
Ukraine: 100 million support package for reconstruction of war-damaged schools. 240 school buses to be delivered soon

The European Union and Ukraine have signed a €100 million support package for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of war-damaged schools. Support will reach Ukraine through the EU's humanitarian partners and partly as budget support to the Government of Ukraine, the European Commission announced in a statement. The funding comes after the announcement made by the President of the European Commission in her 2022 State of the Union Address in September. The European Commission has allocated around €14 million from an ongoing contract with the Polish Development Bank "Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego" to purchase school buses and bring Ukrainian children safely to school. The Commission has also launched an EU-wide solidarity campaign to donate school buses to Ukraine through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. Overall, around 240 buses are now on their way from the EU and its Member States, and more are coming. "Today we are delivering on our promise to support the rehabilitation of schools damaged and destroyed by Russia's brutal war. And by early 2023, we will also deliver school buses for Ukraine so children can actually travel to school in the best possible conditions. The future of Ukraine begins with its children back in schools", said European Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen.

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