

An aerial photograph showing a multi-lane road with several cars driving. Below the road, there is a large, damaged concrete structure, possibly a bridge or overpass, with debris and exposed rebar. The surrounding area includes some greenery and a body of water in the background.

Progress and challenges in preparation for a green reconstruction of Ukraine

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Overall damage assessment

USD 1.1 trillion - estimate of reconstruction need announced by EIB (June 2022)

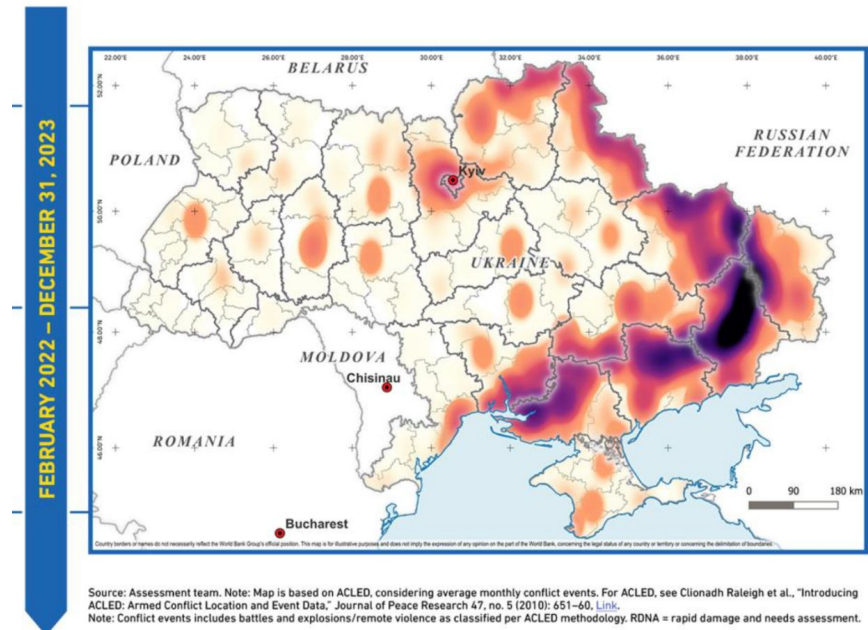
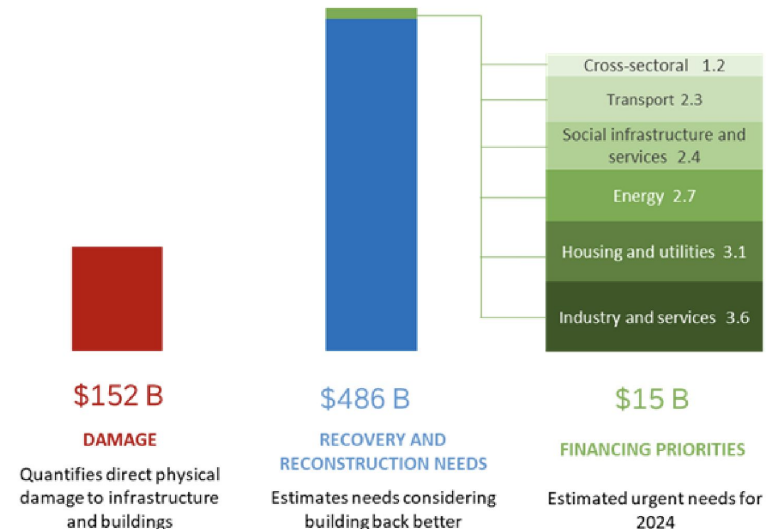
USD 750 billion - initially announced recovery and reconstruction needs (UA government, July 2022)

USD 486 billion - recovery and reconstruction needs (RDNA3, World Bank, February 2024)

USD 155 billion - direct damages to infrastructure (KSE, February 2024)

USD 62 billion - environmental damage (State Environmental Inspectorate, March 2024)

