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# UNOPS signs new Host Country Agreement with the government of Poland

The agreement aims to bolster collaboration and foster sustainable development and reconstruction in Ukraine.

- The agreement marks a significant milestone in establishing UNOPS presence in Poland and fostering collaboration for sustainable development and green transformation.
- It aims to achieve two main priorities: spearheading early recovery and reconstruction projects in Ukraine, and enhancing the participation of the Polish private sector in UN procurement platforms.
- UNOPS will collaborate with the UN Global Compact Network Poland, leveraging the partnership to widen the reach amongst Polish businesses and to attract talented professionals for projects focused on the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine.

In a significant move to bolster collaboration and foster sustainable development, UNOPS has announced the signing of a Host Country Agreement with the government of Poland. This agreement marks a pivotal milestone in launching UNOPS presence in Poland.

The agreement outlines two primary objectives:

- 1. **Fostering Early Recovery and Reconstruction in Ukraine:** UNOPS is committed to utilizing its expertise in infrastructure, procurement, and project management to spearhead recovery and reconstruction projects in Ukraine.
- 2. **Increasing Polish Private Sector's Access to UN Procurement Platforms:** The agreement further aims to enhance the engagement of Polish companies in UN procurement processes. In 2022, the UN procured USD 71.71 million worth of



goods and services from Poland, accounting for 0.24% of the global procurement value.

## Jorge Moreira da Silva, the UNOPS Executive Director said:

"This agreement is a testament to partnership. It not only amplifies the solidarity shown by the Polish government and private sector towards Ukraine but also opens avenues for Polish businesses to actively participate in UN procurement processes. We are eager to work hand in hand with the Government of Poland to make a tangible difference in lives and help Ukraine build back better."

UNOPS will be partnering with the UN Global Compact Network Poland, having already signed a Memorandum of Understanding to ensure the widest possible reach amongst Polish businesses. The Polish office of UNOPS will serve as a hub, attracting the best talent to contribute to projects aimed at the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine.

# **Zbigniew Rau, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Poland, remarked:**

"I am convinced that the presence of UNOPS in Warsaw will strengthen our existing cooperation with the UN, contribute to expanding its scope and give it new energy. At the same time, it will contribute to enlarging the UN family of organizations in Poland."

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# Notes to the editors:

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## **About UNOPS**

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