

ROADMAP FOR JOINT ACTIONS BETWEEN UKRAINE AND THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

- Emphasizing the importance of intensifying the bilateral relations in all areas of common interest between neighboring countries;
- Considering the Joint Statement of the Prime Ministers of Ukraine and the Slovak Republic signed on 24 January 2024 in Uzhhorod;
- Upon the results of the Joint consultations of the Governments of Ukraine and the Slovak Republic held on 11 April 2024, the Sides agreed to consolidate the priority strategic areas of bilateral mutually beneficial cooperation;
- Willing to provide further impetus and unified political guidance to cooperation already developing under respective ministerial cooperation frameworks.

The objective of this Roadmap is to strengthen relations between Ukraine and the Slovak Republic on the basis of a mutual trust and respect, as well as to demonstrate the readiness for further joint cooperation based on international law, including the key provisions of the UN Charter, respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders of 1991.

Strategic areas of bilateral cooperation

I. Political dialogue

Considering

- the strong position of the Slovak Republic in supporting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, and respecting the right to freely choose its own future, including to be a full-fledged part of the European and Euro Atlantic communities;
- the need to continue implementing the policy of non-recognizing the Russian Federation's attempt to annex the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol, as well as parts of the Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia regions of Ukraine;
- Slovakia's condemnation of the violation of international law by the Russian Federation through its illegal, unjustified and unprovoked war of aggression against Ukraine which has undermined the foundations of the rules-based international order;
- the readiness of the Slovak Republic to continue its participation in the implementation of the Peace Formula of President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy and in the forthcoming Global Peace Summit;
- confirming the firm and continued support of the Slovak Republic for Ukraine's integration in the European Union, the Sides agreed

hold regular thematic meetings and joint consultations, including online formats, between representatives of the Governments of Ukraine and the Slovak Republic on key areas of bilateral cooperation within the framework of certain common projects;

facilitate the strengthening of the inter-parliamentary cooperation and establishment of relevant committees and friendship groups on the current issues of international and regional policy, as well as cooperation in the parliamentary assemblies of international organizations;

strengthen existing cooperation and establish new relations between regions and cities of Ukraine and the Slovak Republic;

expressed support to the Peace Formula of President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy and see the incoming Global Peace Summit in Switzerland as a great opportunity to consider all points of the above-mentioned Peace Formula;

ensure the accession and participation of the Slovak Republic in the implementation of the certain points of the Peace Formula, particularly on radiation and nuclear safety (in terms of de-occupation of the ZNPP) and environmental safety (on humanitarian demining);

develop dialogue within the international organizations (UN, Council of Europe, OSCE, WTO, IAEA, GUAM, CEI), Three Seas Initiative, Danube Commission, Visegrad Group, Slavkov Format and other international organizations and regional formats;

support swift adoption of the EU negotiating framework for Ukraine and the work forward without delay, taking into account the progress of Ukraine in advancing on the necessary reforms on the EU path.

II. Energy security

Emphasizing the need of maintaining and developing interconnectivity of energy systems between Ukraine and the Slovak Republic, guaranteeing non-discriminatory access to the Ukrainian energy market for Slovak energy companies, increasing the transparency of data exchange, eliminating non-systemic tax burden imposed on cross-border trading, launching common energy projects to diversify energy sources and reduce dependence on Russian energy resources wherever possible, ensuring a high level of energy efficiency and development of renewable energy sources, as well as increasing the resilience of our energy systems and European energy security, the Sides agreed

implement by the end of 2028 the reconstruction and modernization of the Mukachevo - Veľké Kapušany electrical interconnector, with a view to finalize the Lemešany - Voľa - Veľké Kapušany - Mukachevo project by 2032, by constructing a cluster of the new extra high-voltage line to enable the connection of new of renewable energy sources and to increase the capacity for electricity exchange between Ukraine and the Slovak Republic;

