

Digitalisation for Growth, Integrity and Transparency Project (UK DIGIT)

Supporting Ukraine's transition toward a more open, efficient, and corruption-resistant government

Overview

The Digitalisation for Growth, Integrity and Transparency Project (UK DIGIT) is a £4.6 million anti-corruption and good governance project implemented by Eurasia Foundation and funded by UK International Development (UK Dev).

Project Goal:

UK DIGIT leverages Ukraine's digital transformation to combat corruption, promote sustainable economic growth, ensure transparency in reconstruction and recovery, and advance good governance during and beyond the war.

Background:

Launched in 2025, UK DIGIT builds on two key anti-corruption programs that Eurasia Foundation implemented previously: the *Transparency and Accountability in Public Administration and Services (TAPAS) Activity* and the *Digital Transformation Activity (DTA)*, both financed by USAID and UK Dev. These programs facilitated economic growth, enhanced transparency, built digital solutions to prevent and tackle corruption, and streamlined public service delivery in Ukraine. Built on the legacy of TAPAS and DTA, UK DIGIT continues to further simplify interactions between citizens, businesses, and the state while minimizing corruption risks and advancing accountability through digital solutions.

Beneficiaries:

UK DIGIT works with Ukraine's Ministry of Digital Transformation, the Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories, the Ministry of Economy, the National Agency on Corruption Prevention, and several other recipients from the government sector.

Implementation Partnership:

Eurasia Foundation leads UK DIGIT's experienced implementing consortium, which includes East Europe Foundation, the Open Contracting Partnership, the Better Regulation Delivery Office, and Transparency International Ukraine. EF and its partners bring extensive expertise in digital transformation, deregulation, public procurement integrity, and anti-corruption policy development. Together, these organizations work to develop and implement long-term, sustainable digital governance strategies that align with Ukraine's European integration and modernization agenda.

Objectives:

UK DIGIT supports several anti-corruption projects and initiatives, which aim to *facilitate economic growth, ensure transparency in reconstruction, and advance integrity and good governance.*



Facilitating Economic Growth

UK DIGIT supports Ukraine's government by fostering digital solutions and reforms that facilitate economic growth through streamlined border crossing procedures, enhanced compliance in excise taxation, reduced regulatory barriers, digital transformation in the agro-industrial sector, and cultivating an innovative technology sector.

Existing needs to be addressed

- Digitalise the export sector to accelerate trade processes and reduce corruption, ultimately lowering export costs and enabling access to new markets for Ukrainian goods.
- Address bottlenecks at border checkpoints to safeguard trade efficiency, decrease transportation costs, and eliminate opportunities for corruption.
- Prevent illegal trade and tax evasion in excise goods such as alcohol and tobacco, ensure fair competition for legally operating businesses, and boost state revenues.
- Reduce regulatory compliance costs for businesses in the agricultural and natural resource management sectors through legislative initiatives.
- Digitalise fisheries and forestry management, as well as exploring subsectors of agriculture, such as the honey manufacturing industry, to identify and utilize the highest business potential to the fullest, via simplified procedures and digital services.
- Advance high-potential sectors of Ukraine's digital economy through enhancing the legal and institutional framework for innovations according to the WinWin 2030 Strategy, as well as building digital tools to foster employment through reskilling and upskilling.
- Assess the current internet connectivity throughout Ukraine to identify coverage gaps and guide targeted investments in infrastructure, while also expanding fixed internet access across unconnected settlements to strengthen their economic potential.
- Equip small- and medium-sized businesses with the skills necessary to enable their effective participation in the digital economy.

Expected outcomes

- ✓ Modernise the eQueue functionality to further streamline border crossing processes and integrate eQueue with other IT systems in transportation and border management.
- ✓ Facilitate at least 300,000 vehicles (cargo vehicles and passenger buses) crossing the border using the eQueue system between March and September 2025.
- ✓ Launch eExcise system functionality and start testing it among a minimum of 10 businesses (importers, retailers, and manufacturers).
- ✓ Provide support for the development of regulations and advocacy to enable digitalisation, traceability, and alignment with EU standards in the fisheries sector (eFish).
- ✓ Conduct concept analysis for introducing honey traceability in the market, focusing on digital tools and services developed.
- ✓ Develop draft legislation to support pilot projects for the remote monitoring of vehicles transporting timber, and for the electronic declaration of timber transactions.
- ✓ Finalise draft laws on measures to stimulate scientific, technical, and innovation activities (Science City).
- ✓ Develop an interactive dashboard to display internet coverage across Ukraine, including gaps in fixed connectivity and impacted social institutions.

