



Event	Interview
Interviewee	<u>Mr. Aleksandr Yaroslavskiy</u> General Investor and Coordinator of Kharkiv preparations for the EURO 2012, President of DCH Group, President of FC Metallist Kharkov
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Eunite Ukraine (EU): Few weeks left till the official opening of the newly reconstructed Metallist Stadium. What is the current status of construction works held at the Stadium today?

Mr. Aleksandr Yaroslavskiy (AY): The stadium will be open in the beginning of December, which is 6 month earlier than it was originally planned. The stadium is ready today on 95%.

EU: What are the works that are still need to be done?

AY: Today we are finishing the make-up works in under-stand premises.

EU: What were the key requirements set by UEFA for the Metallist Stadium development project?

AY: Main requirements of UEFA are the correspondence to the European standards of comfort and safety norms towards Stadium's visitors and participants of the matches. And we have met and even surplus these requirements. The stadium was equipped by full height turnstiles, vandalism-protected seats, state-of-the-art multimedia screens and also the perimeter LED of Barco production. Lighting, sound, pitch heating, and catering systems were replaced, parking areas were properly equipped and the surrounding area was finally developed and equipped with all necessary facilities. As a matter of fact, at the end we have got a quite new sport complex dedicated to football, as well as to other sports (athletics, basketball).

EU: We are witnessing the progress of a new passenger terminal construction at Kharkiv International Airport. When do you plan to set it into operation?

AY: De facto we are building a complete new airport in Kharkiv of European standards that will have a high passenger handling capacity and the airfield capable to handle "heavy" aircrafts. And now we are already ahead of the construction schedule and we plan to finish all works by the end of 2010.

EU: What are the factors that could potentially delay the deadline of construction works held?

AY: We don't have any problems with meeting the time frames set – there are some working questions only, but these are being settled as the work goes.

EU: What is the current readiness status of the new passenger terminal constructed?

AY: Construction works are currently underway as well as the stage of negotiations and signing the contracts for purchasing the advance-technology equipment for the new terminal, namely IT solutions and baggage handling systems. Last month the reconstruction of the airfield has been launched. With a media presence the first cubic



meter of concrete was put as well as a reference sign installed. Now aprons are being expanded and ground works are being held.

EU: Recently your agreement signed with Vanderlande Industries on the baggage handling system was announced to the public. And in what other types of passenger terminal equipment do you still have an interest in view of the new terminal construction?

AY: We are potentially interested in all sorts of equipment required to develop the new state-of-the-art passenger terminal of Kharkiv airport that will correspond to the highest international standards.

EU: How do you evaluate the current status of Kharkiv preparations for the EURO 2012 compared to other potential host cities?

AY: Our city is getting widely ready for the EURO 2012. Kharkiv city is often referred to as a Ukrainian model city in terms of quality of preparations for the EURO 2012. And this status was achieved by the Joint Team of Kharkiv – government together with business circles despite the political views were able to consolidate around the city's preparations as it is the common goal. At the same time, Kharkiv couldn't be viewed in isolation from other host cities of Ukraine and Poland. Only the unity of purposes and actions will allow having the EURO 2012 in a proper level. Ukrainian cities are getting ready for the EURO 2012 via close mutual cooperation, help and sharing of the experience. On top of that, in Ukraine we hold the opinion that two countries – Ukraine and Poland – are the one team. And I truly believe that the Championship will be held in a format of 4x4 – with the equal number of host cities from Ukrainian and Polish sides.