

Sustainable Transport and Trade Matchmaking Platform



Special Digest: Funding Opportunities

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Dear colleagues,

This is the third edition of the STaTM Digest, published regularly on the STaTM Platform. This issue highlights current funding opportunities, grant programmes, and international initiatives supporting economic recovery, business development, and innovation in Ukraine. The selection reflects a strong focus on resilience-building, green transition, and the integration of Ukrainian businesses and institutions into European and global ecosystems.

In this issue, we focus on:

- Grant and acceleration programmes for SMEs, startups, and women entrepreneurs
- Opportunities in green technologies, energy efficiency, and climate policy
- International exchange and capacity-building programmes for entrepreneurs and public sector professionals
- Initiatives supporting war-affected communities, veterans, and regional recovery

These opportunities provide practical entry points for businesses, municipalities, and organisations to access funding, scale operations, and strengthen cooperation with international partners.

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OPPORTUNITIES: PROJECTS/INITIATIVES

Support to Rapid Economic Recovery of Ukrainian Municipalities (SRER) Project

Donor/Provider: CPVA (Central Project Management Agency of Lithuania)

Description: Create Ukraine offers a structured, results-driven pathway for Ukrainian professionals abroad to return and work within public institutions. Based on the Create Lithuania model, the programme combines project-based placements with mentoring and capacity building to ensure tangible institutional impact. Application requires prior contact with a project manager.

Who can apply: Ukrainian professionals with international experience willing to work in the public sector

Link: <https://cpva.lt/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Create-Ukraine-one-pager-2.pdf>

Create Ukraine: Returning Global Talent to Build Ukraine's Public Sector

Donor/Provider: German Government (implemented by UNDP Ukraine)

Description: The SRER project supports the rapid recovery of local economies in Ukrainian municipalities by financing urgent repairs and improvements to basic and business infrastructure. The initiative focuses on restoring conditions necessary for the operation and sustainability of micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs).

Who can apply: Ukrainian municipalities and local authorities (with indirect benefits for MSMEs)

Link: <https://www.undp.org/ukraine/projects/support-rapid-economic-recovery-ukrainian-municipalities-project-srer#>

Grant for Production Expansion and Entry into New Markets

Donor/Provider: Diia.Business / International partners (Ukraine–Moldova programme)

Description: The programme provides long-term capital to small and medium-sized enterprises in Ukraine and Moldova to scale production, accelerate growth, and implement innovations. It is designed to support businesses in the context of wartime challenges and post-war recovery, as well as to strengthen competitiveness in domestic and international markets.

Who can apply: SMEs from Ukraine and Moldova

Link: <https://business.diia.gov.ua/finance/grant-na-rozshirennya-virobnictva-ta-vihid-na-novi-rinki>

Raising Energy Efficiency in Ukraine

Donor/Provider: GIZ

Description: The programme supports the restoration and improvement of energy efficiency in Ukraine following extensive damage to energy infrastructure caused by Russian attacks. It focuses on rebuilding the energy system based on “build back better” principles to ensure long-term, resilient energy supply for affected communities.

Who can apply: Public institutions, municipalities, and stakeholders involved in energy infrastructure and efficiency projects

Link: <https://www.giz.de/en/projects/promotion-energy-efficiency-and-implementation-european-energy-efficiency-directive>

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National Programme for Digital Maturity of SMEs in Ukraine

Donor/Provider: Diia.Business

Description: The programme aims to enable the systemic digital transformation of small and medium-sized enterprises in Ukraine, making them more resilient, innovative, and competitive. It provides businesses with diagnostics, expert support, and practical digitalisation tools, targeting 80% SME integration into the digital economy by 2028. Core instruments include the Digital Maturity Matrix and the White Paper on Digital Maturity of traditional SMEs, helping companies assess their level and define development pathways.

Who can apply: Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Ukraine

Link: <https://business.diia.gov.ua/initiative/national-program-for-digital-maturity>

Supporting Ukraine Towards Ambitious and Integrated Climate Policy (GreenUkraine)

Donor/Provider: International Climate Initiative

Description: The GreenUkraine project strengthens Ukrainian-German cooperation to advance climate and biodiversity policy implementation. It supports the update of Ukraine's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in the context of war-related impacts, enhances monitoring and management capacities for biodiversity conservation, and enables the Ukrainian Climate Office to implement updated climate policies. The project also fosters cooperation between German and Ukrainian policymakers through data-driven and analytical support.

