



RÉPUBLIQUE
FRANÇAISE

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AFD Group AND Ukraine

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45

AFD Group
employees present
in Ukraine

€400
million

in loans available from
AFD over the period
2024-2027

18

technical cooperation
projects currently
being implemented by
Expertise France for
more than €50M

Since 2006, AFD Group through Expertise France and Proparco has been having a long-standing presence in Ukraine to support justice reform, governance and private sector development.

In response to the conflict between Ukraine and Russia, AFD Group fully mobilized its capabilities in 2022 to respond to the emergency situation. In 2024, AFD opened its office in Kyiv.

AFD Group aims to become a sustainable partner for Ukrainian development actors in the public and private spheres, contributing to the country's resilience and its movement towards European convergence.

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OUR ACTION IN Ukraine

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1

Promoting technical cooperation in priority sectors

Expertise France (EF), a subsidiary of AFD Group, providing technical cooperation, has got a historical presence in Ukraine, notably through bilateral cooperation programs, twinning and ongoing intervention in justice sector via the EU Project "Pravo-Justice".

Since 2022, in the context of Russian war of aggression and Ukraine's candidacy for membership in the European Union, EF has significantly strengthened its activities in the country. Thus, in 2024, EF is implementing 15 national projects and 3 regional projects with French and European funds for a total amount of more than €50 million spread across 6 sectors:

- health and social protection
- justice and rule of law
- local governance and decentralization
- innovation and support for the private sector
- economic and financial governance
- defense and security.

2

Promoting the resilience of cities and regions

Local stakeholders play a key role in the country's resilience, ensuring the maintenance of essential services and thus promoting social cohesion in communities affected by several years of war.

Through rapid-impact actions and long-term projects, AFD seeks to meet the needs of Ukrainian authorities by prioritizing cities and regions, as well as by connecting local stakeholders and civil society.

Drawing on its expertise, using French know-how in urban sector, and promoting partnerships between French and Ukrainian local authorities, AFD's action will primarily aim to support efforts to restore urban services, rebuild and improve the quality of life of residents while moving towards sustainable practices, in a broad spectrum of sectors: water, mobility, energy and social housing.

To do this, AFD will favor a partnership approach with donors already present in the country, and in Equipe Europe.

3

Contributing to private sector resilience

The Ukrainian private sector plays a key role in the country's economic resilience and its ability to ensure the long-term prosperity of its population. The AFD group, through its subsidiary Proparco, which deals with private sector, seeks to support Ukrainian private actors in their desire to contribute to the country's resilience and to develop an economic partnership with European countries. In order to do this, Proparco focuses its intervention on 4 main areas:

- supporting Ukrainian financial institutions in the development of their SME portfolios
- supporting companies in the agri-food and energy sectors
- supporting trade finance activities to promote import and export activities
- supporting investment funds by providing essential capital for recovery of business activity and emergence of new successful businesses.

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... alongside civil society

Ukraine has got a very dynamic and structured civil society, which was quickly mobilized in the first days of Russia's large-scale invasion of the country. Civil society actors work daily to support the most vulnerable populations and to strengthen social ties to cope with consequences of war. They also play an important role in improving transparency and accountability of public action. The AFD Group, in all its support actions for the country and through its various cooperation tools, intends to support those actors, to best participate in the Ukrainian effort for economic, social and environmental reconstruction.