



Event	Interview
Interviewee	Ms. Natalia Chernyshova, Head of EURO 2012 Department, Dnipropetrovsk City Council
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Eunite Ukraine (EU): What is the current status of Dnipropetrovsk preparation for EURO 2012?

Ms. Natalia Chernyshova(NCh): I can assure you that all the tasks on the city preparation for EURO 2012 are being accomplished in accordance with the time schedule and the State Task Programme on EURO 2012 Preparation, approved by Decree of the Cabinet of the Ministers of Ukraine on 22 February 2008.

EU: Are there any projects regarding the parking places nearby the stadium Dnipro Arena?

NC: As of now, the construction of the one-level parking near the stadium was already started. For the period of EURO 2012 we also plan to block the neighbor streets to use them for the additional parking places.

EU: What is the current status of the training bases in Dnipropetrovsk?

NC: Training complex that belongs to FC "Dnipro" is a modernized state-of-art object that fully meets all the requirements of UEFA for EURO 2012. One more training base "Meteor" is to be reconstructed and modernized. According to the preliminary calculations its financing requires 9,6 million UAH.

EU: How the most problematic issues on the airports development are being solved?

NC: The transferring of the Dnipropetrovsk airport to the private ownership will be done through open tender. The process of its preparation is already started. I would like to underline that Dnipropetrovsk airport capacity is 416.000 passengers per year. After its reconstruction the capacity will be 5654880 passengers per year, 1850 passengers per hour. It is also planned to use the airports of the nearby cities – Kryvyj Rig and Zaporizhzhya - as reserve airports with capacity of 500 and 360 passengers per hour respectively.

EU: What measures have been already taken in the field of transport infrastructure development in Dnipropetrovsk?

NC: Taking into account the recommendations on the transport infrastructure for EURO 2012, the following steps were taken in 2009. The analysis of current status of implementation of the projects on transport infrastructure of Dnipropetrovsk city was made. The changes in the transportation scenario for EURO 2012 (connections between the airport, the railway station, the stadium, the city center, the station, and the reserve airports) are developed. Moreover, on 19 March, 2009, the project of Dnipropetrovsk transport infrastructure was presented during the meeting in the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Ukraine.

EU: What are the plans for the city development for 2009?

NC: The plans for 2009 stipulate for the following financing of the key activities in the framework of the city development for EURO 2012:

- training bases reconstruction - 2,3 million UAH at the costs of investors;
- airport development - 49,98 million UAH, out of them 3,58 million UAH from the state budget and 46,4 million UAH – from the other sources;



- modern service providing systems for public transport infrastructure around the city – 673,45 million UAH at the costs of the city budget;
- construction and reconstruction of the hotels and hostels – 1125,20 million UAH, out of them 1119,20 million UAH at the costs of investors and 7 million UAH at the costs of city budget;
- medical services - 16,9 million UAH at the costs of the city budget;
- electricity lines construction, reconstruction, and repair – 50,2 million UAH at the costs of investors.

EU: Could you please describe the hotel infrastructure in Dnipropetrovsk?

NC: Taking into account serious economic problems caused by the financial crisis, Dnipropetrovsk city Council developed some alternative variants of accommodation, namely in Zaporizhzhya, in the 100-km recreational zone in the resorts and ship hotels. The agreement with Zaporizhzhya City Council on the tourism development in Prydniprovsky region is already signed. As of now, 5 hotels in Zaporizhzhya agreed with TUI Travel that they will provide an accommodation for the target UEFA groups with 540 rooms. Also, Chervona Ruta LLC promised that 3 ships will provide 4star rooms, 150 for each ship.

EU: What about the quality of services provided in these hotels?

NC: To improve the quality of the services, Dnipropetrovsk signed an agreement with Eindhoven and Vienne where Dnipropetrovsk is defined as the basic city for hotel personnel and management training. For this purpose, we are planning now to open a faculty in one of our universities.

EU: What are the key factors, in your opinion, that can influence hotel infrastructure development?

NC: First of all, we need the state and city authorities support the procedure of land acquisition, project documentation approval, and getting permits for building and construction.

EU: What are the risks for the city development?

NC: Preparation for EURO 2012, as for Dnipropetrovsk, so for other host cities, can be influenced by financial crisis in Ukraine. Thus, to fulfill all the tasks the state support becomes very important. For example, it could be money allocation from the Stabilization Fund of the State budget of Ukraine.