Who can apply: Government institutions, policy stakeholders, and organizations involved in climate and environmental policy

Link: <https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/en/project/supporting-ukraine-towards-ambitious-and-integrated-climate-policy-greenukraine-24-i-521-ukr-g-climate-and-biodiversity-action-ifp/>

DOVIRA Project: Grants for Supporting Veteran Businesses in Lviv and Kharkiv Regions

Donor/Provider: People in Need

Description: The DOVIRA project aims to strengthen the economic capacity of war veterans, their families, and families of fallen or missing defenders by supporting the development or recovery of micro and small businesses. It provides financial assistance and capacity-building support to enhance financial stability and resilience of war-affected communities.

Who can apply: Veterans, their family members, and families of fallen or missing defenders in Lviv and Kharkiv regions

Link: <https://ukraine.peopleinneed.net/ua/proiekt-dovira-granti-dlia-pidtrimki-veteranskogo-biznesu-u-lvivskii-ta-kharkivskii-oblastiakh-13377gp>

GRAPPA Grants for SME Projects in Agri-Food Upcycling

Donor/Provider: GRAPPA

Description: The GRAPPA Innovation Call provides financial support for projects focused on the development, adoption, and commercialisation of innovative upcycled ingredients for food and non-food applications. It targets solutions that maximise the valorisation of agri-food biomass and side-streams, including new products, business processes, and digital technologies.

Who can apply: Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the agri-food sector

Link: <https://i4be.eu/grappa/>

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GCIP Ukraine 2.0: Acceleration Programme for Clean Tech Businesses

Donor/Provider: Greencubator / Global Cleantech Innovation Programme

Amount: Up to USD 20,000

Description: GCIP Ukraine 2.0 is an acceleration programme for green startups and SMEs, supporting companies in clean technologies to scale, attract investment, and enter international markets. The programme combines training, mentorship, grant funding, and networking opportunities.

Who can apply: Green startups and SMEs in the clean technology sector

Deadline: 14 April 2026

Link: <https://gcip.greencubator.info/>

EXCEL4PRO Open Call for Agri-Food Innovation

Donor/Provider: EXCEL4PRO

Description: The EXCEL4PRO Open Call supports innovation in the agri-food sector through short case studies and solution development. It focuses on novel plant-based foods and protein innovations, while strengthening excellence hubs and fostering long-term collaboration between stakeholders.

Who can apply: SMEs, startups, and stakeholders in the agri-food and plant-based innovation sectors

Link: <https://excel4pro.eu/open-call/>

Grant for Starting or Expanding Your Own Business

Donor/Provider: Diia

Amount: UAH 50,000–350,000 (up to UAH 500,000 for certain regions; up to UAH 1,000,000 for preschool education and creative industries)

Description: This state programme provides microgrants to support Ukrainians in starting or expanding their own businesses. It aims to stimulate entrepreneurship, create new jobs, and strengthen economic resilience across regions and sectors.

Who can apply: Individuals and entrepreneurs in Ukraine planning to start or develop a business

Link: <https://diia.gov.ua/services/grant-na-vlasnu-spravu>

Travel Grants for Women Entrepreneurs and Representatives of Women's Organisations

Donor/Provider: WO-Ukraine

Description: The programme provides travel grants to support women working for the public good through NGOs or their own businesses. It enables participation in international events, experience exchange, skills development, and advancement of their projects.

Who can apply: Women entrepreneurs and representatives of women's organisations in Ukraine

Link: <https://wo-ua.org/projects/2498/>

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Grants for Commercial Agricultural Enterprises in Ukraine

Donor/Provider: German Government

Amount: EUR 100,000–2,000,000 (up to 50% cost coverage)

Description: This funding programme supports operational agricultural enterprises in Ukraine seeking to scale their activities. Grants can be used for infrastructure construction and модернізація, equipment procurement, technological and demonstration projects, environmental solutions, and transition to renewable energy sources such as solar or biogas.

Who can apply: Commercial agricultural enterprises in Ukraine

Link: <https://chaszmin.com.ua/vid-100-000-yevro-granty-dlya-komertsijnyh-agro-pidpryyemstv/>

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs – European Exchange Programme

Donor/Provider: European Commission

Description: Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs is a cross-border exchange programme that enables new or aspiring entrepreneurs to learn from experienced business owners in other participating countries. It supports knowledge exchange, business development, and international networking through hands-on collaboration.

