



Event	Interview
Interviewee	Mr. Aleksandr Yaroslavskiy Owner of DCH Group
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Eunite Ukraine (EU): DCH became the first Ukrainian company, which finances the large investments into the development of infrastructure projects and road construction. Can you please tell whether the local authorities support your initiative?

Mr. Aleksandr Yaroslavskiy (AY): In our case the local authorities goes directly in our direction. And it is really so. I can surely tell that we do not have any opposition. Of course, we have some points at issue, but these are the working points. We find support from local as well as regional authorities in the fulfillment of strategic and tactical tasks.

EU: Kharkiv airport and Stadium “Metallist” are the major infrastructure projects of city, which are financed by your company. Could you please tell, how much did you invest in them?

AY: We are planning to terminate the reconstruction of the Kharkov airport by the beginning of 2011. First of all, we are talking about the passenger terminal, the cost of construction of which amounts to 30 million grivnas. The runway covers 40% in the airport project. The amount of investments in the reconstruction of the runway of Kharkov airport is estimated in 230 million grivnas. Since some of the construction materials became less expensive within the crisis, we managed to reduce the price of the project a little bit, but not substantially. Regarding the “Metallist” stadium, the cost of its full reconstruction reaches 400 million grivnas. At present 200 million grivnas has been already invested.

EU: Could you please describe the stadium reconstruction project in general?

AY: “Metallist” stadium in Kharkov is the main sport object in preparation for hosting Euro 2012 in Kharkov as well as the main sport object of the whole region. The construction of the new roof over the West and East stands has almost finished, in three days we are planning to finish the construction of the roof over the North stand. At once we will start the construction of the roof over the South stand – we are planning to accomplish these works in one and a half months. Within one and a half – two months we are going to finish the works on the installation of the new pitch, 16 meters of which will be transparent.

EU: Who are the suppliers you are cooperating with within the stadium reconstruction?

AY: Mainly, Ukrainian suppliers. All works are conducted by Ukrainian constructors, practically all materials are Ukrainian. But, at the same time, we attract foreign contractors, which acknowledge its competence for UEFA experts. For example, we are planning to install seats of foreign producer (42 000 seats of Austrian production) as well as to set up two electronic indicator panels “Philips” (they are doing the electronic advertisement for us, 268 meters in length). The covering for the racetracks is of Italian company “Mondo”. I think that by September we terminate the principal construction, and by December this year we complete the final revisions.

EU: Are you planning to change the field?

AY: We will restore it. This year in winter we carried out the repair, made the heating and after the termination of



the Ukrainian Championship we will bring it into the ideal condition. All services, the best specialists and technologies are ready for that.

EU: Which automation systems will be installed at the stadium?

AY: All necessary and required by UEFA automation systems will be installed at the stadium. For example, we ordered and prepared ourselves for the installation of the turnstiles; begin the works in front of the East stand, however, according to the toughening of UEFA requirements, we were forced to change the order and at present we begin the works on the installation of the 72 full-height turnstiles. Everything, to the last small thing, will be produced according to the UEFA requirements. The access system to the stadium will be adjusted to the UEFA requirements.

EU: What is the correlation of the investments in the stadium: yours and budget ones?

AY: Let's say: nowadays predominance in the investments is on my side. In the meantime, I still hope that the State gets the hang of things and the correlation of investments will be 50:50.

EU: In general, if Kharkov does not obtain the right to host football matches of Euro 2012, businessman Aleksandr Yaroslavskiy will loose a lot?

AY: Oh, no, businessman Aleksandr Yaroslavskiy will not loose anything. Maybe, he will have pretty bad mood, but neither stadium, nor airport will disappear. Nevertheless, I think that the odds of Kharkov are great. And I do not think that at the moment anyone can compete with Kahrkov. UEFA experts can tell this.

EU: How fast are you planning to get back the investments in the stadium?

AY: Here I count more on the moral refund, but not the financial one. Stadium is, in the first turn, a social project.

EU: What are your thoughts on the advent of any strategic investors that may appear for Kharkov and region?

AY: They will certainly appear. I think that the active development of large scale projects, which you can observe nowadays, will surely attract the interest of businesslike companies. Besides, Kharkov is very interesting city in itself. First of all, it is an industrial region, where 3 million people live. Second of all, it is the region that is close to Russian Federation. Can you only imagine, what will be if the Russia reaches the final of Championship, how fans will go to Kharkiv. We have only 40 or 60 km from the border with Russia.