

**ROADMAP FOR JOINT ACTIONS
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
UKRAINE
(2.0)**

Preamble

The Government of the Slovak Republic and the Government of Ukraine, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties", convened for the third round of the Joint consultations held on 17 October 2025 in Košice, Slovakia,

Recalling the enduring bonds of good neighbourly relations, mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, shared European values and common European future,

Reaffirming their commitment to deepening bilateral cooperation across political, energy, defence, economic, security, humanitarian, and cross-border dimensions,

Considering the **Joint Statement of the Prime Ministers of Ukraine and the Slovak Republic**, signed on 24 January 2024, the **Roadmap for Joint Actions between Ukraine and the Slovak republic**, signed on 11 April 2024, and **Joint Declaration of the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Slovak Republic**, signed on 7 October 2024,

Recognising the evolving regional and geopolitical context, including the impact of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the need for enhanced and solidarity within the European community,

Emphasizing the importance for the European security of the restoration of the comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine on the basis of respect to the principles of the UN Charter,

Acknowledging the importance of close bilateral coordination in support of Ukraine's recovery, reconstruction, and EU accession process,

Determined to further strengthen the partnership between Slovakia and Ukraine in a spirit of solidarity, mutual benefit, and shared responsibility,

Ukraine and the Slovak Republic hereby **adopt** this Roadmap for Joint Actions between the Government of the Slovak Republic and the Government of Ukraine (2.0) as a forward-looking framework to guide the next **strategic areas of bilateral cooperation**:

I. Political Dialogue

Reaffirming the unwavering support of the Slovak Republic for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, including territorial waters,

Respecting Ukraine's inherent and sovereign right to freely choose its own future, including to be a full-fledged part of the European and Euro-Atlantic communities,

Condemning the flagrant violation of international law by the Russian Federation through its war of aggression against Ukraine-in the form of illegal, unprovoked and unjustified full-scale invasion of Ukraine, which has fundamentally undermined the rules-based international order,

Underscoring the need to strictly uphold the policy of non-recognition of the Russian Federation's attempted illegal annexation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol, as well as parts of the Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk, and Zaporizhzhia regions of Ukraine,

The Parties **agree to:**

deepen the political dialogue at high and the highest levels, including regular consultations between governments, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, and Parliaments.

reaffirm Slovakia's full support for Ukraine's membership in the European Union.

strengthen cooperation within international organizations, supporting Ukrainian resolutions and actions aimed at restoring peace and protecting human rights.

facilitate the restoration of a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace for Ukraine.

II. Energy Cooperation

Recognizing the strategic significance of our cooperation in the energy sector, the Parties reaffirm their joint commitment to advancing collaborative frameworks that enhance energy security and the resilience and sustainability of the interconnected electricity system. In this spirit, they build on the ongoing cooperation and the implementation of modernization efforts, notably the reconstruction of the Mukachevo–Veľké Kapušany electricity interconnector with the shared goal of completing it by 2027 as the first phase of the joint project to strengthen Lemešany–Vôľ'a–Veľké Kapušany–Mukachevo transmission corridor.

Reaffirming the continued support of the Slovak Republic for Ukraine through the provision of electricity supplies, including emergency electricity deliveries, thereby making a direct and significant contribution to the stability of the Ukrainian electricity grid.

Acknowledging the importance of safeguarding and maximizing the capacity of Ukraine's and Slovakia's role of a transit corridor for energy resources through the development of alternative transportation routes, the Parties express their support for the development and utilization of Ukraine's and Slovak Republic's existing infrastructure. To achieve this goal, the Parties will:

support the development of the "Southern Druzhba" route as a strategic corridor for the supply of various grades of oil to EU Member States. The Parties support the effective use of the potential of this route;

encourage bilateral consultations between the relevant oil pipeline operators of both countries to ensure the stable, reliable, and commercially viable operation of interconnecting oil transport systems and to identify necessary technical and logistical upgrades;

continue to explore the prospects for supplying oil using existing Ukrainian infrastructure.

Encouraging gas transportation between Ukrainian and Slovak transportation infrastructure, as a means to reinforce Central European regional energy stability and resilience, both Parties will:

explore possibilities of using Ukrainian and Slovak gas storage capacities in order to enhance security of supply of the region.

continue the scientific and technical cooperation in accordance with the 2023-2025 Plan for scientific and technical cooperation, focusing on the exchange of experience and knowledge in underground gas storage of "green gases". This includes joint work on hydrogen projects (production using renewable energy sources, injection and storage, selection of favourable strata, buffer volume creation, and hydrogen blending with natural gas);

process the possibility to enhance the commercial viability of gas imports and trading activities.

continue to explore the prospects for supplying American LNG using existing Slovak and Ukrainian gas infrastructure.

