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POWER OF LIFE AND UNITY CLOSE TO THE FRONT LINE

Every year on the first Saturday in October, the people of Zaporizhzhia celebrate City Day. This year, Zaporizhzhia **turned 255** – a respectable milestone that, in peacetime, residents would celebrate with a large and vibrant Pokrova Fair.

However, amid a brutal war waged against our country and with the city so close to the front line, City Day takes on a different meaning for Zaporizhzhia and its citizens. It is an opportunity to thank those who did not leave their native city, who help it live and grow stronger, and who are creating our shared future today. It is a time **to thank** our defenders thanks to whom Zaporizhzhia can plan for development and recovery, and **to remember** those who gave their lives for our country.

Every day, frontline Zaporizhzhia proves its resilience and its drive for development. Despite the war, **our city does not stop**: it continues to introduce new public services, expand opportunities for youth, build safe schools and kindergartens, and open new art spaces. In October, the second city “Read Forum” brought together dozens of publishing houses and authors from all over the country. The three-day arts festival “House of the Actor. Breath” likewise welcomed guests from different parts of Ukraine. Under almost daily shelling, Zaporizhzhia demonstrates the strength of life, culture, its native language, and the unity of our community.

We are sincerely grateful to everyone who believes in our city and stays with us.



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ANOTHER NEW SCHOOL YEAR

during wartime

More than 3,600 children entered the first grade of city schools in September 2025.

On 1 September, the new school year began in Zaporizhzhia schools. Thanks to the joint efforts of the city and regional authorities, as well as international organisations, **97 schools are already operating in a blended format.** They have equipped shelters that enable safe offline learning. The city also carried out current repairs of school shelters using local budget funds and a state subvention, while

capital repairs in 13 schools were supported by UNICEF.

Zaporizhzhia is expanding its network of **underground schools** – seven newly built, safe, inclusive educational spaces are already operating. Each of them can accommodate up to 1,000 students in two shifts for offline learning. This is part of the “Safe Education Offline” initiative implemented in Zaporizhzhia and the region. More such schools are planned to open in 2026 in cooperation with the regional authorities and international donors.

32,000 school students study in a blended format
2,700 children attend kindergardens daily

“SCHOOL OF CITY RESIDENT”

co-creating the history of Zaporizhzhia

Thirty pilot schools took part in the innovative educational project “School of City Resident”.

A special course for grades 7–8 was developed by specialists from the **Department of Education and Science** together with a team of local historians and teacher-methodologists. The goal of the initiative is to foster an emotional and value-based connection between young people and their home city.

Students do not simply study historical facts; they are encouraged to see themselves as co-creators of the city’s

contemporary history. The course includes quests, discussions, visits to museums, as well as meetings with prominent city residents – historians, artists, defenders, and entrepreneurs.

Teachers have also completed additional training to implement the initiative – from learning new teaching methods to taking part in educational excursions around Zaporizhzhia.

The project will conclude with a **forum of city initiatives**, where young people will present their own ideas for the development of Zaporizhzhia.





PREPARING FOR WINTER

energy resilience and safety

Stable public utilities, warmth and safety for residents, and the rapid restoration of capacities after shelling are priorities for the city authorities.

Nine cogeneration units with a capacity of up to 10 MW are already operating at the boiler houses of the Municipal Heat Networks Concern. Each can run continuously for 700 hours. In the coming months, the city will receive another 44 units with a total capacity of more than 105 MW.

In addition, four solar power plants (PV systems) have been installed at municipal hospitals and one at

a school. Their combined capacity exceeds 360 kW. Electricity consumption from the grid at facilities equipped with PV systems has decreased by 20–30%. Seven more PV plants are planned for installation in the first quarter of 2026.

Each such project not only saves budget funds but also ensures the uninterrupted operation of hospitals, schools and kindergartens, as well as the Points of Invincibility located at these facilities. This translates into stable services for residents and energy resilience for the entire community.

1.4+ million UAH
already saved from
the city budget thanks
to PV systems

POINTS OF INVINCIBILITY

More than 150 Points of Invincibility are ready to operate in Zaporizhzhia.

These points are located in every city district so that, in an emergency, people can quickly reach them near their homes and find assistance. Here residents can charge their phones, drink hot tea, and receive medical help. The equipped spaces also allow for the temporary accommodation of people whose homes have been damaged or destroyed by shelling.

