International Partnership

The way to develop CRMs in Ukraine
In July 2021, Ukraine and the European Union concluded a Memorandum on Strategic Partnership in the Raw Materials, which gives Ukraine the status of Strategic Partner.

Management of critical minerals became a chapter of EUR 50 billion Ukraine Facility for the period from 2024 to 2027.

One of the key tasks of the Critical Raw Materials Act is drawing up the National Exploration Program by each member state targeted at critical minerals. Such programs shall include mineral mapping, geochemical and geoscientific surveys, and processing of the data.

Other requirements is to make publicly available information about critical minerals on a free access website, adopt the lists of strategic and critical raw materials, use the UNFC classification system to evaluate their reserves and resources.
A memorandum with EBRD regarding the cooperation in the modernisation of geodata management was signed in Nov. 2022

The Project has been designed for three years with the aim to contribute to the improvement of the National Geoportal, the development of modern IT infrastructure, and the digitization of geological data to facilitate access to them for speeding up appropriate investment decisions.

From left to right: Minister of Minecology Ruslan Strilets, Chairman of UGS Roman Opimakh, First Vice President of the EBRD Jürgen Rügterink, Vice President of the European Commission Maroš Šefčovič.
In accordance with the half-year agreement between the EBRD and Geoinform of Ukraine, in 2023 the respective technical equipment and software were purchased, 6000 books of geological reports were digitized and made available via online interactive map, representing 125 critical raw minerals deposits.

Those materials will be a part of the "data room" and can be used by investors for analysis to further nominate such deposits for open international tenders and auctions.
The task of the updates of the law is to adapt the Program to the recent EU’s practice, taking into account current abilities and mining opportunities of Ukraine.

Focus of the efforts on:

- The discovery of critical minerals deposits, carrying out of geological works to increase theirs resources
- Geological mapping of Ukraine, monitoring underground water and exogenous processes, maintaining geological databases, conducting inspections on the sites and supervising work programs
- Implementation of digital techs of data storage and use, development of the mineral guides for local communities
- Ensuring a stable funding of the Program through the establishment of respective facility in the national budget

Update of the National Mineral Strategy 2030
One-Stop-Shop for the mining permitting process

Thanks to digital solutions Ukraine has a paperless approach for permitting procedure in the mining sector:

- Online access to geodata to speed up the decision making using the National Geological Portal
- Online bidding to get an E&P licenses to begin operation using the E-auctions on Prozorro system
- Online application and reporting with a license-holder using the E-cabinet
The key directions to cooperate with our international partners

1. Identify the EC the mining business projects in Ukraine as Strategic Projects to simplify their access to capital and modern tech solutions

2. Facilitating an access to geological information through digitization to place it on available interactive online sources

3. Co-financing of exploration of promising occurrences in Ukraine for their further nomination to open auctions or tenders
Thank you!

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