The Parties will also **explore** avenues for financial and technical collaboration in modernizing Ukraine's energy infrastructure. In particular, the Slovak Party will consider the possibility of

providing grant support to JSC “Ukrtransgaz” or making a contribution to the Ukraine Energy Support Fund for the implementation of a strategic investment project, specifically the procurement of seven 16 MW gas compressor units.

Both Parties **reaffirm** their continued support for the Central European Hydrogen Corridor, which is designed to facilitate the transport of hydrogen from key supply regions in Ukraine, through Slovakia and the Czech Republic, to major demand areas in Germany. This cooperation in hydrogen-related initiatives contributes significantly to enhancing the energy security of both countries, while promoting diversification of energy sources and infrastructure.

Recognizing the importance of the oil production and refining industry for the economies of Ukraine and the Slovak Republic, as well as the existence of a well-developed oil transportation system and related infrastructure, both Parties express their interest in maintaining stable crude oil supplies from Ukraine to the Slovak Republic and in expanding cooperation.

The Parties will **pursue** to facilitate the development of joint investment projects in Renewable Energy Sources, with a focus on wind and solar power generation, to accelerate the green transition, increase the share of clean energy in the national energy mixes, and enhance grid resilience.

Both Parties **express** strong interest in exchanging expertise and technical solutions for methane emissions abatement, particularly concerning the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2024/1787 (on methane emissions reduction in the energy sector).

Both Parties **express** their support for deepening cooperation in the field of nuclear energy and nuclear safety, recognizing its critical role in achieving long-term energy security and sustainability as it was already agreed in the Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of nuclear energy. This includes the exchange of best practices, operational expertise, and technical information, as well as joint efforts to strengthen regulatory frameworks, enhance safety standards, and promote innovation in nuclear technologies.

III. Cooperation in the Field of Defence

Both Parties **value** ongoing cooperation between Slovakia and Ukraine in the field of defense. Our mutual aim is to **advance** this cooperation by strengthening our industrial cooperation or delivering of humanitarian material. The emphasis is on the demining and engineering capabilities.

Both Parties **welcome** the new possibilities for increasing our defense industry cooperation also through EU initiatives SAFE, EDIP or Drone Wall. In acknowledgment of the increasing cooperation, the Slovak Party **proposes** to re-establish the idea of organization of the mutual Industry Day.

The Slovak Party highly **values** the shared *Lessons Learned*, which could be implemented in research and development as well as improvement of the defense industry.

IV. Economic and Trade Development and Implementation of Recovery Projects

Recognizing the strategic importance of Ukraine’s recovery as a cornerstone of European stability and prosperity, both Parties:

agree to develop of a Trans-Carpathian cross-border cycling route connecting Eastern Slovakia, Zakarpattia oblast, and other regions in neighbouring countries to boost tourism, strengthen people-to-people ties, and support local economies. The project will use digital tools to enhance navigation and promotion, creating an integrated cross-border tourism network;

cooperate in the area of rebuilding sports infrastructure on the territory of Ukraine, as well as supporting veterans’ sports clubs;

reaffirm their commitment to promoting cooperation through multilateral and regional platforms, in particular the Carpathian Initiative between Slovakia and Poland, as a trilateral platform between Slovakia, Poland and Ukraine subsequently. The Slovak Party will support the newly established regional initiatives, reinforcing collaboration among the border regions of Ukraine and Slovakia to foster connectivity, sustainable development, and cross-border flagship projects;

continue the engagement of the Slovak Republic in European Union mechanisms for Ukraine's recovery, including the Ukraine Facility, the Ukraine Investment Framework and other relevant instruments;

support the preparation and submission of Slovak project portfolio under the Ukraine Investment Framework and other EU financial mechanisms, with focus on energy security, critical infrastructure, and social infrastructure. Both parties agree to explore possibility for the second project portfolio to be submitted in 2026.

Acknowledging the crucial role of the private sector in reconstruction and economic resilience, both Parties underline their commitment to strengthening business-to-business cooperation and creating favourable conditions for Slovak and Ukrainian companies to participate in recovery-related projects.

