

<b>Event</b>	Interview
<b>Interviewee</b>	Mr. Victor Korenyuk Deputy Director of Odessa International Airport
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**Eunite Ukraine (EU): It was reported that Odessa city finished its tender for a strategic partner selection for a joint development of Odessa International Airport. What is the current situation around this project? Have you signed an agreement already?**

Victor Korenyuk (VK): Yes, the tender is over already. We have a strategic partner that is willing to invest 265 million into our airport development. This is the Gepard Plus Company. It was established in Odessa in 2007 by the TS Trans Siberia Co Ltd that is specialized in investments into the sector of construction and operation the airports. The fact that the Gepard Plus was registered in Odessa means that all taxes from its activities will go to Odessa city local and the Ukrainian State budgets. Today team of layers is working on development of legal documents for a joint cooperation of Odessa city and the Gepard Plus within the Odessa International Airport development. We expect the contract to be signed in the beginning of May.

**EU: When do you plan to launch construction works?**

VK: Construction works would be launched this year.

**EU: What projects are planned within Odessa International development project?**

VK: Odessa Airport development project will include reconstruction of airport's existing passenger terminal and construction of a new one, as well as airfield development. The Gepard Plus also undertook the obligations to construct a new logistics center, a new hotel, a number of car parking areas, an in-flight catering center. The upgrading of the airport's existing engineering infrastructure is also planned.

**EU: Do you have a design developed for the Airport development?**

VK: Yes, we have a schematic design of airport's passenger terminals development. It was designed by Odessa Architect Company. Also we have an airfield development design developed by Ukraeroproject – key institution in Ukraine responsible for this type of projects.

**EU: When do you plan to accomplish the project on the airport infrastructure development?**

VK: I should mention that in fact the reconstruction of our airport has been launched already. Lots of preparatory works as well as certain modernization projects have been performed already. Thus, in 2007 the Strategic Plan of Odessa International Airport development for the period by 2020 was developed and approved. Also back in 2007 we strengthened our airfield payment, including the runway, taxiways and partially the apron. It enabled us to certify Odessa International Airport as in I ICAO category. Today Odessa Airport has second biggest passenger flow among Ukrainian airports, after Boryspil. During 2006 – 2008 it grew over 35% and reached 787 thousand passengers last year. Development project that we plan to accomplish together with the Gepard Plus is due to be finished by 2011. And its successful fulfillment will contribute to further integration of Odessa Airport to the world network of high class international airports.