RDNA3 key results: damage, needs, and 2024 financing priorities



Damages and destroyed infrastructure objects of Ukraine total

\$ 155 bln



Housing

250 000



Vehicles

211 700



Public
transport

16 000



Educational
institutions

3 800



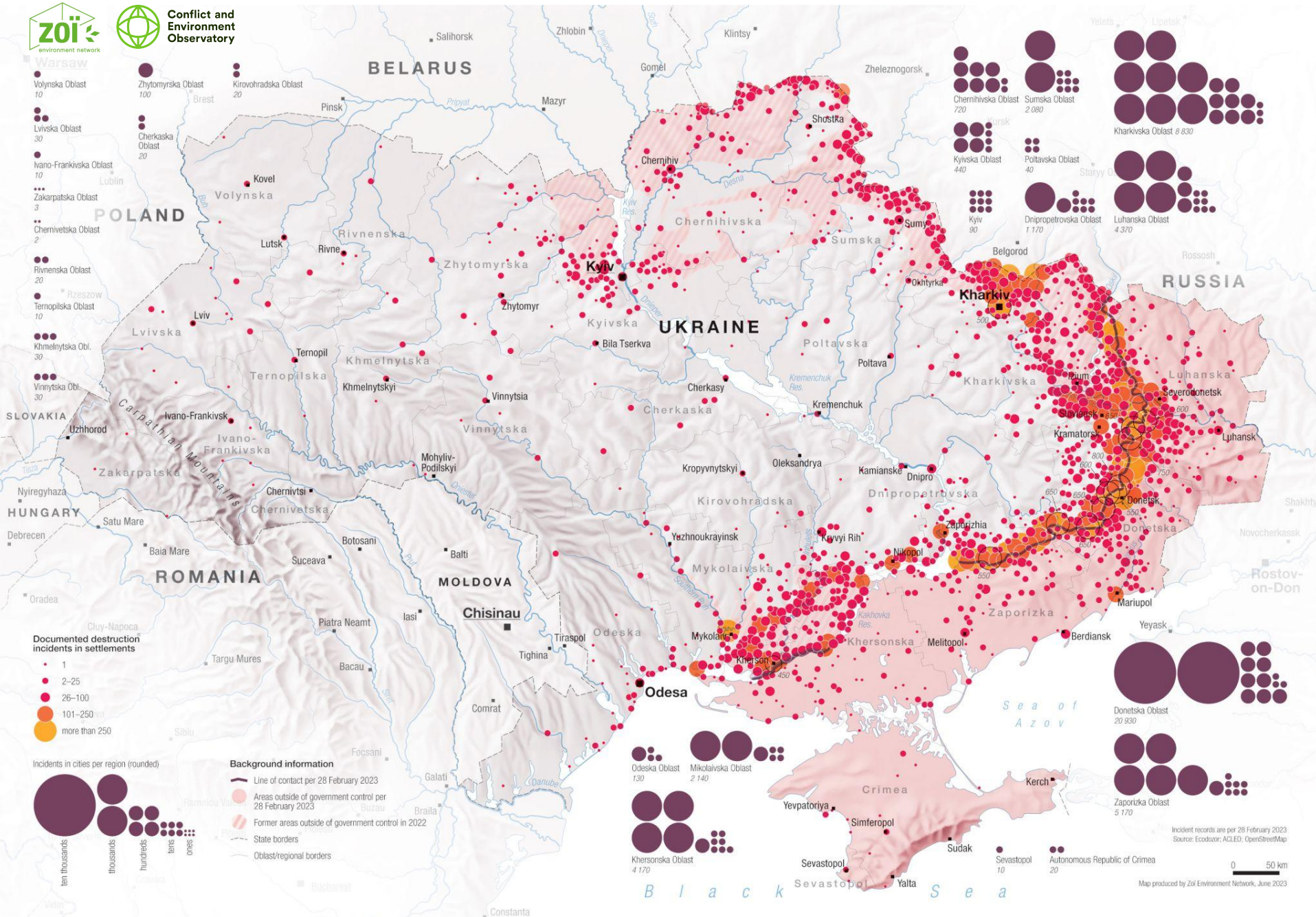
Healthcare
institutions

1 300



Private
and state
enterprises

426



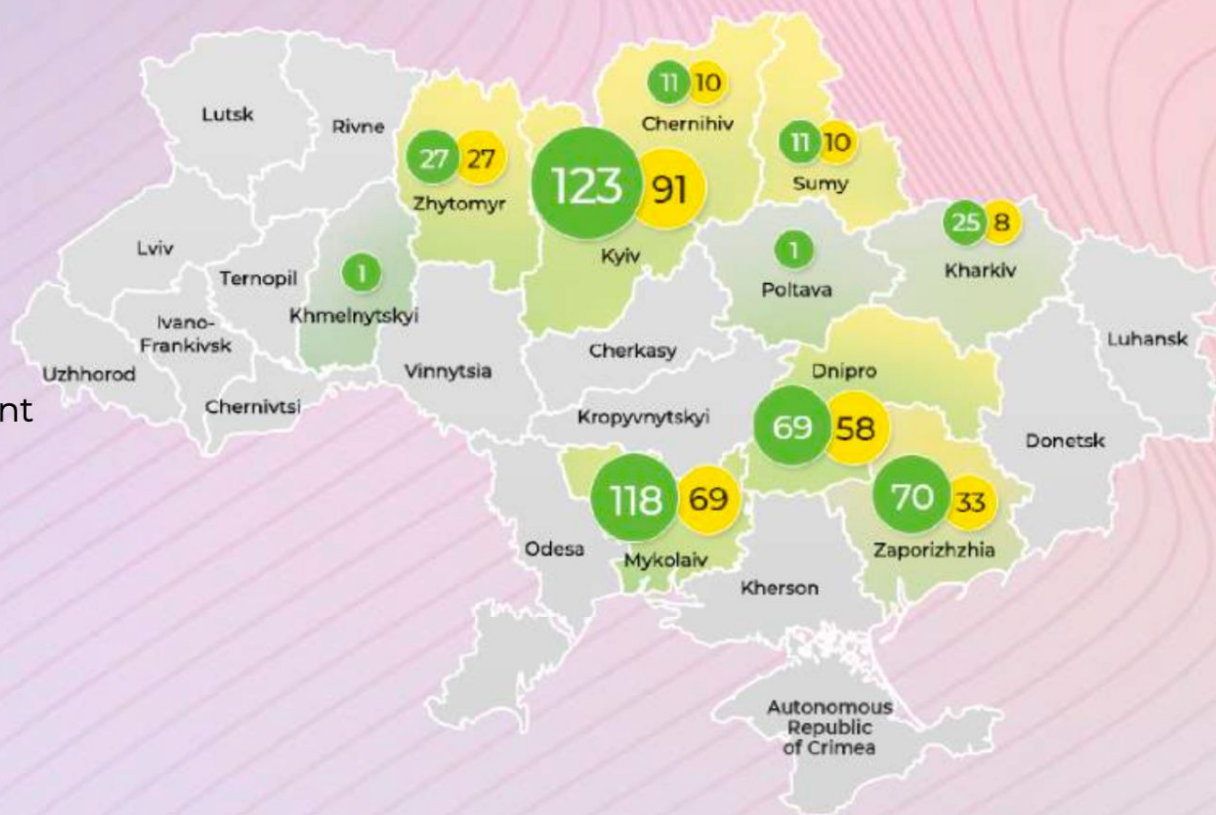
Results of the VidnovyDIM Program



EUR ≈ 22,5 million — total amount
of the grant and
EUR ≈ 10,1 million
have already paid by the EEF



40 466
households



456

Applications
received for participation

306

Fully or partially
completed projects