Both Parties **agree** to strengthen socio-economic cooperation by:

organizing targeted business missions to Ukraine and networking events to connect Slovak and Ukrainian entrepreneurs and facilitate partnerships in all sectors, knowledge exchange, and joint investment opportunities, with a view to enhancing bilateral trade and sector-specific collaboration;

supporting the participation of Slovak companies in reconstruction and modernization projects, particularly in critical infrastructure, social facilities, and healthcare (including rehabilitation of veterans), as well as in the development of industrial parks and logistics hubs;

encouraging Slovakia's manufacturing, automotive, and electronics suppliers to establish production facilities within Ukrainian industrial parks located in the border regions (especially Zakarpattia, Lviv, Volyn). This focus should prioritize automotive component manufacturing, electronics assembly, and the processing of critical materials to strengthen European supply chain resilience;

promoting SME capacity-building and innovation through joint training programmes, certification initiatives, and platforms such as business clubs and sector-specific working groups;

encouraging joint ventures and investment projects in priority sectors — contributing to the diversification and modernization of both economies;

supporting the involvement of Slovak regions, professional associations, and private sector in recovery-related projects;

promoting cooperation in the field of human capital by:

protecting and **supporting** Ukrainian displaced persons, supporting education and skills development, facilitating labour mobility, reintegration of veterans, and psychosocial support for children and youth;

protecting and **supporting** unaccompanied minors under 18 residing in the Slovak Republic and strengthening vocational trainings and skills certification programmes for Ukrainians in the Slovak Republic.

V. Cooperation in the Field of Transport and Cross-Border Connectivity

Striving to develop transport infrastructure with the aim of strengthening mutual trade and transport relations, both Parties:

agree to terminate the processes aiming at the establishment of the direct rail connections for passengers between Kyiv and Košice on the 1520 mm gauge track (Pavlovo – Mat'ovce crossing);

agree to move towards the systematic development of passenger transportation and connectivity between Ukraine and Slovakia on the 1435 mm gauge track, using the newly built track between

Uzhhorod and Chop. The intention is to connect two railway infrastructure systems with 1520 and 1435 mm gauges in Chop or Uzhhorod and find a solution for the introduction of a night connection Uzhhorod - Prague (start of operation in the first half 2026). New train lines timetables are subject to additional allocation from the Slovak state budget. At the same time, they must also be agreed upon railway operators and the time of customs and passport control should respect the train schedule.

The Slovak Party **will explore** the possibility of transferring, free of charge, part of the already decommissioned 350 series electric locomotives of Železničná spoločnosť Slovensko, a. s. to Ukrzaliznytsia JSC for further operation on 1435 mm gauge tracks in Ukraine. Both Parties:

agree that such an initiative would be an important sign of support for Ukraine's European integration course and would contribute to the practical development of the 1435 mm gauge network, in particular on the Uzhhorod – Chop - Košice route.

agree to take the necessary measures, as feasible to implement this initiative, which will create conditions for the equitable and mutually beneficial development of joint international rail transport between Slovakia and Ukraine.

The Slovak Party **declares** an increase in the level of modernization of the railway infrastructure on the Čierna nad Tisou - Košice line.

Both Parties:

are **committed** to deepening cooperation in the development and operationalization of intermodal logistics hubs, and to enhance cooperation in the field of aviation and inland waterway transport; will **endeavour** to improve the qualitative parameters of the existing railway infrastructure to meet the needs of freight flows between the two Parties;

agree to discuss further development of cross-border freight transport and transshipment of goods between the 1520 and 1435 mm gauges tracks with the possibility of creating a joint venture of SK and UA Railways for the field of freight transport, which will use transshipment capacity equally on Slovak and Ukrainian territory and at the same time ensure the transport of increased volumes of commodities in both directions;

agree to promote the development of intermodal connections between Ukraine and Slovakia, with extension to other EU countries, focusing not only on container transport but primarily on the carriage of vertically manipulable semitrailers designed for transshipment using piggyback gripping systems, with the aim of relieving road infrastructure.

The Parties will make **efforts** to find a new joint connection point of the D1 (Slovakia) and M-06 (Ukraine) motorways and to expand the border crossing infrastructure (modernization) of the cargo section of the joint connection point of the existing motorways between Vyšné Nemecké and Uzhhorod. The Slovak Republic will make every **effort** to complete the construction of the D1 motorway on the section "Bidovce - state border of the SR/UA.

VI. Cooperation in the Field of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development

Both Parties **acknowledge** the need to continue their mutual cooperation in the field of agriculture, forestry, and rural development as well as production of high-quality food and agricultural products.

Both Parties **agree** to cooperate and coordinate in the transit of agricultural commodities from Ukraine and *vice versa*, or to third-country markets and those suffering from shortages, with the support of mutual exchange of information in order to prevent potential disruptions to the markets of the participants, with an emphasis on fair competition conditions for the parties involved.