Who can apply: New or aspiring entrepreneurs and experienced small business owners in participating countries

Link: <https://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/>

YoU Embrace – Exchange Programme for Ukrainian Entrepreneurs

Donor/Provider: YoU Embrace (within Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs)

Description: YoU Embrace is an exchange programme aimed at strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem by connecting Ukrainian entrepreneurs with experienced business owners in Austria, Italy, the Czech Republic, and Germany. It facilitates knowledge exchange, international cooperation, and business development through cross-border placements.

Who can apply: Ukrainian young entrepreneurs and early-stage business founders

Link: <https://www.youembrace.eu/>

“CREATE!” Grant Programme for Women Entrepreneurs

Donor/Provider: KSE Foundation / Ukraine-Moldova American Enterprise Fund / Ministry of Economy of Ukraine

Description: The “CREATE!” programme supports women entrepreneurs in production, processing, and cultural industries with a manufacturing component. Launched in 2024 and continued in its second phase in 2025, it provides funding and institutional support to strengthen women-led businesses, implemented by KSE Foundation in partnership with public and private sector stakeholders.

Who can apply: Women entrepreneurs in Ukraine working in production, processing, or culture-related sectors with a manufacturing component

Link: https://vlasnaspravagrant.com.ua/create/?utm_source=KSE_Foundation

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EMPOWER: Strengthening Communities in South and East Ukraine through Localized Action

Donor/Provider: Government of Ukraine

Description: The “Plich-o-Plich” initiative connects partner communities from central and rear regions of Ukraine with frontline communities to support recovery and rebuilding. It facilitates coordinated assistance to areas heavily affected by war, where infrastructure has been damaged or destroyed, strengthening inter-municipal cooperation and resilience.

Who can apply: Ukrainian municipalities and territorial communities

Link: <https://www.plich-o-plich.gov.ua/>

Plich-o-Plich: National Community Partnership Programme

Donor/Provider: GIZ

Description: The EMPOWER project enhances resilience among vulnerable populations in southern and eastern Ukraine by supporting locally driven assistance initiatives. It focuses on public health, civil protection, emergency education, shelter, provision of essential non-food items, and capacity-building for NGOs in regions affected by war.

Who can apply: Local NGOs and stakeholders supporting communities in Mykolaiv, Kherson, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kharkiv, and Sumy regions

Link: <https://www.giz.de/en/projects/strengthening-communities-south-and-east-ukraine-through-localized-action-empower>

Smilyvi 5.0: Grants for Women in Communities

Donor/Provider: Povir u sebe

Description: The Smilyvi 5.0 programme supports women in overcoming economic and social challenges by fostering entrepreneurship, strengthening small businesses, and building communities of women leaders at the local level. It provides grant funding and development opportunities for women-led initiatives.

Who can apply: Women entrepreneurs and women active in local communities in Ukraine

Link: <https://povirusebe.org/projects/smilyvi-50-startuvav-pryom-zayavok-na-hranty-dlya-zhinok-u-hromadakh>

Ukraine Country Programme 2025–2028

Donor/Provider: Swiss Confederation

Amount: CHF 1.5 billion (as part of a CHF 5 billion, 12-year commitment)

Description: The Ukraine Country Programme 2025–2028 supports Ukraine as a sovereign, democratic, and independent state through a comprehensive approach covering reconstruction, reform implementation, humanitarian protection, and long-term sustainable development. It represents the first phase of Switzerland’s long-term commitment to Ukraine’s recovery and resilience.

Who can apply: Public institutions, municipalities, and organisations involved in reconstruction, reforms, and development initiatives

Link: <https://backend.seco-cooperation.admin.ch/fileservice/sdweb-docs-prod-secocoop-files/files/2025/02/18/0315ba79-cbba-44de-b103-4422b2c2b665.pdf>

USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACTS

For more opportunities for businesses from the Eastern Partnership countries and up-to-date information add the following sources/links to Your monitoring list:

Transport Community — News & Opportunities

<https://www.transport-community.org/news/>

EU Funding & Calls Portal

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

Funding Market (EU grants tracker)

<https://grant.market/>

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