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Eunite Ukraine (EU): What is the scale of Lviv preparation for the EURO 2012?

Olexandr Zharikov (OZ): Lviv, the capital of Western Ukraine, is one of Ukrainian cities hosting the European Football Championships 2012. The preparations for the championship in Lviv can be divided into four main steps: 1) Construction of the new stadium, 2) Development of roads and infrastructure, 3) Airport renovation, 4) Development of the Hotels Sphere.

EU: Having the Stadium is the crucial condition for hosing the football match. What is the situation with the new stadium construction in Lviv?

OZ: According to the requirements set by UEFA, the construction of the new stadium in Lviv will have to be completed by the end of 2010 and two official international matches should be held there before launching the Championship in 2012.

The New Arena is located 12 km from the city centre. Construction works have been started in November 2008, the foundation works - in January 2009. At this moment we finished the foundation on the North, East, and South Side sides, and launched West Side foundation works. The foundation works would be finished by June 2009.

The project designed by the Albert Wimmer's Design Office (Albert Wimmer ZT GmbH, Vienna, Austria) provides for the construction of a stadium with the capacity of 33 thousand spectators, out of which approximately 300 seats will be for honorable visitors in VIP-area on the third level, and about 150 seats will be located in the area skyboxes on the fourth level. The general contractor is the Ukrainian company Azovintex – one of the biggest construction companies in Ukraine.

EU: Is the financial source defined already for the Stadium construction?

OZ: The project is financed by the city. The total cost is 607 million hryvnia. Lviv City Council had allocated 300 million for the stadium in the city budget for the current year.

Also, the Plan of the Territory around the Stadium had been developed. It is the great concept of the replacement the business and administrative centers to this part of the City. It is planned to put there the Multifunctional Sport Centre. The Area is considered to be the most attractive for the investors up till now.

EU: What are your plans for the road infrastructure development?

OZ: Within the program of the Lviv Roads Infrastructure Development we have to reconstruct 120 km of existing roads and to construct 20 km of new roads. Last year we had renovated more than 300 roads in the city.



In 2009 Lviv is continuing this campaign. We are going to spend 300 million hryvnia from the city budget. We have also signed the agreement with EBRD for 50 million euros for the year 2009 and another 50 million euros for 2010 for this purpose. The city has launched the cooperation with PTV, one of the biggest German transport consulting company, to develop the "Strategy for the urban transport", which is going to give us the final solution for the problem of transport communication between the new stadium and other parts of the city. Construction of new roads will be financed with the help of EBRD.

EU: What are the prospects of the Lviv International Airport development?

OZ: Development of Lviv as the tourist centre influences all spheres of the City life. The travel market answers by the opening of new international flights, which require the renovation of the airport and increase of its capacities.

The reconstruction of the runway had been started recently. The Length of the Runway would be 3200 m and it would have 115 aircrafts parking places. The general contractor is Azovintex, the same company, which builds the New Stadium in Lviv. The existing Terminal would be reconstructed to handle the traffic of 800 passengers per hour and the schematic design of the New Terminal with the capacity of 1000 passengers per hour is developed and approved. The Call for Proposals within the Internationals Investment Contest would be announced soon.

All the works are guaranteed from the State Budget and are done according to the schedule.

EU: What about Lviv Accommodation Facilities?

OZ: There are some important things to note to understand the current situation and the future of this industry in Lviv. We have also to mention that our analysis and prognosis are based on the Market study provided by the ECOLE hotelier de Losanne, which was ordered by the City of Lviv.

Lviv and the region are the fastest developing tourist areas of Ukraine. Our tourist market grew over 40% during last two years. Naturally occupancy in Lviv hotels within last 3 years in all the categories increased extremely, as well as the number of hotels and rooms.

We had proposed to the UEFA official representative TUI Travel few nice alternatives for the UEFA officials and teams accommodation. For fans accommodation till year 2012 Lviv would be able to offer near 8000 beds in 5-,4-,3star hotels, more than 20 000 beds in dormitories and nearly 2000 apartments.

It's not only the city. There are some big spa resorts around the city, several ski resorts in Carpathian Mountains and small historical towns close to Lviv, which can offer their accommodation opportunities. Lviv Region can supply more than 30 000 beds for fans accommodation. When we are talking about the region we mean some resorts within 1 hour access to the city. We also had prepared 12 Organized Camping Zones near City Circle.