Main challenge: initial high cost of building back better

How much is needed to rebuild the damaged residential buildings in Bucha, Kyiv region?

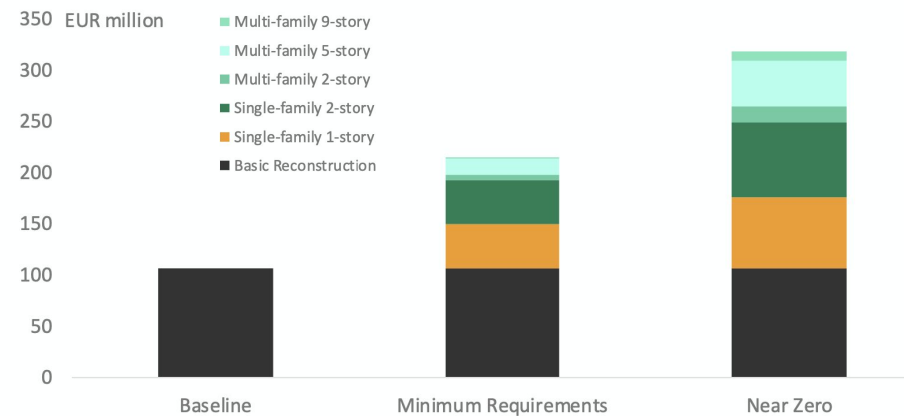
- EUR 106 million: Baseline (required in any case to repair the damaged 562,470 sqm of buildings to a baseline state)
- EUR 214 million: Minimum Requirements scenario (Energy Efficiency Class D and C)
- EUR 318 million: Near Zero scenario (Energy Efficiency Class A with renewables)

In the most ambitious scenarios, physical energy savings of >70% are possible, leading to decreased CO2 emissions and annual monetary savings of over EUR 10 million.

