops and seminars will be given for selected topics as well as through the organisation of study tours.

The joint work concentrates on:

- Transport strategy development;
- Options for infrastructure management and finance, transport pricing and tariffication;
- Institutional reform in railways, maritime ports and inland waterway sector, public passenger transport and civil aviation;
- Reviewing of the legislative base.

Expected results:

The main expected results are:

- Competence of MTCU staff enhanced through training and coaching;
- Awareness of the international state of the art in transport policy design increased through transfer of knowledge/best practice and study tours;
- The consequent knowledge acquisition captured in an accessible library to enable further dissemination;
- Transparency of the policy process improved through broad stakeholder consultation.

More information about Twinning in Ukraine: <http://twinning.com.ua>

ENPI - European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument

The European Union is the largest donor to Ukraine. EU assistance to Ukraine over 2007-2013 will principally be provided under the new European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) which is being established to promote the development of an area of prosperity and good neighbourliness between the EU and the partner countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy.

ENPI envelope for Ukraine will focus on the following three priority areas:

Support for Democratic Development and Good Governance

- Public administration reform and public finance management
- Rule of law and judicial reform
- Human rights, civil society development and local government
- Education, science and people-to-people contacts/exchanges

Support for Regulatory Reform and Administrative Capacity Building

- Promoting mutual trade, improving the investment climate and strengthening social reform
- Sector-specific regulatory aspects

Support for Infrastructure Development

- Energy
- Transport
- Environment
- Border management and migration including re-admission related issues

Indicative budget for Ukraine for the period 2007-2010 is €494 million:

Support for Democratic Development and Good Governance: €148.2 million (30%)

Support for Regulatory Reform and Administrative Capacity Building: €148.2 million (30%)

Support for Infrastructure Development: €197.6 million (40%)



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One-fifth of all development assistance managed by the European Commission in the world is spent on supporting infrastructure policies. Improving transport systems by ensuring good quality roads, railways, ports and airports is an important part of the European Union's policy on infrastructure development.

Transport area is a key aspect of EU's co-operation with Ukraine. There is a pledge in the EU-Ukraine Action Plan to elaborate a concept of national sustainable transport policy for the development of all transport modes coherent with the EU's White Paper on transport. The Action Plan also commits the EU and Ukraine to work in partnership on measures and reforms in the road, railway, aviation, and maritime and inland waterway transport sectors.

Trans-European corridors are of primary importance for EU-Ukraine transport co-operation. Four of the nine transit corridors defined by the European Union as part of the Trans-European Transport Networks go through the territory of Ukraine making the country a potential import transit country for Europe and the world. A number of EU-funded projects has been initiated by the European Commission in the transport sector aiming at improving transport connections in countries with important international transport networks. In 2008, the EU launched a €6 million project on "Support to the Integration of Ukraine into Trans-European Transport Network TEN-T". This sector-wide transport project helps Ukraine in developing a comprehensive long and mid-term transport strategy, identifying priority infrastructure projects, and defining their financing mechanisms for all transport modes.

Ukraine's membership in international transport organizations and ratification of relevant international agreements, conventions and treaties has become the first step on the way to Ukrainian transport sector integration into international transport corridors defined within the framework of the extension of the Transport trans-European network.

Transport has remained among EU's priorities throughout its various programmes of assistance to Ukraine since 1994. It has also become a pitch in the European Union's Twinning programme. Twinning is an instrument that aims at increasing a partner country's administrative and judicial capacity through targeted administrative co-operation. Twinning projects in the field of transport include civil aviation safety, road transport safety and transport policy design.