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**The role of Polish enterprises in the process of rebuilding Ukraine**

**The main objectives of the COMMON FUTURE Congress for Reconstruction of Ukraine scheduled for 21-22 September 2023 at the MTP Poznań Expo were covered at a press conference at the MTP Press Center on 14 July 2023.**

The issue of participation of Polish enterprises in the process of post-war reconstruction of Ukraine, as well as the challenges and opportunities related with this special project, were discussed by Deputy Minister of Funds and Regional Policy and Government Plenipotentiary for Polish-Ukrainian Development Cooperation Jadwiga Emilewicz.

“*The Congress for Reconstruction of Ukraine in Poznań called COMMON FUTURE will be another step in Polish-Ukrainian cooperation. Poland is not waiting until the war is over; it is already involved in the reconstruction of Ukraine through various activities. We support around 600 Polish companies that have not withdrawn from that country, despite the ongoing war, some of which are already planning to expand their investments in Ukraine. These are companies from construction and finishing industries. This example shows that our enterprises are already in Ukraine, and they want to share their experience with business partners from Europe, the United States, Korea or Japan.”*

COMMON FUTURE Congress, dedicated to the reconstruction of the state of Ukrainian, will also be important from the point of view of Polish foreign policy, says Szymon Szynkowski vel Sęk, Minister for the EU affairs.

*“Thanks to Poland’s involvement, Ukraine has already been granted EU candidate status in its EU membership bid. Our priority is that negotiations with Ukraine as an EU candidate starts by the end of the year. It is important to remember that by helping Ukraine we are also helping ourselves”,* adds Minister Szymon Szynkowski vel Sęk.

MTP Group CEO Tomasz Kobierski, during a press conference, stressed that the Congress for Reconstruction of Ukraine will be a good platform for discussion on and mutual cooperation in the future process of reconstruction and transformation of the country.

“*The governments of individual countries and, above all, enterprises will be involved in this initiative, and they need the right knowledge, which will be useful for specific actions. Poland has extensive experience in those sectors that will require new investments in Ukraine. This includes housing, the green energy sector, but also water, road, rail or hydro infrastructure. Knowledge of cyber security and logistics will also come in handy in Ukraine. All of these competencies will be crucial for the reconstruction process to proceed quickly and efficiently immediately after the war is over”.*

Almost 2,500 companies want to participate in the reconstruction of Ukraine, and they have reported their readiness to the Polish Investment and Trade Agency. According to the contacts and discussions held by MTP Group on this issue, it appears that the number of these enterprises will be much higher. It is with these enterprises in mind that the COMMON FUTURE Congress for Reconstruction of Ukraine is being organized in the second half of September, on the premises of the MTP Poznań Expo; In addition to Polish enterprises, the Congress will be attended by Ukrainian enterprises, representatives of companies from other countries, as well as representatives of the Polish government administration and European institutions, which will create mechanisms for financing the reconstruction of Ukraine.

The COMMON FUTURE Congress and Trade Fair will be held in Poznań on 21-22 September this year. This event can be attended by up to one thousand people.