

“Brussels plan” for Ukraine

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To restore and secure peace on the continent we need a “Brussels plan”

The best possible security guarantee is international capital in Ukrainian public companies operating in strategic industries: natural gas, hydrogen, nuclear, agro, space etc. — proper markets integration.

Such integration will also secure the West’s direct interest in further peace and stability in Ukraine and in the region - its “skin in the game”, any further conflicts will threaten the investments. Hence, the more resilient Ukraine becomes, the better for everyone.

To make it resilient we would need to:

1. make the best use of any FDI that comes
2. maximize profitability of such FDIs in strategic industries
3. make such industries as technological and as modernized as possible

This guarantees that both Ukraine’s and West’s skin in the game is secured.

Now, to attain these goals the most logic thing to do would be to let the European governments openly claim the most appealing for them industries in Ukraine in which they would be ready to support their national investors with special incentives - loans, guarantees etc. For example, Poland intends to invest in space, UK - in agro, France - in the nuclear, Italy - hydrogen, Netherlands - water management, Estonia - medicine, Czech Republic - steel, etc.

EU develops a support package for specific industry clusters where these investments would operate. The result would be a clear roadmap for rebuilding Ukraine with specification by sectors, main actors/investors, conditions and timelines.

Every country involved will clearly see its direct interest in rebuilding UA, while the Ukrainian government will obtain guaranteed FDIs.

This will also allow Ukraine to plan accordingly its employment policy, trade policy, to plan its rehousing policy in the damaged territories according to the potential industrial clusters and to further integrate in global supply chains and production assets.

This is what I call the “Brussels plan”. It will save time, money and efforts in rebuilding the country, cement Ukraine’s place in the European family and in the global economy and provide a safeguard from any further encroachments from Russia in 5-10-20 years time.