Some Points of Invincibility operate around the clock or follow a specific schedule. Others are ready to be deployed quickly after shelling or during power outages.

In winter, the number of people seeking support at the Points of Invincibility increases due to frequent shelling and blackouts. Therefore, the Zaporizhzhia City Council is looking for opportunities to strengthen these first-aid spaces. The main needs include long-shelf-life food products, flashlights, power banks, baby food, warm blankets, folding cots, and other essential items.

If you are able to provide humanitarian aid to the Points of Invincibility, please contact the specialists of the City Development Institute of Zaporizhzhia, who will help clarify current needs and organise the transfer of your donation.



We invite NGOs, businesses, and other partners to join efforts to strengthen Zaporizhzhia's resilience this winter. Every contribution matters, and we truly appreciate your support.

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242 residents' requests received only in the first two months by the Civil Protection Situation Centre

PUBLIC SAFETY

In August, the **Civil Protection Situation Centre** began operating in Zaporizhzhia. Its purpose is to ensure rapid response to security threats in the city.

The centre is staffed by sixteen specialists responsible for video surveillance, alerting, event analysis, and coordinating actions among all relevant services – the State Emergency Service, police, ambulance, and municipal utilities. Three staff members are on duty around the clock, ensuring continuous monitoring.

Most often, residents report fires, hazardous structures after shelling, fallen trees, traffic accidents, and damaged power lines. Each report is handled in real time – from the moment it is received to the arrival of the appropriate specialists.

MODULAR HOUSING FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

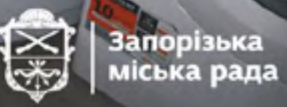
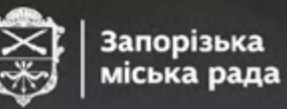
Zaporizhzhia is building a new modular town to provide safe housing for internally displaced persons. The project is carried out in partnership with UNHCR and the City Council.

UNHCR manufactures and installs the modular homes, while the city invests in design, landscaping, construction works, and utility connections.

Installation and interior fitting of the town began in September. A total of 25 houses will be installed. Each is equipped for comfortable living, with convenient furniture, household

appliances, and fully fitted bathrooms. Both electric and stove heating are provided: in addition to electric ceramic heaters and air conditioners, wood-burning stoves are being installed.

The houses are designed for 4 or 6 residents, and the modular town will be able to accommodate up to 110 people in total. Priority for settlement will be given to the most vulnerable groups of internally displaced persons who lost their homes due to hostilities and have not received state compensation.





A CITY FOR PEOPLE – veterans’ policy

Veterans’ Rooms

Veterans’ Rooms operate in every district of the city, providing comprehensive support – from psychological assistance to professional adaptation. More than 3,200 veterans – women and men – as well as their family members and the families of fallen defenders, have already used their services. These centres offer activities for both children and adults, including hippotherapy, canistherapy, and various workshops. Free English courses are also available for children in two districts.

Social Card

Zaporizhzhia has launched the project “**Social Card ‘I Am a Veteran’**” – a joint initiative of the city authorities, local businesses, and PrivatBank aimed at supporting veterans. A unified virtual veteran card, created within the project, automatically provides discounts at partner establishments, including medical facilities, pharmacies, shops, and cafes. Twenty local entrepreneurs have already joined the programme, with 70 stores currently offering discounts.

- **550 adults** received psychological counselling
- **144 children** attended resilience-building sessions
- **290 people** received legal assistance
- **230** individuals received free medical services

– accessible services and care

Resilience Centre

The Resilience Centre is a space where residents of Zaporizhzhia can receive psychological and social support and find a safe circle for communication and mutual help. The institution offers trainings under Ministry of Health programmes “Self-Help+” and “Problem Management+”, Positive Parenting classes, support groups, art-therapy meetings, family clubs and clubs based on interests. In six months, more than 1,600 people in Zaporizhzhia have received services at the Resilience Centre.

Мобільні ЦНАПи

UNDP helped launch a long-awaited **mobile Administrative Services Centre (CNAP)** in Zaporizhzhia. This mobile centre will provide more than 400 administrative services – from social to property-related. It will expand the city’s long-standing “Mobile Administrator” service, under which a specialist equipped with all necessary tools visits clients who cannot come to a CNAP themselves, including people with reduced mobility, older persons, and veterans.





