

# Ukraine's reconstruction and European integration: how to build back better?

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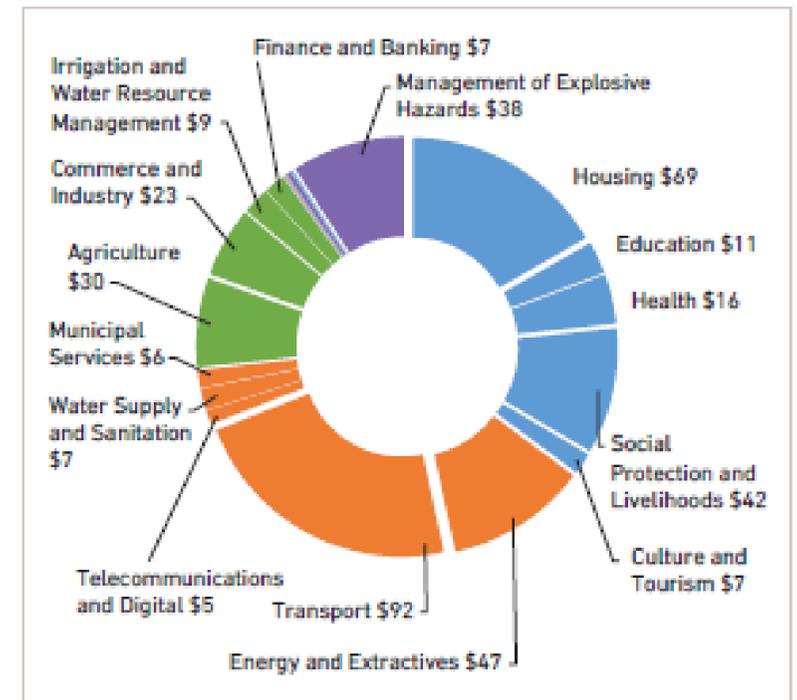
## Consequences of Russia's full-scale invasion & recovery needs

- US\$135 billion in direct damage to buildings and infrastructure
- 29 % GDP loss in 2022
- State budget deficit in 2023: 3-4 billion per month
- 5 million IDPs and 8 million refugees across Europe

## Planning and coordination efforts already underway

- National Recovery Plan presented by Ukrainian government in July 2022
- Establishment of Multi-agency donor coordination platform & Ukraine recovery conferences (Lugano 2022, London 2023)
- EU candidacy status for Ukraine (June 2022)
- **Shared ambition:** transformative process that combines reconstruction efforts with Ukraine's path towards EU membership

**Figure 10.** Total recovery and reconstruction needs (US\$ billion): US\$411 billion



Source: Assessment team.

Note: Needs relate to total estimated needs covering the period 2023–2033.

Source: World Bank (2023). Ukraine Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment: February 2022 - February 2023 (English). Washington, D.C. : World Bank Group.

## 1) Multi-level ownership is an important condition for a truly transformative reconstruction process.

- Ukraine's decentralisation reform a a good basis for strong involvement of local government & CSOs
- Inclusive & transparent governance and funding mechanisms needed

## 2) International donor coordination and monitoring is key for effectiveness and legitimacy of a reconstruction process.

- Close coordination on priorities and sequencing needed (phased vs. flexible adaptation approach)
- Division of labour: idea of „sectoral champions“?
- Need for establishing a monitoring and accountability system early on

## 3) For European integration to work as a lever in supporting Ukraine's reconstruction, credibility of the enlargement process is key.

- Reform EU accession methodology to allow for „staged accession“
- Provide long-term perspective for EU financial support to Ukraine

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Thank you very much for your attention!

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