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Eunite Ukraine (EU): What is the current status of Kiev preparations for the EURO 2012?

Tatyana Slyshnyk (TS): Today Kiev is actively working on its public infrastructure development required to host the EURO 2012. City has defined as the key priority the development of its airports, transport, sport, hotel and tourist infrastructure. Despite current economic difficulties that Ukraine faces nowadays, Kiev is doing all what is needed in order to have EURO 2012 projects developed and prepared in time. We optimistically look forward towards successful preparations of the capital city of Ukraine for the EURO 2012. And support given to us from all levels of the state government provides us strong grounds for that. Joint cooperation of the state and local governments will bring positive results.

EU: What is the current status of Kiev transport infrastructure development?

TS: Kiev pays special attention to its transport infrastructure development issue, as it is one of the most essential aspects needed for the EURO 2012.

Today our Boryspil Airport goes through a major redevelopment project, after which its capacity will reach 50 500 passengers per day. At the same time, our second airport– Kiev Zhulyany Airport – also experiences reconstruction works and will serve as a back up airport of Kiev city for the EURO 2012. The key advantage of this airport is its location; the airport is located only 8 km away from the city center and the stadium. Zhulyany reconstruction project includes a new passenger terminal construction and reconstruction of an existing one. After its reconstruction, the airport will have throughput of 640 passengers per hour. Zhulyany Airport runway was reconstructed last year, and starting April 2009 the airport is capable to handle aircrafts of Boeing 737 and Airbus 320 types.

Special attention is paid to Kiev public transport infrastructure and traffic control system development. For this purpose we have developed a Mobility Plan that was presented to UEFA. Apart from everything else this plan stipulates introduction of special traffic lines for buses assigned to connect Boryspil airport with the Stadium and Boryspilska metro station. Next to that we have developed special transport routes to connect the key EURO 2012 infrastructure objects of the city, namely stadium, airport, railway station, fan zones and hotels.

Today there are several road interchanges under construction in Kiev. Thus, Moscow square development will facilitate access to the city from the South side. Bozhana prospect, that connects city centre with the Boryspil Airport, is planned to be reconstructed as well. Also it is planned to build a new access road to Kiev Zhulyany



Airport. On top of that we plan to open a high speed tram line that will connect one of the biggest residential districts of Kiev with the central railway station that is located 15-20 minutes walk away from the stadium.

We should also stress the fact that one of the key advantages of Kiev transport infrastructure is its well developed metro system. Kiev underground capacity meets potential passengers' flows of the EURO 2012.

Significant development of bus, trolleybus and tram fleets is planned before the EURO 2012. During 2010-2011 years Kiev plans to lease 500 buses to serve needs of the EURO 2012, especially to handle Boryspil – Kiev flow.

EU: What prospects do you see in Kiev hotel infrastructure development? How many new hotels do you plan to open before EURO 2012?

TS: The capital city of Ukraine has a well developed hotel infrastructure that is being further developed nowadays within the city's preparations for the EURO 2012. Altogether city has 105 hotels, including four 5* hotels (Premier Palace, Opera, St Sophia Hyatt Regency and Intercontinental), fourteen of 4* category, and twenty 3* hotels. According to UEFA requirements Kiev should provide 7300 hotel rooms for UEFA family (UEFA officers, teams, dope-inspectors, referees, media etc). And it is not an easy task taking into account an impact of current economic crisis on our plans that were preliminary defined, but we are confident that city will solve all current problems and will meet all UEFA requirements. Thus, till the end of 2011 Kiev plans to open 29 new hotels, including ones to be operated under such world-famous brands as Hilton, Sofitel, Regent, Holiday Inn and others that will also provide accommodation solutions for participants and guests of the EURO 2012.

At the same time we work on alternative solutions to accommodate fans of the EURO 2012. For this purpose in addition to hotels we plan to offer hostels, recreation centres, private apartments, boats etc.