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Interviewee	Mr. Illya Shevlyak, Head of the EURO 2012 Coordination Bureau of Ukraine
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Eunite Ukraine (EU): How can you evaluate the rates of Ukrainian infrastructure preparation for EURO 2012?

Mr. Illya Shevlyak (ISh): Ukraine prepares itself masterfully for hosting EURO 2012. In spite of economical crisis, the most of infrastructural projects are being kept to the time schedule in their implementation. We expect that we will have 3 European level stadiums by the end of 2009. The works on reconstruction of NSK "Olimpiysky" have also a stable progress. The situation with airports and hotels development is a little bit more complicated. However, we have developed some solutions. For example, we attracted neighbour cities to cover the shortage of airports and hotels capacity of the host cities. As of now, we overreach ourselves to provide the adequate financing of the most projects, and, I have to admit, we manage to find the necessary funds. Generally, Ukraine put its considerable efforts to prepare for EURO 2012 and UEFA see the true value of them.

EU: What cities in your opinion have the best chances to host EURO 2012?

IS: I am certain that all 6 cities have the even chances. Surely, Kiev has the best ones, which was underlined by UEFA President Michel Platini several times. Each city has its advantages whether it is hotel or sports infrastructure or something else. However, the final decision will be influenced by the whole preparedness of the city. One and all cities put the best efforts to improve their preparation and the government supports all of them. But we need to understand that we are talking not about EURO 2012 only, but also about the infrastructure modernization that should primarily address the needs of Ukrainian citizens. Thus, lots of projects will be executed without reference to hosting EURO 2012 or not.

EU: What is the scope of works planned for 2009?

IS: The State budget for 2009 envisage the financing of the EURO 2012 objects in the amount of 4,4 billion UAH. In addition, we attract the money for many projects from the international financing institutions, e.g. EBRD. However, the prior task for this year, in my opinion, is private investment attraction. Currently, the legislative initiatives are being developed to create the favourable investment climate in Ukraine. Financial crisis reduced investors' possibilities all over the world. Still, EURO 2012 objects remain very advantageous.

EU: What are the main risks for implementation of the National programme for preparation and hosting EURO 2012?

IS: First of all, it is unpredictability of the world financial crisis. The experts split on the question whether the crisis reached its bottom or not. However, Ukraine demonstrates the first months of economical stability. We



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strengthened exchange rate and adjusted trade balance. These are the important signs of economical recovery. I believe that all the state level financial commitment for EURO 2012 objects preparation will be fulfilled.