As regards the implementation of the revised DCFTA, Both Parties **agreed** to jointly call on the European Commission to mitigate the possible negative impacts that the implementation of the agreement could bring.

Both Parties **agreed** to jointly appeal to the European Commission to establish a special compensation fund, or to identify other effective measures to compensate for losses resulting from increased tariff rate quotas on agricultural imports from Ukraine, that the revised agreement will bring, especially in the Member States bordering Ukraine, which are most affected by these imports based on statistic data confirmed by both parties.

As regards forests and forestry, both Parties **agree** to further cooperate in order to ensure the sustainability and renewal of the forestry sector in Ukraine. Both Parties have agreed to conduct follow-up in-depth consultation on forest management and EU alignment, infrastructure modernisation and technology, including wood processing and reforestation as well as ecological restoration of war-damaged forests and forest fire prevention.

VII. Cooperation in the Field of Education and Science

Based on the Memorandum of Understanding concerning several areas of cooperation, signed on 7 October 2024, both Parties **intend** to continue implementing all valid international bilateral documents in the field of education and provide expert support in areas of mutual interest, while also implementing support for the education of Ukrainian children in strategic materials.

The Slovak Party agree to **consider**, based on the initiative of the Ukrainian Party, and in accordance with the applicable legislation of the Slovak Republic, the possibilities for further development of educational activities in the Ukrainian language, including exploring options for establishing a Slovak-Ukrainian educational institution in Bratislava as a model of bilingual and intercultural cooperation.

The Slovak Party will also **explore**, together with the Ukrainian Party, the possibility of providing organisational and, where feasible, financial support to educational initiatives and community based institutions, such as Ukrainian Saturday and Sunday schools in Slovakia, within available capacities and in accordance with national legislation.

The Slovak Party will further **explore** the possibility of introducing instruction in the Ukrainian language or the study of the Ukrainian language or subjects of the Ukrainian studies component in schools of the Slovak Republic with the largest number of Ukrainian students.

Both Parties will also **consider** introducing Ukrainian and/or Eastern European studies at leading Slovak universities.

Both Parties also **emphasize** the importance of educating children and students, supporting their first language, and the work of teaching and professional staff in education.

Further, the Parties **propose** to strengthen cooperation in the field of education for national minorities and inclusive education, with particular emphasis on the support of schools with Slovak language as the language of instruction in Ukraine and education in Ukrainian language in Slovakia, within the framework of the Slovak–Ukrainian Joint Intergovernmental Commission for National Minorities, Education and Culture.

The Parties **express** their determination to strengthen cooperation within the framework of the International Coalition for Science, Research, and Innovation in Ukraine, launched on 11 July 2025 in Rome (the Italian Republic) during the Ukraine Recovery Conference 2025.

VIII. Cooperation in the Field of Humanitarian Assistance

Recalling the importance of humanitarian assistance and civil protection in addressing crises and supporting vulnerable populations,

Recognizing the need to intensify efforts in humanitarian aid and civil protection cooperation through mutual support, exchange of best practices, and sharing of expert capacities, particularly within the framework of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM), in order to enhance the effectiveness of crisis response,

The Slovak Republic **continues** to closely monitor and assess Ukraine's humanitarian needs and reiterates its readiness to provide support. Both Parties remain **committed** to strengthening development cooperation through projects primarily focused on the health, energy, and humanitarian demining sectors, as well as providing non-lethal and engineering machines and equipment — including through engagement in EU financial mechanisms.

Moreover, in the spirit of partnership and continuity, should the Slovak Republic decommission emergency medical service vehicles and medical equipment, the Slovak Republic **confirms** its readiness to provide those to Ukraine.

IX. Cooperation in the Field of Partnerships with Ukrainian Regions and Cross-Border Regional Development

Recalling the importance of fostering cross-border cooperation to enhance regional development, sustainable urban planning, and resilience in border regions,

Recognizing the role of UN-Habitat and other international frameworks in supporting people-centered smart cities, post-war urban recovery, and knowledge transfer between the Slovak Republic and Ukraine,

Acknowledging the significance of the Slovak–Ukrainian Joint Intergovernmental Commission on Cross-Border Cooperation in improving border management, transport infrastructure, environmental protection, and regional development,

Highlighting the value of cross-border and transnational cooperation programs, including Interreg and other EU-funded initiatives, in promoting climate adaptation, biodiversity, healthcare, social services, cultural heritage, tourism, and sustainable economic development,

Determined to advance the establishment of the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) between Slovak and Ukrainian regional authorities to facilitate joint projects, strengthen transport connectivity, support SMEs, and enhance disaster preparedness and civil protection,

