



## What is Swiss-Ukrainian Municipal PPF and who are we?

The **Swiss-Ukrainian Municipal Project Preparation Facility (PPF)** is an initiative financed by the **Switzerland's State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)** to support **Ukraine's sustainable recovery and reconstruction** through preparation of bankable, climate-resilient municipal infrastructure projects.

It positions **Switzerland as a strategic partner** by leveraging Swiss technical expertise and business networks (Swissness), to generate high-quality, finance-ready infrastructure projects meeting International Financial Institution (IFI) standards.

The Implementing Agency of the PPF is composed of **NIRAS (lead), Implenia, and Egis Ukraina, with Swiss-Ukrainian Reconstruction Agency (SURA) and Municipal Development Institute (MDI)** as subcontractors, combining Swiss quality, international expertise, and strong local capacity. Together, we offer a ready-to-deploy platform to deliver impactful infrastructure projects in Ukraine.

In April 2025, Switzerland signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the **Ministry of Communities and Territories Development (MinDev)**, which will act as the strategic counterpart for this initiative.

## Project Summary

### *why is it needed and what it does?*

Ukraine faces immense reconstruction needs, while many municipalities lack the documentation, financial capacity, and technical readiness to meet IFI requirements.

Swiss-Ukrainian Municipal PPF directly addresses these gaps by:

- **Preparing** feasibility studies, designs, environmental assessments, economic and financial analyses for **infrastructure projects at the municipal level in renewable energy, energy efficiency, urban transport, water and sanitation**, and other sectors
- **Delivering ad-hoc opportunities**, e.g., operational measures, demonstration or investment projects, that can be implemented rapidly (Quick-Win measures) to address urgent needs
- Supporting **municipalities to comply with requirements and standards of the financier**
- Creating structured **links between Swiss and Ukrainian businesses**

The PPF will be implemented in three components:

**COMPONENT 1 – Project Preparation & Quick-Win Measures:** Delivers full project preparation packages to ensure infrastructure projects reach financing readiness.

#### Key actions:

- Pipeline screening & eligibility criteria
- Feasibility studies, design, Environmental & Social analyses
- ≈10 Quick-Win measures (in total CHF 1 million)
- Municipal capacity building via on-the-job training

**COMPONENT 2 – Co-Financing of Investment Measures:** Ensures that prepared projects reach implementation.

#### Key actions:

- Identification of investment-ready candidates
- Preparation of co-financing applications and contracts
- Alignment with IFI procedures, loan requirements, and with Ukraine's Single Project Pipeline (SPP)
- Monitoring of co-financed infrastructure projects

**COMPONENT 3 – Swiss Ukrainian Business Network:** Enhances bilateral economic cooperation and facilitates Swiss participation in reconstruction.

#### Key actions:

- Outreach to Swiss and Ukrainian associations
- Event organization to inform Swiss private sector
- Matchmaking with municipalities and utilities



## Development Impact

### *who benefits?*

#### Ukraine

- Fast development of bankable municipality infra projects
- Strengthened municipal capacities and governance
- Increased climate resilience and services

#### IFIs and Donors

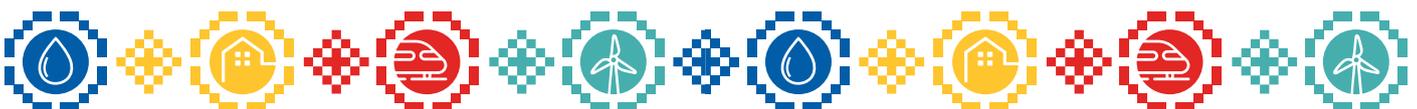
- Early alignment with IFI requirements
- Fully prepared pipeline of bankable projects

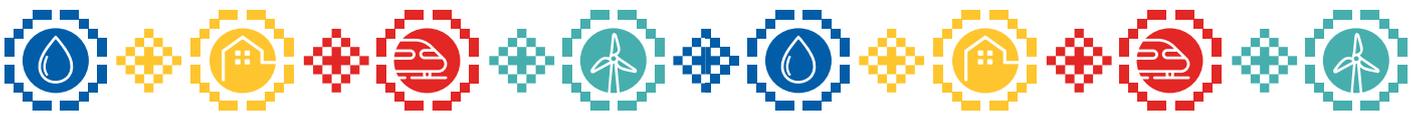
#### Swiss Private Sector

- Catalyze Swiss private sector investment
- Entry points to reconstruction procurement
- Structured support via networks and potential Chamber of Commerce
- Opportunities in design, construction, technologies, innovation

#### Switzerland

- Strong visibility for Swiss know-how, expertise and quality infrastructure





## Key focus area to success



### Technical

- Supporting municipalities with **project preparation** (studies and assessments) aligned with IFI standard to expand the pipeline of reconstruction infrastructure projects in Ukraine
- **Strengthening municipal technical capacity** through training and on-the-job support
- **Digitalisation and quality assurance** to standardise technical documentation across communities with the view to replication
- Applying pragmatic, targeted **use of Swiss standards and values in demonstrating measurable contributions and innovation**



### Institutional and Organisational

- **Managing a Complex Stakeholder Landscape**
- **Supporting coordination** among MinDev, Ministry of Finance, IFIs, and other agencies (SARDI, Agency for Energy Efficiency)
- Consistent **dialogue** with municipalities, IFIs, regulators
- **Strengthening municipal** and utility capacity to plan, procure, and manage complex infrastructure projects through a standardized QA framework, a dedicated **capacity-building** and communication platform, and on-the-job support using model procedures, templates, and embedded staff training



### Market and End-Users

- **Participation** of Swiss and Ukrainian private sectors in infrastructure reconstruction
- **Market linkages and technology transfer**
- **Ensuring** project design meets end-user needs (citizens, utilities, municipalities)
- **Focus on affordability, accessibility, and quality** of public services for beneficiaries
- **Ukrainian citizens** benefits from improved or re-established public services



### Environmental and Social

- **Green recovery, environmental protection and pollution reduction** as key criteria for project eligibility
- **Compliance** with environmental, social, procurement, and climate rules
- **Harmonisation** with IFI procedures
- **Promotion** of social inclusion, stakeholder participation, and gender-sensitive planning



### Climate

- **Climate resilience** as a core principle of the programme
- **Climate adaptation and mitigation measures**, following IFI climate screening tools
- **Priority areas:** energy efficiency, green urban mobility, decarbonization, and sustainable and resilient water management
- Contribution to Ukraine's NDC targets and Switzerland's **climate strategy**
- **Environmental and climate safeguards** embedded in feasibility studies and design



### Financial / Economic

- Delivering **early "Quick-Wins"** through **fast identification** of mature projects as a key to launch studies
- Using **clear eligibility criteria** aligned with IFI requirements
- **Addressing municipalities' limited borrowing capacity** and preparing **financially viable and bankable projects**, including economic cost-benefit analyses
- **Supporting co-financing structures** between SECO, IFIs, and municipalities
- **Bridging grant and loan mechanisms** to ensure financial sustainability and investment readiness