Energy efficient reconstruction of damaged residential buildings gives boost to local economy, new 350 to 690 jobs



Aggregate investment requirements



Green reconstruction projects are already taking place

Regional Children's Hospital, Chernihiv



Energy Act for Ukraine

Medical centre in Horenka, Kyiv region



Greenpeace, Ecoaction

Hospital No 1, Zhytomyr



NGO Ecoclub

Kindergarten, Chernivtsi



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Guiding principles for a green reconstruction



Integration of climate and environmental policy into all sectors, European Green Deal priorities



Important role of local self-government, transparency, and involvement of public and communities in decision-making



Reconstruction should serve the needs of Ukrainians and promote sustainable development



Ensuring safe state of the environment



Development of the green economy



Adherence to European environmental planning tools for Ukraine's restoration



Effective functioning and use of targeted/donor funds for post-war recovery and green economic development.

Ukrainian communities are the drivers of change

- Decentralisation reform in 2015-2020 is a powerful example of building trust in local government by empowering local communities
- Resilience through decentralisation
- Today there is a big regional difference and different challenges faced by Ukraine's 1470 communities
- Some of the challenges: lack of available financing for development projects (low-interest loans in UAH), lack of resources and institutional capacity, emergency vs development, weak understanding of importance of climate/environmental issues, etc



Trostanets, Sumy region now 
right after Russia's occupation 



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Ukraine's climate policy

Some of the key targets and policies

- Climate neutrality by 2060 (National Economic Strategy)
- Energy sector decarbonisation by 2050 (Energy Strategy)
- Coal phase-out in state-owned power sector by 2035 (PPCA member since 2021)
- Second NDC to Paris Agreement (climate target adopted in 2021):
 - 65 % net reductions by 2030 compared to 1990
 - EUR 102 billion were required to achieve the target (focus on energy, buildings, waste)
 - NDC implementation plan prepared (2023)
- National Energy and Climate Plan under development
- Pioneering global initiative on accountability for military and conflict-related greenhouse gas emissions and damages to environment



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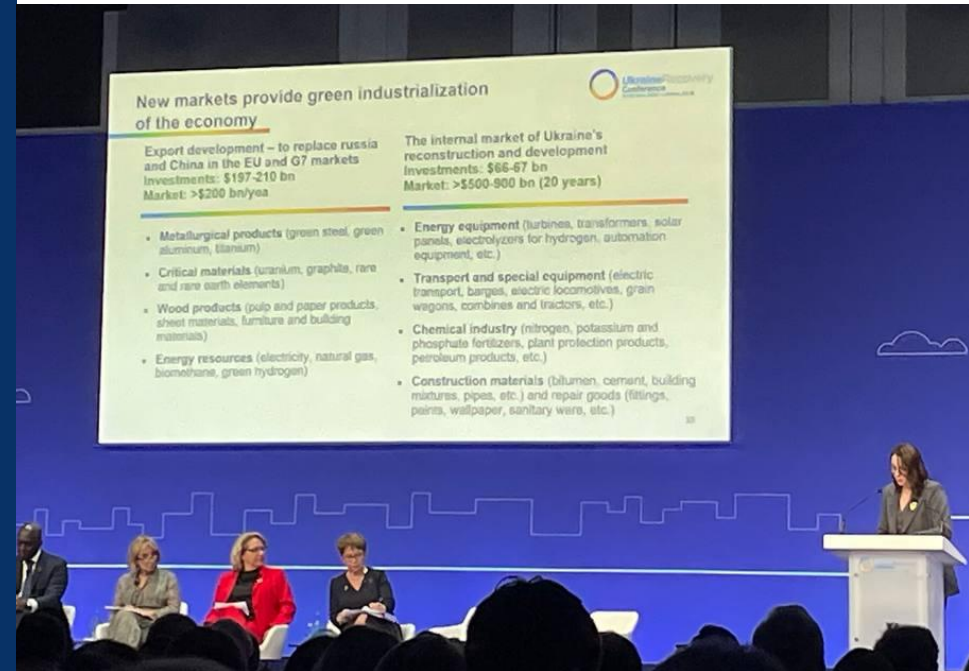
Ownership of reconstruction

Examples:

Ukraine's own building materials sector could provide up to 90% of construction materials needed to rebuild residential, non-residential and infrastructure sites destroyed by Russia (USAID 2023)

Production of "green" technologies and materials not only for export, but also for own energy transition

Critical minerals: sustainability standards, production of higher value chain products in Ukraine



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Digital Restoration EcoSystem for Accountable Management

DREAM collects, organizes and publishes open data across all stages of reconstruction projects in real time, implementing the highest standards of transparency, and accountability. Anyone, anywhere, can monitor the effectiveness and efficiency of project delivery, and use these insights to mitigate risks, conduct accurate reporting and improve overall project performance.

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The ecosystem is meant to implement integrity, accountability, efficiency, and transparency standards in Ukraine's recovery to build trust between the government, citizens, businesses, and financial institutions.



