

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 £8.9 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, Environment and Agriculture, 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; cultivating an innovative technology sector; ensuring transparency, efficiency, and accountability in the allocation and monitoring of public funds.

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.
- Strengthen the cybersecurity and operational resilience of the eQueue system to ensure its reliable functioning across international border crossing points with the EU and Moldova.
- Enhance Ukraine's capacity for data-driven transport planning by applying analytical tools and mobility insights to optimise domestic and international transport routes, thereby enhancing their economic impact.
- Support the digital transformation of the State Customs Service by enabling the implementation of the digital Passenger Vehicle Customs Clearance service through the Diia platform.
- 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.
- Boost the development of the Science City framework by assessing universities' innovation readiness and promoting closer collaboration between academia and the private sector.
- Equip small- and medium-sized businesses with the skills necessary to enable their effective participation in the digital economy.
- Enhance the efficiency of public investment management with DREAM by providing real-time visibility into projects and costs, promoting smarter allocation of public funds, and increasing economic impact.

Key outcomes:

- ✓ Develop and launch a data-visualisation tool to analyse mobility trends and logistics flows for evidence-based transport planning.
- ✓ Supply up to two network cryptographic modules to enhance the security and integrity of the eQueue system.
- ✓ Develop a regulation to enable the implementation of the digital Passenger Vehicle Customs Clearance service through Diia platform.
- ✓ Launch eExcise system functionality and start testing it among a minimum of 300 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).
- ✓ Create an institutional playbook with practical, evidence-based recommendations to enhance innovation ecosystems across universities and government institutions.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Develop up to eight sectoral roadmaps for further regulatory changes to guide priority sectors of the WINWIN 2030 Strategy, as well as up to eight draft legal acts to support innovation-oriented reforms.
- ✓ Build the capacity of up to 30 higher education institutions and science parks to apply effective funding mechanisms that improve financial resilience and foster the growth of innovation ecosystems.
- ✓ Institutionalise the Digital Restoration Ecosystem for Accountable Management (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.
- ✓ Ensure 100% of state-level projects and programmes (for non-critical infrastructure) that require or receive state budget funding are managed and reported through DREAM.
- ✓ Train up to 14,000 participants from government authorities and local communities using the DREAM Academy educational platform.
- ✓ Support at least 400 communities in preparing medium-term investment plans and sectoral project pipelines to strengthen strategic planning, improve project quality, and ensure more effective use of public funds.



ENSURING TRANSPARENCY IN RECONSTRUCTION

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

Existing needs to be addressed:

- Eliminate risks of corruption and human error in reconstruction by automating processes and utilizing real-time data, leading to more informed and effective management decisions.
- Modernise urban planning and management of urban infrastructure to ensure systematic, long-term and coordinated development of territories.
- Account for the damage caused by Russian aggression during the war against Ukraine to enable or enhance compensation mechanisms for affected citizens and businesses.

Key outcomes:

- ✓ Increase automatic registration of construction permits by up to 50% for private houses – to shorten procedures and reduce opportunities for abuse.
- ✓ Expand the digital coverage of the Urban Planning Cadastre to enhance planning transparency and data accessibility, targeting up to 50% of urban development documentation.
- ✓ Increase building address verification rate in the State Address Registry to 65%, which will improve data quality and interagency cooperation.

- ✓ Automate bulk uploads of building data in the eConstruction system to accelerate the verification process and reduce the administrative burden.
- ✓ Develop the first phase of the Pricing Database as part of the eConstruction System to enhance transparency in construction costs and manage expenditures.
- ✓ Develop at least four additional damage categories in the International Register of Damage for Ukraine (RD4U).
- ✓ Launch the eConstruction mobile application for quicker and more accountable commissioning of construction projects.



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, particularly through the introduction and modernisation of digital services on the Diia platform.
- 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 for 2026 – 2030.
- Provide technical updates to the High Anti-Corruption Court (HACC) Decided portal to ensure regular updates on high-profile anti-corruption cases.
- Conduct procurement monitoring using a methodology designed to prevent overpayments, particularly focusing on high-value contracts.
- Develop and publish analytical studies on public procurement to offer evidence-based recommendations and support qualitative improvements in legislation.
- 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.

Key outcomes:

- ✓ Develop or modernise at least six new digital services (e.g., *digital military reservation service, services for veterans, eQueue for passenger vehicles, eRecovery*) 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.
- ✓ HACC Decided portal is operational, regularly updated, and has garnered over 200,000 unique views.
- ✓ At least 140 public procurement procedures analysed, leading to appeals submitted to contracting authorities, oversight agencies, and law enforcement bodies; these actions will address violations and ensure accountability when irregularities are identified.
- ✓ Develop two analytical reports on public procurement with recommendations for the Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine.
- ✓ 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 and launch the National AI portal.
- ✓ Launch the AI Sandbox with at least 60 pilot projects engaged.
- ✓ Develop and pilot an AI analytics module for the eCourt system.
- ✓ Develop the draft of National Digital Agenda of Ukraine to be further submitted for the Ukraine's government approval.