Affirming the commitment of both Parties to leverage future EU instruments under the Multiannual Financial Framework 2028–2034 to strengthen resilience, invest in key transport and digital infrastructure, and align resources with regional security, competitiveness, and social development objectives,

Recognizing the strategic importance of cross-border cooperation for Ukraine's recovery, regional development, and European integration, both Parties **agree** to:

support the activation and practical implementation of existing memoranda and partnership agreements by linking Ukrainian regions and cities with Slovak self-governing regions, cities and municipalities, and by developing new frameworks for cooperation focused on shared priorities such as infrastructure, social services, humanitarian aid, and sustainable development;

promote cross-border connectivity by coordinating transport, border infrastructure, and mobility projects that improve the movement of people and goods, while also contributing to regional integration and economic growth;

enhance collaboration in education, research, healthcare, and social care, including the exchange of expertise, joint training programmes, and cooperation on improving services for displaced persons, veterans, and vulnerable populations, including children;

foster cultural cooperation and people-to-people contacts by supporting joint projects in cultural heritage preservation, tourism development, and municipal-level partnerships, contributing to stronger societal links and mutual understanding.

X. Other areas of cooperation

Considering the positive dynamics of the development of bilateral Ukrainian-Slovak relations, the Parties **agree** to extend the areas of bilateral cooperation by strengthening contacts, extending the legal frameworks, and implementing new projects in the following areas:

- Tourism and Sports;
- Healthcare;
- Labour Mobility;
- Digital Agenda and Innovation;
- Cultural - in particular in the field of heritage preservation and cultural cooperation;
- Environmental;
- Defence Industry;
- Other areas of cooperation of strategic interest to both Parties.

Cooperation between Ukraine and the Slovak Republic in accordance with this document will be **implemented** in the forms of meetings and consultations, exchanging information and experiences, joint expert assessments of needs, development and implementation of joint projects, providing international technical and humanitarian aid, raising funds for the implementation of projects, etc.

Both Parties **agree** to deepen high-level engagement through a conference organized by the Slovak Party, entitled “Slovakia–Ukraine Dialogue: Cooperation for Shared Prosperity”, to be held on 7 November 2025 in Bratislava.

The Parties **agree** to coordinate the relevant cooperation by holding following **Joint Commission sessions till the end of 2026:**

regular session of the Ukrainian-Slovak Joint Commission on Economic, Industrial, Scientific and Technical Cooperation;

regular session of the Ukrainian-Slovak Joint Intergovernmental Commission on Cross-border Cooperation;

regular session of the Ukrainian-Slovak Joint Intergovernmental Commission on National Minorities, Education and Culture.

XI. Concluding Provisions

Recognizing the continuing need for humanitarian support, the Slovak Republic reaffirms its commitment to provide timely and targeted humanitarian assistance in response to the evolving needs of Ukraine.

Acknowledging the importance of effective implementation, both Parties instruct relevant ministries, agencies, and regional authorities to develop detailed internal action plans outlining specific measures, timelines, and resource allocation for the implementation of the Roadmap’s provisions.

Highlighting the need for structured monitoring and evaluation, both Parties will establish joint mechanisms for tracking progress, including regular reporting, periodic review meetings, and the designation of key coordination points among governmental bodies.

Ukrainian and Slovak Parties **agree to sign**, apart from this Roadmap, the following bilateral agreements:

- Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Slovak Republic on Technical and Financial Cooperation
- Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Slovak Republic on Amendments to the Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Slovak Republic on the Location and Maintenance of Diplomatic Missions of Ukraine in the Slovak Republic and of the Slovak Republic in Ukraine
- Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Slovak Republic on Cooperation and Exchange of Information in the Field of Labour Migration
- Protocol between the Government of the Slovak Republic and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on amending the Agreement between the Government of the Slovak Republic and the Government of Ukraine on border crossing points on the common state border

Both Parties **agree** to work on further bilateral agreements, which constitute the annex to this Roadmap.

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Annex**Bilateral agreements to be signed between Ukraine and the Slovak Republic**

1. Agreement between Ukraine and the Slovak Republic on Amendments to the Agreement between Ukraine and the Slovak Republic on Social Security
2. Agreement between Ukraine and the Slovak Republic on Cooperation in the Control of Persons, Vehicles and Goods at Joint Border Crossing Points
3. Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Slovak Republic on cooperation in the field of combating crime
4. Agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Slovak Republic on the implementation of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context
5. Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine on cooperation in the field of forestry and sustainable forest management