



Federal Ministry
of Food
and Agriculture

We Stand with Ukraine

Support and cooperation projects of the Federal Ministry of Food
and Agriculture (BMEL)



Strong Partnership for the Future with Ukraine

Germany stands firmly and resolutely by Ukraine's side. Just one week after the start of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine, which violated international law, the BMEL and the German food industry facilitated first aid deliveries for the people of Ukraine.

Since then, more than 589 truckloads of food have been delivered to the regions in Ukraine most affected by the war through the German Food Bridge. The close cooperation between NGOs, policymakers, and industry is a strong sign of solidarity with the Ukrainians. In addition, the BMEL has implemented and launched a series of measures to alleviate the consequences of the war and support reconstruction. It did so by building on professional and political networks that already existed before the war due to the BMEL's Bilateral Cooperation Programme. Additionally, the Bilateral Trust Fund (BTF) with the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) was used in a focused way. This overview provides an insight into the BMEL's current portfolio of



The meeting of Federal Minister Özdemir with his counterpart Mykola Solskyj at MAPU in Kyiv as a sign of solidarity

future-oriented and solidarity-based partnerships with Ukraine. Thanks to the strong commitment of all project participants, the joint work for the future of Ukraine and a liberal Europe is moving forward, despite the most challenging conditions caused by Russia's brutal war of aggression.

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Bilateral Cooperation Programme

With the Bilateral Cooperation Programme, the BMEL supports partner countries in developing a productive, resource-conserving, and non-discriminatory agricultural, forestry, and food sector.

The cooperation projects promote bilateral relations and mutual technical, economic, and political understanding. Since 1993, the BMEL has been involved in various agricultural and forestry projects in Ukraine. A total of 36 projects with a funding volume of around EUR 48 million have been implemented in Ukraine since 1993. These projects are already playing an essential role in the reconstruction and integration of Ukraine into the EU.

Supporting the transformation of agricultural and land policy



Budget: EUR 4.1 Mio.;

Timeframe: 01/2022 – 12/2025 (extension option included);

Website: www.apd-ukraine.de

Since 2006, the cooperation project „German-Ukrainian Agricultural Policy Dialogue (APD)“ has been supporting Ukrainian stakeholders in a participatory approach, using the typical dialogue format of APD. In addition, it facilitates the exchange of German and European experience in shaping agricultural and land policy, comparing it with the current situation in Ukraine. On this basis, the project develops recommendations for action and supports their translation into practical policy.

German Food Bridge



Timeframe: 03/2022 – 06/2024 (extension is planned);
Website: [www.bmel.de/DE/themen/internationales/
ukraine-hilfe.html](http://www.bmel.de/DE/themen/internationales/ukraine-hilfe.html)

The German Food Bridge is a coordination centre for food donations founded after the outbreak of war. It supports companies in the food and food retail industries as well as other organisations that want to provide food aid to the people in Ukraine. Already one week after the beginning of the war, the first donations were delivered to Ukraine. In the meantime, more than 589 truckloads of food and essential goods for daily use have been transported to Ukraine. In January 2023, the German Food Bridge was incorporated into the structure of the APD.

Supporting the expansion of organic farming



Budget: EUR 2.92 Mio.;
Timeframe: 09/2020 – 08/2025 (extension option included);
Website: www.coa-ukraine.com/eng

Organic farming in Ukraine is to be extended to an area of around 1.3 million ha by 2030. To achieve this goal, the project supports Ukraine in establishing the Organic Law so that Ukrainian farmers can offer their products with an organic label in the future.

Promoting agricultural vocational training



Budget: EUR 2.13 Mio.;
Timeframe: 12/2021 – 12/2025 (extension option included);
Website: www.agrarausbildung-ukraine.net

To improve agricultural education, the project supports the reform of agricultural vocational training. The focus is on acquiring practical skills, which are introduced and firmly established as an integral part of vocational training at agricultural colleges.

Strengthening the fruit and vegetable sector in Vinnytsia Oblast



Budget: EUR 5.77 Mio.;
Timeframe: 12/2021 – 12/2026 (extension option included);
Website: www.dualog-ukraine.de

The project supports the strengthening of legal and institutional frameworks, the further development of agricultural extension systems, and the structures in vocational education and training for fruit and vegetables in the Vinnytsia Oblast. Within the framework of a technical dialogue, the project combines a needs-based advisory approach with concrete financial support for agricultural investments and farm subsidies. In this way, the project directly contributes to reconstruction in Ukraine, maintaining food security and improving Ukraine's self-sufficiency in fresh produce.

Supporting the development of forest policy and the National Forest Inventory



Budget: EUR 0.83 Mio.;
Timeframe: 10/2021 – 09/2024;
Website: www.sfi-ukraine.org.ua/eng

The project supports Ukraine in improving forest policies and management practices based on reliable forest data. Thanks to terrestrial and remote sensing techniques, forest data from the first National Forest Inventory will be available in the future for the entire Ukrainian territory.

Bilateral Trust Fund

Since 2002, the BMEL has been supporting projects of the International Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to overcome hunger and malnutrition through a Bilateral Trust Fund (BTF).

The main focus of the fund is to promote food security and agriculture in rural areas based on the right to food. With an annual budget of EUR 08 million, the BTF has provided around EUR 159 million for a total of 131 projects since 2002. Using BTF funds, supplemented by emergency relief funds, Germany supports three FAO emergency relief projects in Ukraine with a total volume of EUR 17.57 million:

Strengthening alternative export routes



Budget: EUR 2.57 Mio.;

Timeframe: 08/2022 – 06/2023;

www.bmel.de/DE/themen/internationales/agenda-2030/ernaehrungssicherungsprojekte-btf.html

The project supports the establishment of alternative export routes to reduce dependence on ports in the Black Sea and to enable the export of agricultural goods by land. To this end, laboratory capacities for required phytosanitary and veterinary testing procedures are being set up at the border with Romania. In addition, the project is building up short-term storage capacities, e. g., mobile and flexible film flake silos.

Strengthening animal health



Budget: EUR 5 Mio.;
Timeframe: 11/2022 – 06/2024;
Website: www.fao.org/3/cc5732en/cc5732en.pdf

The project supports the improvement of animal health in war-affected rural communities in Ukraine by improving poultry and livestock farms' access to veterinary products and services to prevent and control prevalent animal diseases.

Procuring generators for power production



Budget: EUR 10 Mio.;
Timeframe: 01/2023 – 04/2024;
Website: www.fao.org/3/cc5732en/cc5732en.pdf

The project facilitates the procurement of generators for power production in small and medium-sized farms and the food-producing industry. In addition, it supports the supply of equipment and inputs for animal husbandry and crop production to small and medium-sized farms.

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