

Proposal for a Ukraine Facility

BACKGROUND

In June 2023, the European Commission proposed a [Facility Instrument \[2023/0200\(COD\)\]](#) to be adopted by the Council and the Parliament, for financial, technical and political support for the reconstruction of Ukraine. The Facility will provide a total of up to €50BN from 2024 to 2027. It is structured into three main pillars:

- **Pillar I: Ukraine Plan.** Reconstruction investments and structural reforms.
- **Pillar II: Ukraine Investment Framework.** A budgetary guarantee for further investments.
- **Pillar III: Union Accession Assistance.** Technical assistance for future political and structural reforms.

KEY DATES

20/06/2023	Legislative proposal
13/07/2023	Committee referral announced
17/10/2023	Amended proposal voted in the Parliament
12/2023	Council's approach to be agreed

In addition, the Facility focuses on the Ukraine's EU accession. The reconstruction process will create an infrastructure system capable of aligning Ukraine with EU standards, improving democracy and auditing practices, facilitating a green transition and promoting a smoother integration process.

RELEVANCE FOR CONSULTING ENGINEERS

The Ukraine Facility will enable European construction and engineering companies to participate in infrastructure reconstruction projects. European companies will have the opportunity to engage in international tenders for constructing critical infrastructure, housing, and public spaces while adopting modern and green technologies. Consulting engineers will also be able to share their expertise and expand their market in the East. The Commission will oversee the various projects with an ad-hoc audit body, thereby safeguarding companies against corruption and money laundering, and opening the doors for long-term relationships in the Ukrainian market. Furthermore, the reconstruction will require an increasing number of sector-specific labour forces, possibly leading to an increased demand for specialised workers.

As part of its efforts to represent consulting engineers, EFCA is aware of the importance of the Ukrainian Facility for the entire sector. Following the Commission's open consultations, EFCA submitted its [feedback](#) on the Facility in September 2023, emphasising the need for significant steps towards the inclusion of consulting engineers.