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Event	Press conference
Speaker	Mr. Borys Kolesnikov, Vice Prime Minister and Infrastructure Minister of Ukraine
Subject	Annual governmental report on the results of preparation of Ukraine to EURO 2012
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Location	Intercontinental Hotel, Kyiv, Ukraine

Introduction:

The press conference was held to inform the community on the results of the activities held by the Government for preparation of the country for hosting the ERUO 2012. Over the course of the year of work the new Ukrainian government has managed to stabilize preparations for the EURO 2012 and fully enter the schedule of launching the main facilities.

Minutes:

Ukrainian Vice Prime Minister and Infrastructure Minister Borys Kolesnikov said during his annual press conference "Merely within one year – and everybody remembers that at the beginning of 2010 there was a dismal schedule breakdown and delay for construction of the main facilities – we have managed to improve the situation drastically. The last year was a very active one. There are no doubts today that we will properly host the EURO 2012," the Vice Premier stressed.

According to Kolesnikov, thanks to the football championship in Ukraine an extensive European standard infrastructure has been developed in Ukraine.

"In regard to the *stadiums* and main sports facilities, which UEFA experts grumbled about at the beginning of the year, they are now at an advanced phase. As of March 2011 the Olympic Stadium was 77% and Lviv stadium 55% ready", he said. To stick to the schedule tightly, there are 3,000 and 600 people respectively are working on the construction sites daily. Both stadiums will be put into operation by autumn 2011.

Two more stadiums – Donbas Arena in Donetsk and Metallist in Kharkov, which are also key infrastructural EURO 2012 objects – already work at full operation.

Airports. Reconstruction of the airports in four host cities is underway. Namely, at Boryspil International Airport new passenger terminal F with a daily capacity of 1,800 passengers was put into operation in September 2010. In autumn 2011 the following objects will be put into operation in Boryspil Airport: brand new terminal D (already 40% ready), renovated terminal B (78% ready), and extended apron F (81% ready).



At Lviv International Airport the construction of a new passenger terminal (40% ready) and runway reconstruction (22% ready) are in progress now. These facilities are to be put into operation in December and November 2011 respectively.

At Donetsk International Airport there will be a new terminal operating by fall 2011, it is 35% ready now. Airfield reconstruction, namely airplanes parking places development, is to be finalized by October-December 2011, and the construction of the runway – by December. So far the runway is 75% ready. Air traffic control tower in Donetsk airport is ready by 45%, it is planned to be finished by December.

At Kharkiv International Airport the new terminal started functioning in September 2010. Air traffic control tower is to be built in the third quarter and reconstruction of the existing terminal in the fourth quarter of 2011. Airfield reconstruction and new runway are to be completed in the fourth quarter of this year.

Road infrastructure has been also significantly improved within one year. In 2010, 543.6 km of intercity roads were renovated and put into operation. It is planned to undertake the repair and construction of 1,200 km of roads in 2011 by EURO 2012. It includes repair of Kiev-Kharkov highway, reconstruction of the roads connecting Lviv with Poland, construction of the ring roads around Donetsk and Kharkov, repair or the roads connecting Donetsk and Kharkov with Russia.

20 *border crossing points* were built up during 2010. Concerning the developments on the railway transport in 2011-2012, it is planned to purchase 10 Hyundai first class trains which will be operating between host cities with the speed of 160 km/hour.

Generally, 1068.5 mln UAH were spent on construction and renovation of the infrastructural facilities for the EURO 2012.

Borys Kolesnikov stressed: “Preparation of our country to EURO 2012 became the main factor for improvement of the image of Ukraine on the international level”. According to the research “Reputation institute”, the reputation of Ukraine among the “Group of eight” (USA, Japan, Germany, Great Britain, France, Italy, Canada, Russia) increased by 6.7% during the last year.

“The only open issue, as of now, is the training of the well qualified personnel which will be directly involved in EURO 2012 events. So far, the people are hired in Lviv, Donetsk, and Kharkiv for work at the stadiums and airports. Effective and efficient management and well trained stuff is our main goal now” underlined Mr. Kolesnikov.