— youth participation

National Programme “European Youth Capital 2025”

Zaporizhzhia is one of three cities participating in the National Programme implemented as part of the title “**Lviv — European Youth Capital 2025**”. This strengthens the city’s commitment to an active youth policy and to applying best practices in youth work. Young people have already participated in numerous meetings and focus groups, and the most active of them have become Youth Capital ambassadors. The city has also completed two rounds of a sub-grant competition for youth-led projects.

The programme ultimately aims to develop a Youth Strategy in each participating city.

In Zaporizhzhia, young people play a direct role in shaping this document through consultations, working groups, and surveys. In October, the city held the first public discussion of the draft **Zaporizhzhia Youth Strategy 2030**, and the working group is now reviewing the submitted proposals for inclusion in the updated version of the document.

— health care

Improving rehabilitation services at City Hospital No. 4

In July, thanks to cooperation with the **twin city of Oberhausen**, the outpatient rehabilitation and physiotherapy department of **City Hospital No. 4** received modern rehabilitation equipment. This includes specialised devices for kinesiotherapy, a surgical diode laser, a mobile pressure chamber, a treadmill, and a trainer for upper and lower limbs.

The total value of the equipment is about 68,000 euros, purchased with grant funds under the **Nakopa programme**.

As part of the project, the hospital's doctors also visited Oberhausen to observe the work of the **AMEOS** and **ZAR rehabilitation centres**. During the visit, they not only studied German approaches to rehabilitation but also shared their own experience and explored new avenues for cooperation.

Strengthening rehabilitation expertise is one of the hospital's priorities, as the demand for such services has grown significantly during the war – both among veterans and civilians.



Up to 500 people receive treatment each month at the outpatient rehabilitation and physiotherapy department of City Hospital No. 4

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

In 2025, Zaporizhzhia implemented **more than 20 international technical assistance projects** initiated by the City Council and municipal enterprises and institutions.

PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2025

Green Energy Recovery Programme in Ukraine

Donors: Governments of EU countries in partnership with UNDP. Beneficiary: Municipal Heat Networks Concern received eight cogeneration units worth 522 million UAH.

Project “Strengthening the Resilience of Cities in the Area of Essential Services for Urban Territorial Communities in Ukraine” (GIZ GmbH)

Beneficiary: Municipal Heat Networks Concern received building materials worth about 4 million UAH.

Project “Transformational Recovery for People’s Safety in Ukraine” (UNDP)

Equipment was supplied for demolition works and removal of rubble after shelling.

Provision of equipment, materials and tools for eliminating the consequences of missile strikes

Donor: PFRU-2. Value of assistance: 4,144,602 UAH.

PENDING APPROVAL / UNDER IMPLEMENTATION

Emergency Recovery and Reconstruction Project

Donor: Government of Japan through the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

“From Humanitarian Assistance to Early Recovery in Kherson, Sumy and Zaporizhzhia Regions”

Donor: Government of the Republic of Korea (South Korea). Beneficiaries: municipal enterprises.

Project “EU4Recovery – Empowering Communities in Ukraine”.

Donor: UNDP. Beneficiaries: municipal enterprises.

Additionally, several projects supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), **launched in 2024**, were completed in the first half of 2025. They focused on strengthening urban infrastructure, supporting educational institutions and enhancing the community's energy resilience.

COMPLETED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2025

Energy Security Project. Beneficiary: Municipal Heat Networks Concern received communal equipment, tools and materials worth about 80 million UAH.

Ensuring Energy Supply, Strengthening Resilience and Connectivity (SPARC). Beneficiaries: Municipal Heat Networks and "Vodokanal" enterprise received generators and pump units worth about 2 million UAH.

Strengthening the capacity of CNAP of Zaporizhzhia City Council to provide services. Aid provided: Staff training, procurement of equipment and furniture, current repairs. Value: 1,792,656.65 UAH.

Charging stations for structural units of the Zaporizhzhia City Council. Thirty-three charging stations were received. Value: 997,920.00 UAH.

Educational kits for blended learning. Beneficiaries: 22 gymnasiums in Zaporizhzhia. Value: 3,064,045.60 UAH.

Equipment for emergency buses in Zaporizhzhia. Beneficiaries: district administrations and the Department of Social Protection of the Population. Value: 992,114.20 UAH.

Underground school in Zaporizhzhia at City Gymnasium No. 107: furniture and equipment. Value of assistance: 6,231,007.90 UAH.

