

EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes

Lifeline for Ukrainian economy, key for global food security

May 2024



With the Black Sea route closed by the Russian aggression, **UKRAINE COULD NOT EXPORT ITS GOODS** and **CRUCIAL IMPORTS**COULD NOT REACH THE COUNTRY.





With the Black Sea route closed by the Russian aggression, 20 million tonnes of grain were trapped in Ukraine before the summer, ahead of the new harvest

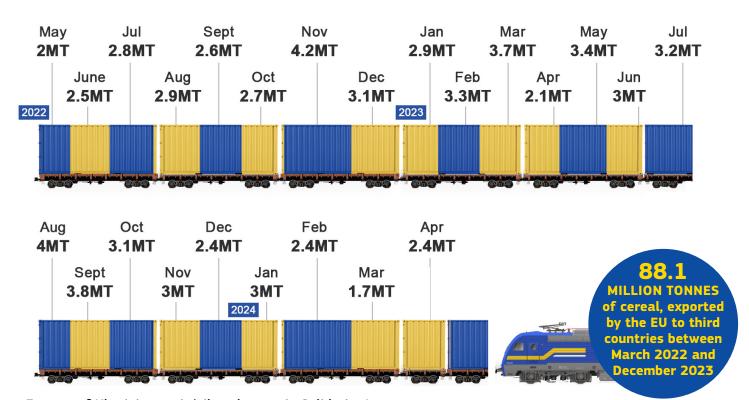


The Commission launched the Solidarity Lanes Action Plan in May 2022 to establish alternative logistics routes via rail, road and inland waterways.



THE SOLIDARITY LANES ENABLED THE EXPORT OF AROUND 54%* OF UKRAINE'S GRAIN SINCE THE START OF THE WAR

*46% of Ukrainian grain exported via the Black Sea Grain Initiative.



Exports of Ukrainian grain/oilseeds etc. via Solidarity Lanes

They helped export over 60 million tonnes of non-agricultural products from Ukraine (ores, iron and steel, earths, wood). The total value of trade via the Solidarity Lanes since May 2022 is estimated at around €157 billion, including around €50 billion for Ukrainian farmers and business.

SOLIDARITY LANES TODAY:

- PRIMARY OPTION FOR EXPORT OF UKRAINIAN GOODS
- PRIMARY OPTION FOR UKRAINE TO IMPORT ALL THE GOODS IT NEEDS (FUEL, HUMANITARIAN AID, ETC)

Latest developments:

SEPTEMBER 2023



EU makes €7 billion available for key infrastructure projects, opening the call for the first time also to Ukrainian and Moldovan entities.

JULY 2023



New study on EU rail connections with Ukraine and Moldova suggests as a first step to establish a European track gauge connection from Kraków/Katowice (Poland) to Lviv (Ukraine), as well as from Iasi (Romania) to Chisinău (Moldova). This lays the ground for Ukraine's reconstruction and for smoother cross-border rail connections in the future.

JUNE 2023



Association of Ukraine to the EU's programme for infrastructure funding — the Connecting Europe Facility, allowing Ukraine to apply for EU funding in the transport, energy and digital realms — for better connections between the EU and Ukraine. A similar agreement was signed between the EU and the Republic of Moldova in May 2023.



€250 million invested in 9 Solidarity Lanes projects to improve cross- border connections between Ukraine, Moldova, and the EU.

JANUARY 2023



Additional 226 million for improving long term connectivity with Ukraine and Moldova and reinforcing the Solidarity Lanes in Poland, Romania and Germany.

DECEMBER 2022



€240 million invested in military mobility projects, improving the infrastructure on the Solidarity Lanes in Germany, Poland and Romania.

JULY 2022



Proposal to extend the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) to Ukraine and Moldova.

JUNE 2022



New road transport agreements between the EU, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova allow additional transport by road. Hauliers can now transit through and operate between each other's territories, without the need for permits.



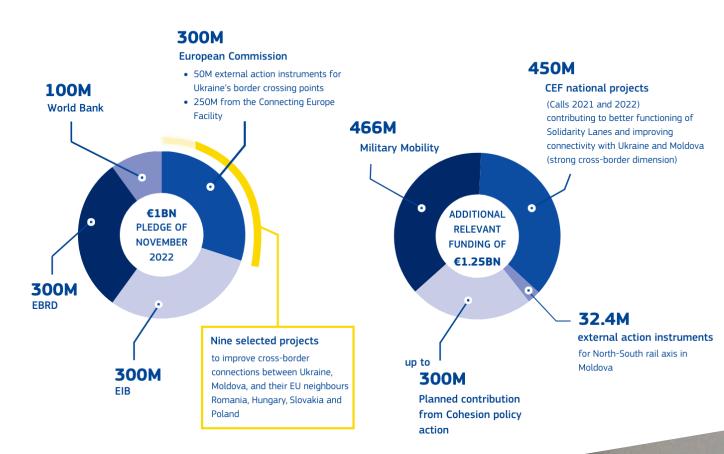
Ongoing:

INVESTMENT, TOGETHER WITH PARTNER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, IN CAPACITY INCREASES, REPAIRS AND LIQUIDITY FOR OPERATORS



MOBILISED FOR SOLIDARITY LANES TO INCREASE GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY AND PROVIDE A LIFELINE FOR UKRAINE'S ECONOMY

Funding for the Solidarity Lanes



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