hold a joint meeting with representatives of the European Commission, including with the Connecting Europe Facility in the first half of 2024 in order to identify the possibilities of financing cross-border infrastructure projects;

explore joint solutions for the supply of oil and petroleum products to the EU, by using the Ukrainian marine oil terminal, including the possibility of reverse crude oil pumping;

strengthen the cooperation in the area of the possibility of using the Ukrainian underground gas storage facilities by interested parties from the EU member states, and further cooperate through continuation of gas transmission from the territory of Slovakia to Ukraine via existing reverse flow capacities;

implement the Slovak Republic's policy of further diversification of nuclear fuel suppliers, and establish within six months from the date of signing this document a joint task composed of representatives from regulators and operators to examine Ukraine's experience with using alternative nuclear fuel in nuclear power plants;

continue working actively on the implementation of the project for the production and transportation of green and low-carbon hydrogen from Ukraine to the EU member states, particularly to coordinate pipeline infrastructure projects under the CEHC project to be included in the database of the European Clean Hydrogen Alliance, as well as exploring the option of holding a quadripartite meeting at the level of responsible ministers and signature

of a Joint Letter of Intent or a Memorandum of Understanding between Ukraine, the Slovak Republic, the Czech Republic and Germany on the development and facilitation of the CEHC.

III. Economic and trade development and implementation of recovery projects in Ukraine

Recognizing the necessity of stimulating economic growth in both countries, creating new workplaces, implementing recovery projects in Ukraine after the shelling of civilian and critical Ukrainian infrastructure by the Russian Federation, supporting investment and mutually beneficial partnership, the Sides decided

review the current bilateral legal base between Ukraine and the Slovak Republic in the area of financial, technical, economic cooperation and social protection to ensure its relevance to the current state of bilateral relations, ensure its revision or conclusion of new international bilateral documents by the end of 2024/mid-2025;

continue to work on finding a prompt, functional and mutually beneficial solution on the regime of imports of certain agricultural products from Ukraine and originated in Ukraine to the Slovak Republic in order to replace unilateral measures in place;

ensure the participation of the Slovak business in the annual Ukraine Recovery Conference in Berlin in June 2024 (URC 2024). By the end of April 2024, the Slovak Side should provide the Ukrainian Side with a list of its companies for the participation in the URC 2024;

hold a business forum in the Slovak Republic in autumn 2024 with the participation of representatives of the state and regions, business associations and private companies in order to develop conclusions on potential areas of participation of the Slovak business in Ukraine's recovery projects based on the results of the Slovak delegation's participation in the URC 2024;

provide utmost support for the further implementation of the concluded defense contracts on a commercial basis between business entities of the two countries.

IV. Logistical and cross-border cooperation

Considering the importance of enhancing transit cross-border and logistical cooperation, which will have a positive impact on the economies of both countries and the welfare of the population, the Sides agreed

launch by the end of 2024 a direct passenger railway connection between Kyiv and Košice using the 1520 mm gauge infrastructure with the train arriving at the Haniska pri Košice station;

for this purpose, **the Ukrainian Side is committed**

- amend the Agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of the Slovak Republic on border crossing points at the state common border of 15 June 1995, namely in the part of

- alteration of the status of the Pavlove - Matovce international railway crossing point from "for the cargo railway passage" to "for the passenger and cargo railway passage";

- alteration of the status of the Uzhhorod - Vyšne Nemecke international vehicle crossing point after reconstructing of the infrastructure of the border crossing point by addition of the status "for pedestrian passage";