- ✓ Create a concept for a new internet subvention programme to connect unserved settlements.
- ✓ Train at least 500 small- and medium-sized business representatives on digital skills, with a specific focus on SMEs led by women, veterans, or individuals from vulnerable groups.
- ✓ Prepare a concept of an eService for reskilling and upskilling support for individuals.



Ensuring Transparency in Reconstruction

UK DIGIT supports transparent and accountable rebuilding of Ukraine's infrastructure and economy, streamlining the application of digital tools in reconstruction oversight, urban planning and construction, accurate damage assessment, and compensation mechanisms for war-related damages.

Existing needs to be addressed

- Assure transparency and real-time control over the reconstruction process and costs at every stage to ensure efficient resource allocation and spending, build trust, and facilitate future fundraising for reconstruction projects and initiatives.
- Eliminate risks of corruption and human errors while enhancing data-driven decision-making efficiency in reconstruction.
- Modernise urban planning and management of urban infrastructure.
- Account for the damage caused by Russian aggression during the war against Ukraine to enable or enhance compensation mechanisms for affected citizens and businesses.

Expected outcomes

- ✓ Institutionalise the Digital Restoration Ecosystem for Accountable Management (DREAM).
- ✓ Modernise DREAM and establish it as a primary tool for public investment management.
- ✓ Further develop, test, and implement DREAM tools and methodologies to ensure robust civic oversight of reconstruction and investments. Support community and government users with extensive training.
- ✓ Facilitate the management and reporting of 100% of state-level projects and programs (for non-critical infrastructure) requiring or receiving stage budget funding through DREAM.
- ✓ Increase automatic registration of construction permits by up to 20% for CC1 buildings (structures with minor risk in case of failure).
- ✓ Expand digitised Urban Planning Cadastre coverage by up to 40% of urban planning documentation.
- ✓ Increase digitised street and building address verification to 95% and 35%, respectively.
- ✓ Develop at least six additional damage categories in the International Register of Damage for Ukraine (RD4U).
- ✓ Upgrade the mobile Diia application of the eRecovery platform to enable affected citizens to apply for compensation to rebuild.



Advancing Integrity and Good Governance

UK DIGIT plays a key role in advancing transparency, accountability, anti-corruption, and digital governance efforts across critical sectors in Ukraine by supporting AI governance and innovation; strengthening anti-corruption measures of key governmental authorities; analyzing national strategies and improving data governance; reducing bureaucracy and corruption risks through further expansion of Diia eServices; enhancing procurement processes and ensuring fair competition through efforts on further modernisation of Prozorro.

Existing needs to be addressed

- Continue the country's digital transformation to eradicate corruption and advance deregulation.
- Further develop the digital public procurement ecosystem to ensure transparency, public oversight over procurement, and safeguards against corruption risks.
- Adapt public procurement to the needs of reconstruction and to enable the country's successful integration with the EU.
- Build a digital tool for monitoring and oversight of lobbying activities.
- Improve existing legislative anti-corruption policies and measures, including developing the next national Anti-Corruption Strategy.
- Standardise approaches to AI governance in Ukraine to unlock the country's AI potential and facilitate the responsible use of AI tools.
- Create a supportive legal and institutional framework for start-ups developing high-tech AI products across multiple sectors.
- Provide strategic support to enhance the coordination of national digitalisation projects across sectors.

Expected outcomes

- ✓ Develop or modernise at least two digital services (e.g., *digital military reservation service*, *digital seafarer's identity*) on the Diia platform, reducing in-person interactions with public officials and minimising corruption risks.
- ✓ Develop the e-contracting mechanism that uses approved standard forms for state procurement for Prozorro.
- ✓ Update the functionalities of Prozorro Market (e.g., *the e-complaints feature*) to increase transparency and ensure vendor accountability.
- ✓ Implement an electronic document management system for Prozorro.
- ✓ Develop the Transparency Registry for the National Agency on Corruption Prevention.
- ✓ Prepare at least eight sectoral anti-corruption policy reports to develop the Anti-Corruption Strategy for 2026-2030.
- ✓ Prepare legal analysis to improve the draft law on the independence of Ukraine's Asset Recovery and Management Agency and strengthen its institutional capacity.
- ✓ Develop at least three sectoral digital transformation roadmaps focusing on digitalising core public services and procedures, improving service delivery, and reducing bureaucratic inefficiencies.
- ✓ Develop and launch the National AI portal.
- ✓ Launch the AI Sandbox with at least five pilot projects engaged.