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What is the current status of Lviv new Stadium construction?

Oleg Zasadnyi (OZ): Stadium construction works have been reactivated at the end of last month, and now they are being held along the whole perimeter of the Stadium construction site, while before we had to work on every side in turn due to the lack of working design documents available in time. So now our Stadium development rates have been speeded up.

Today around 200 workers are involved in our Stadium construction, however in the nearest future there would be times more of them. Stand support monolithic bars are being installed today. And 6 of such bars have been placed already on a North side of the Stadium. Altogether 68 monolithic bars would be installed at the Stadium construction site by July this year.

Thus intensification of our Stadium development guarantees setting it into operation in time. According to our construction schedule agreed with UEFA the Stadium will be opened at the end of July 2011. As of today around 18% of our Stadium carcass is already built and preoperational and ground works are fully accomplished, as well as foundation and first level stand pillars installed.

What is your trilateral agreement with Arena.Com and Azovintex about?

OZ: On November 2009 Lviv City Council (Customer of the new Lviv Stadium construction project), Azovintex (its General Constructor) and Arena.Com have signed a trilateral agreement. In addition to that, in view of the fact that Arena.Com is a foreign company, it has signed subcontracting agreements with 2 Ukrainian local companies – Steel Constructions Scientific Research Institute named after Shymanovskiy and Arkina Design Agency – on adaptation and adjustment of Lviv Stadium General Design developed by Alpine Bau architects.

Today all design works are being held in a full accordance to the schedule and the constructor gets proper working design documentation in time. Arena.Com Company was selected because of its professional expertise in stadium development projects management for the European and World Football Championships. And it gives a confidence that our Stadium construction is being held in a full accordance with all UEFA requirements.

How do you plan to set transport connection between the new Stadium and city center?

OZ: As our new stadium is located on intersection of Stryiska and Kiltseva streets, development of these 2 roads becomes very important. To ensure a good accessibility to the Stadium for Lviv citizens we plan to build a new city highway that will connect the Stadium with one of the biggest residential Lviv districts – Sykhov.



On top of that, we will prolong trolleybus and tram lines, as well as introduce several new bus lines.

How do you implement a so called “mobility concept”?

OZ: Lviv is one of a few Ukrainian cities that has developed its long term public transport development strategy. We have developed ours jointly with a consortium of German companies PTV AG-VCDB GmbH. Based on this strategy our local staff has developed a mobility concept that was later approved by UEFA.

Lviv will provide quick and comfortable transport solutions between the EURO 2012 facilities. Our mobility concept also covers a connection between Lviv and Truskavets town.

City will get an automatic traffic control system. On top of that, we plan to place special information signs, develop parking system and organize special traffic lanes.

Does Lviv plan to purchase additional buses for collective transfers of fans?

OZ: We have estimated that about 200 large scale buses would be needed to serve collective transfers between the EURO 2012 key facilities. And since Lviv doesn't need such a big vehicle fleet on a regularly basis, it was decided to rent large scale buses from other cities of Ukraine and abroad on a temporary basis.

We have already conducted preliminary negotiations with Leipzig city, ready to lease us about 100 buses for the period of our hosting the EURO 2012.

What is the current status of Lviv public transport infrastructure development?

OZ: This spring we plan to finish design development of 3 highways, that are important for the Stadium area development, and to start their construction already coming summer.

Next to that we plan to develop Ryashivska street that will improve transport connection between our airport and city south district. And another street will become a prolongation of the tram line planned to connect the Stadium with the city center.

In the meantime, certain reconstruction of Lviv city roads is being already underway. During the past several years the city government has reconstructed around 200 streets, including 6 city highways. During next couple of years we plan to reconstruct at least 8 more city highways.

What is the share of private investments in Lviv's preparation for the EURO 2012? How do you plan to increase an investment attractiveness of the city?

OZ: The largest private investment in Lviv infrastructure sector is a new passenger terminal construction in Lviv International Airport. Based on tender results won by American IMTC MEI Company, potential private investments into Lviv Airport will reach about 1 billion UAH.



Next to that, I should name a tourism infrastructure development, including hotels, restaurants and other public facilities construction. Total amount of investments estimated for this sector is 1.5 billion UAH.

Important issue is attracting financial resources from international organizations. Supported by the German Ecology Ministry we got € 0.5 million from German KfW Bank for environment friendly and energy efficient public transport development project.

Together with Ernst & Young Company we have developed a business research of the new Stadium district investment attractiveness.

We have gained also a good tradition in organizing economic forums.

And as a result of our active policy in this subject Lviv become listed by Financial Times among the top regions with amount of Foreign Direct Investments attracted. For Lviv this fact means an acknowledgement of its successful work performed during a global crises period, when everybody else have been cutting their investment activities, we have done our best to support our investment climate by launching a number of new projects, and transport infrastructure development in particular.

How do you plan to entertain fans between the games? What does Lviv prepare for tourists that will visit your city during the EURO 2012?

OZ: During the EURO 2012 Lviv will run a Fan Festival that will offer a number of different events and activities related to the EURO 2012. City will develop special fan zones, where fans will be offered a variety of activities to satisfy their particular interests.

According to a marketing contract signed between Lviv and UEFA, our city is to submit by September this year an action plan of events we plan to organize during the EURO 2012. Now we work on this plan development, and invite city public to become involved in this process and share their vision and ideas with us.