



WATER BY DENMARK IN UKRAINE

Access to safe drinking water is a basic human need. Billions of people will lack access to this basic service by 2030 according to the UN. Globally demand for water is rising due to growth in population and increase in water requirements. Water scarcity is expected to increase due to rise in temperatures. Regulation, governance, infrastructure, investments and protection of water sources are vital steps in order to ensure access to safe drinking water.

Denmark is supporting the priorities of Ukraine in the water sector in the areas of regulation and governance, private sector solutions, financial instruments and reconstruction both at national level and under the Mykolaiv-Denmark Partnership.

- Strategic Sector Cooperation on Water and Environment
- Reconstruction, Mykolaiv - Denmark Partnership and Ukraine Transition Country Programme (2025-2028)
- The Trade Council and Private Sector
- Financial Institutions (IFU/DSIF/EIFO)
- Municipal Twinning Programme

The Strategic Sector Cooperation on Water and Environment will contribute to inclusive, sustainable growth and development in Ukraine by supporting conducive framework conditions including on EU directives in Ukraine for the fulfilment of the UN SDGs, will strengthen and expand relations between Denmark and Ukraine and promote solutions by Private Sector in the areas of Water Resources, Water Supply, Pollution Control and Waste Water.

Reconstruction, Mykolaiv-Denmark Partnership and Ukraine Transition Country Programme (2025-2028)
The civilian Danish Support to Ukraine since February 2022 is approx. EUR 709 million. The Mykolaiv-Denmark Partnership is a long-term collaboration based on a Ukrainian vision and Danish strengths. Denmark is supporting early recovery and reconstruction focusing on four strategic priority areas including on water supply and sanitation through the Danish Embassy Office in Mykolaiv.

The Trade Council assists Danish business to penetrate and expand on the Ukrainian market, solve local issues as well as prove the superiority of Danish expertise and technologies in the water sphere to market players. This includes Private Sector Solutions in the Water Sector in terms of drinking water, non-Revenue water and waste water treatment.

Contribution to the reconstruction of Mykolaiv and other cities in Ukraine is supported through the Municipal Twinning Cooperation Programme wherein municipalities and water utilities in Denmark and Ukraine work on water and waste water.

The Export and Investment Fund of Denmark (EIFO), Investment Fund for Developing Countries (IFU) including Danida Sustainable Infrastructure Finance (DSIF) provide long-term loans and guarantees for Danish export and investments in Ukraine including in the water sector.

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PROJECTS, INITIATIVES AND COOPERATION

	Ongoing	Timeline	Upcoming/Planned
Trade Council	Danish-Ukrainian Water Days in Ukraine Permanent readiness of support for Danish companies in the Ukrainian water tech market.	September 2025 (TBC) Ongoing	Ukrainian water delegation to Denmark in October (TBC, subject to approval by the MFA)
Development Cooperation	Mykolaiv-Denmark Partnership including Reconstruction focus on -social infrastructure -water supply and sanitation -energy supply (electricity and district heating) -agriculture, restoration of local production	Ongoing	Ukraine Transition Country Programme (2025-2028)
Finance	The Export and Investment Fund of Denmark (EIFO) and the Investment Fund for Developing Countries (IFU) including Danida Sustainable Infrastructure Finance (DSIF) provide long-term loans and guarantees for Danish export and investments in Ukraine including in the water sector	Ongoing	Ongoing
Strategic Sector Cooperation on Water and Environment	The Strategic Sector Cooperation focus on Track 1: Water Resources/ Groundwater Track 2: Water Supply Track 3: Pollution Control Track 4: Waste Water Treatment	Since 2024 Inception	2025 – 2027 implementation