- prepare documents to be transferred to the Slovak Side to ensure the permission for rail cars to be used on the specified route;

for this purpose, **the Slovak Side is committed**

- construct a platform at the final point of the train's route - Haniska pri Košice;
- establish relevant infrastructure on the Slovak part of the Pavlove - Matovce railway crossing point (in Mat'ovské Vojkovce) to carry out border and customs control procedures;
- provide border and customs control on the Slovak territory directly after crossing the Ukrainian-Slovak border during the train stop at the newly constructed station in Mat'ovské Vojkovce and directly on board the train (passengers do not leave the train);
- develop a commercial shuttle service between Haniska pri Košice station, Košice Airport and the city's railway station;
- process materials received by Ukraine's side to permit rail cars to be used on the specified route (potentially, under special temporary regime via designating Haniska pri Košice as border station).

consider extending the railway capacity of the Chop-Čierna nad Tisou crossing point. Both Sides are going to hold a joint meeting with a representative of the Connecting Europe Facility by the end of April this year to raise EU funding to support the development of trans-European transport networks;

for this purpose, the Sides are **committed** to consider increasing the volume of freight transported by rail, and prefer the use of transshipment of both Sides;

continue modernization of the Uzhhorod-Vyšne Nemecke border crossing point on the Ukrainian and Slovak Sides;

prepare the Ukrainian-Slovak agreement on joint control at crossing points for signature by the end of 2024, in particular through holding expert-level negotiations in Bratislava on April 25-26;

V. Development of humanitarian cooperation

As the Russian Federation violates international law regarding the inviolability of Ukraine's borders and territorial integrity, the Sides note the importance of intensifying efforts in the area of humanitarian aid, including humanitarian demining and the co-production of humanitarian and non-lethal engineering machinery, and agreed

continue the Slovak Side's humanitarian aid, including the donation of humanitarian demining and humanitarian and non-lethal engineering machinery;

facilitate collaboration between Ukrainian and Slovak companies in the area of joint production of engineering machinery by the end of 2024.

VI. Other areas of cooperation

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

- Educational and scientific
- Cultural;
- Environmental;
- Space;
- Other areas of cooperation of strategic interest to both Sides.

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.

The Sides agreed to **coordinate the relevant cooperation by holding**

- regular session of the Ukrainian-Slovak Joint Commission on Economic, Industrial, Scientific and Technical Cooperation on May-June 2024;

- regular session of the Ukrainian-Slovak Intergovernmental Commission on Cross-border Cooperation in autumn 2024;

- regular session of the Ukrainian-Slovak Intergovernmental Commission on National Minorities, Education and Culture in 2025.

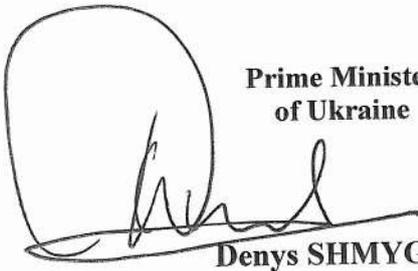
Slovak and Ukrainian **Sides agreed to sign**, apart from this Roadmap, the following bilateral agreements

- Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Slovak Republic on paid activities by family members of staff of diplomatic missions and consular posts
- Agreement between the Administration of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine and the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic on areas of interaction and cooperation in the field of radiation, chemical, biological and nuclear safety at the border
- Memorandum of Understanding between the State Service of Ukraine for Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre and the Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre Office of the Slovak Republic on cooperation in the field of geodesy, cartography and cadaster
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Energy of Ukraine and the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic on cooperation in the field of nuclear energy

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

11 April 2024

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Bilateral agreements to be signed between Ukraine and the Slovak Republic

1. Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Slovak Republic on Cooperation in the Exchange of Information on Labor Migration
2. Agreement between Ukraine and the Slovak Republic on Amendments to the Agreement between Ukraine and the Slovak Republic on Social Security
3. Agreement between Ukraine and the Slovak Republic on Cooperation in the Control of Persons, Vehicles and Goods at Joint Border Crossing Points
4. Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Slovak Republic on technical and financial cooperation
5. Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Slovak Republic on cooperation in the field of combating crime
6. 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
7. Implementing Protocol between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Slovak Republic to the Agreement between Ukraine and the European Community on the Readmission of Persons