Support to City Council structural units (office equipment and furniture). Beneficiaries: district administrations and City Council departments. Value of assistance: **1,382,922.22 UAH.**



STRENGTHENING COMMUNAL VEHICLE FLEET

In July, the **German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ GmbH)** handed over Volkswagen Amarok vehicles to two district administrations in Zaporizhzhia, and in October delivered another four Volkswagen Crafter vans. The new vehicles were assigned to municipal enterprises that provide essential public services and take part in emergency and rescue operations, including those after shelling.

The Federal Agency for Technical Relief of Germany (THW) also strengthened municipal

services by donating two lighting masts for Zaporizhzhia's emergency-rescue teams.

In August, cooperation between the regional and city authorities helped reinforce the vehicle fleet of the **Municipal Heat Networks Concern**. Using funds from a state budget subsidy, a modern 10-tonne tipper truck was purchased for the enterprise. This vehicle is crucial for rapid response after Russian attacks, as well as for repairs and other emergency operations.

TWIN CITY LINZ SUPPORTS ZAPORIZHZHIA

Thanks to the support of the city of Linz (Austria), Zaporizhzhia's emergency and rescue service has received a modern fire engine.

The new vehicle will help our responders act more quickly in emergencies in the frontline city. Local specialists will further equip it for rescue operations related to the aftermath of mass shelling.

In addition, Linz has provided two minibuses for Zaporizhzhia's municipal enterprises and is planning to transfer an ambulance

and medical equipment in the coming months.

Zaporizhzhia and Linz have been twin cities **since 1983**.

Humanitarian cooperation and support for the wartime resilience of our community are among the priorities of the joint Action Plan signed by city officials in May 2024.

This aid package became possible thanks to the sincere support of our twin city Linz, and in particular the efforts of Mayor Dietmar Prammer.





CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE

Global Empowerment Mission (GEM) provided more than 5,000 food kits and 12,000 bottles of drinking water to hospitals, educational institutions and the Department of Social Protection of the Population. The international organisation **Save the Children** helped to supply foster families and family-type children's homes with bedding and hygiene kits.

Blau-Gelbes Kreuz e.V., together with the Charitable Foundation **“Tavriyski Zori – 2023”**, gave school backpacks with essential stationery to more than 100 first-graders in Zaporizhzhia. This is just one of many charitable initiatives that partners are implementing in our city.

The **“Lumos Ukraine”** Charitable Foundation, together with the **NGO “STEP”**, provided educational kits for 285 children with special educational needs and children who require additional learning support. The kits are designed for different age groups and include tablets, educational books, didactic materials, puzzles and board games.



HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT

The international organisation **UK-Med** has been working in Zaporizhzhia since the beginning of the full-scale invasion. It delivers humanitarian aid to hospitals, involves foreign surgeons in complex operations, and conducts trainings for medical staff as well as educational sessions for residents. UK-Med mobile teams also visit frontline communities with consultations.

The **“Rokada” Foundation in Zaporizhzhia** helps improve living conditions in dormitories for internally displaced people. In one such dormitory, partners have already renovated seven rooms, upgraded bathrooms, replaced electrical wiring and lighting on two floors, and created a recreation area for residents.

Blau Gelbes Kreuz e.V. and **“Tavriyski Zori – 2023”** donated a minibus to the municipal institution **“Zatyshna Domivka.”** This support expands the institution’s ability to help families facing difficult life circumstances, mothers with children, and women who have experienced gender-based violence.

In just the first half of 2025, UK-Med provided more than **9.9 million UAH** in support to medical facilities and humanitarian initiatives





EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The City Development Institute of Zaporizhzhia coordinates the work of partner organisations to respond quickly to the consequences of Russian shelling. Partners' assistance covers the following areas:

- Psychological, social and legal counselling
- Assessment of residents' needs
- Evacuation of affected people
- Support to residents with limited mobility (evacuation, etc.)
- Material assistance
- Food kits and hygiene kits
- Repairs and conservation of buildings
- Organisation of hot meals for affected people and volunteers

We are sincerely grateful to the partners who regularly helped in the second half of 2025:

ARTAK Together We Reach The Dreams, Rapid Response Unit of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society, Caritas Zaporizhzhia, Relief Coordination Centre in Zaporizhzhia, On Wings Of Hope Zaporizhzhia, Kichkas Volunteer Association, Educational Foundation "Potential", Right to Protection, Proliska – Zaporizhzhia, East-SOS, Happy Kids, Happy Child, Source of Unity, Project HOPE, World Central Kitchen, restaurants SVOï and Soprano and many others.