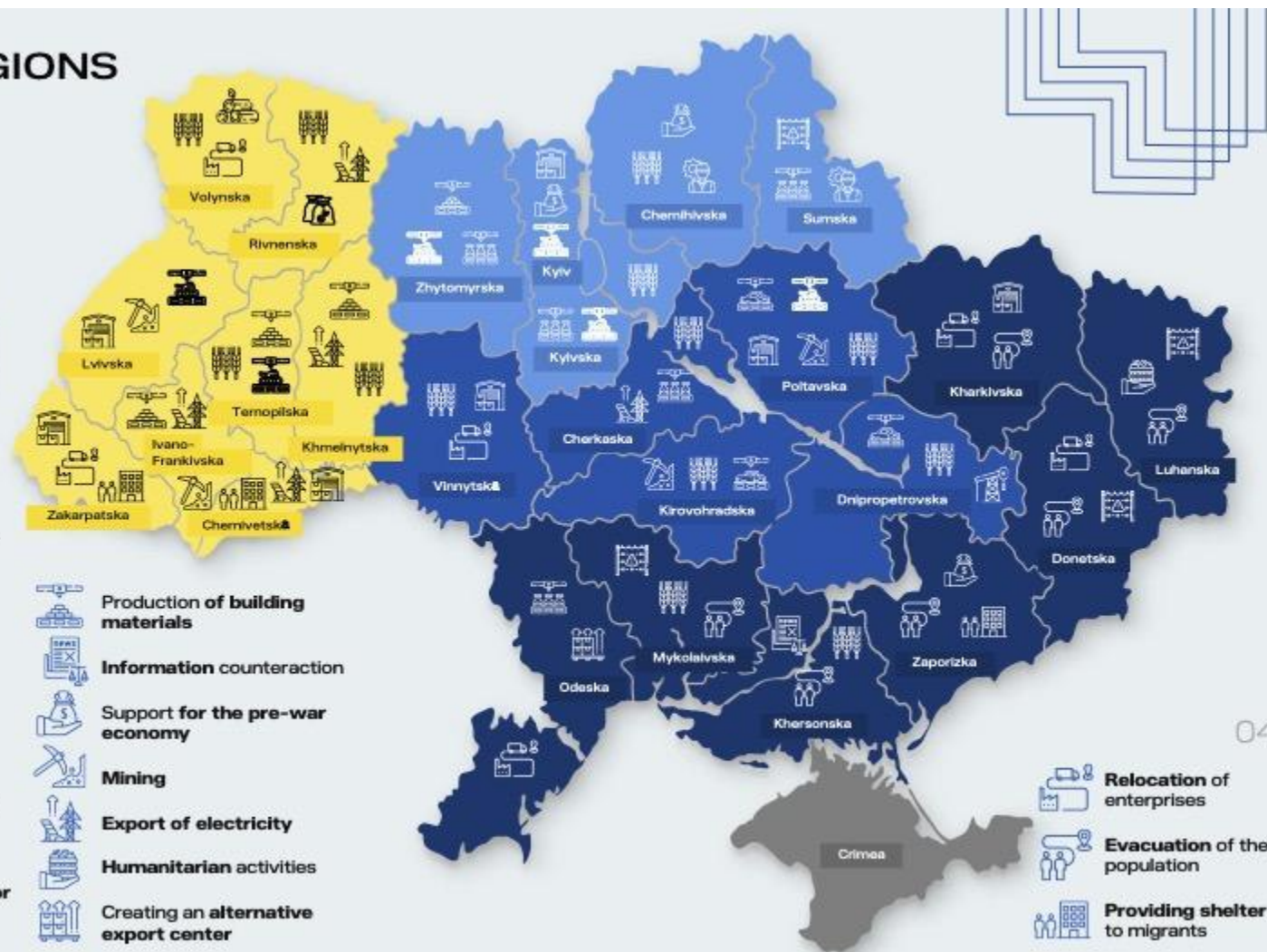
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GROUPS OF REGIONS

Group I	Frontline regions
Group II	Support regions
Group III	Backline regions
Group IV	De-occupied regions

-  **Agro-industrial complex**
-  **Logistics center**
-  **Provision of mineral fertilizers**
-  **Provision of wood**
-  **Mining and metallurgical complex**
-  **Engineering**
-  **Elimination of the consequences of the occupation**
-  **Defense of Ukraine's borders**
-  **Food production**
-  **Re-equipment of enterprises for the needs of the military-industrial complex**

-  **Production of building materials**
-  **Information counteraction**
-  **Support for the pre-war economy**
-  **Mining**
-  **Export of electricity**
-  **Humanitarian activities**
-  **Creating an alternative export center**



Thank you!