Throughout 2025, Zaporizhzhia experienced more than 200 enemy attacks. Each time, city services and numerous charitable, civic and volunteer organisations provide assistance at the sites of shelling. Below are summarised reporting data from partners on their support.

Material assistance

10,336 repair material kits (tarpaulin, OSB sheets, building material sets, protective film) were provided by partners to restore damaged houses.

18,389 portions of food and **1,086 units of water/drinks** were delivered to meet the basic needs of rescue services and affected residents.

2,432 food kits, 2,040 hygiene kits and 7,383 household items (blankets, sleeping bags and solar lamps) were distributed to residents whose homes were damaged or destroyed.

Emergency response

110 evacuations of residents to temporary accommodation or other safe places.

143 cases of first aid, including treatment of

shrapnel wounds before medics arrived (assistance provided by specialised organisations with appropriate training). дну підготовку).

Counselling

6,987 social, legal and psychological consultations were provided by partner organisations to residents.

Cash assistance

7,038 people were registered to receive multi-purpose cash assistance from international organisations operating in Zaporizhzhia, totalling **76,010,400 UAH in payments**.

(The data above reflect information provided by partner organisations as of early December 2025)



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

— strategic agreements

Zaporizhzhia and Montesilvano (Italy) signed a Cooperation Intent Pact. This document is the first step toward an official partnership agreement between the communities, which is currently being drafted.

The pact defines clear areas of cooperation important for Zaporizhzhia: social protection and rehabilitation of veterans and war-affected people, humanitarian programmes to support the population, educational and cultural exchanges, development of sports and youth initiatives.

The Zaporizhzhia City Council signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the GREEK CHALLENGE, founder of the TIASI programme — an inter-cluster cooperation platform between Canada, the EU and Ukraine.

The organisation implements innovative projects together with leading universities and research centres. In Zaporizhzhia, partners plan to focus on projects in education and science, supporting educational institutions and expanding opportunities for young people.

In development: new agreements with Orange (Australia) and Balti (Moldova) a renewed twinning agreement with Belfort (France).

— official visits and meetings

Rehina Kharchenko, Secretary of the Zaporizhzhia City Council, met with representatives of Lithuanian telecom operator **Tele2 Lietuva** and the **Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in Ukraine**. During the online meeting, the partners outlined areas for cooperation: programmes for mental health and social resilience, support for schools, emergency services and Points of Invincibility.

A delegation from the **Embassy of the Republic of Latvia in Ukraine**, headed by Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Andris Pildegovics, visited Zaporizhzhia. Delegation members visited one of the underground schools, the City Youth Centre and the site of a recent missile attack.

Within this visit, City Council Secretary Rehina Kharchenko met with the **Mayor of Ogre, Egils Helmanis**. The Latvian city is open to developing joint projects in urban development, rehabilitation, humanitarian and cultural cooperation.





– Zaporizhzhia – Birmingham

A delegation from the Zaporizhzhia City Council paid an official visit to Birmingham – the first meeting of representatives of our twin cities in many years.

Thanks to this visit, the partners developed ideas for joint projects in medicine, mental health, rehabilitation, culture, education, and sports. The parties discussed opportunities for cooperation such as online meetings and supervision sessions for doctors and psychologists, art exhibitions, training camps at football clubs, educational trips for school students, academic exchange

programmes, and partnerships within grant projects.

The next step for the two cities will be to draw up a joint action plan that will clearly define the specific projects, required resources, and the role of each partner.

Birmingham and Zaporizhzhia have been twin cities **since 1973**, but there was no active cooperation between them from the mid-1990s. Today, with about 1,900 Ukrainians living in Birmingham, the local community is increasingly interested in strengthening ties with its Ukrainian twin city.

Photos: Bosnia UK Network, Birmingham

— summer holidays for children

Thanks to the support of twin cities and other partners, nearly 200 children from Zaporizhzhia spent their summer holidays abroad.

This year new partners joined the initiative, allowing more children and teenagers to have a safe summer rest. For the first time, trips were organised to Linz, where the Youth Guest House camp hosted young people, and to Thessaloniki (Greece).

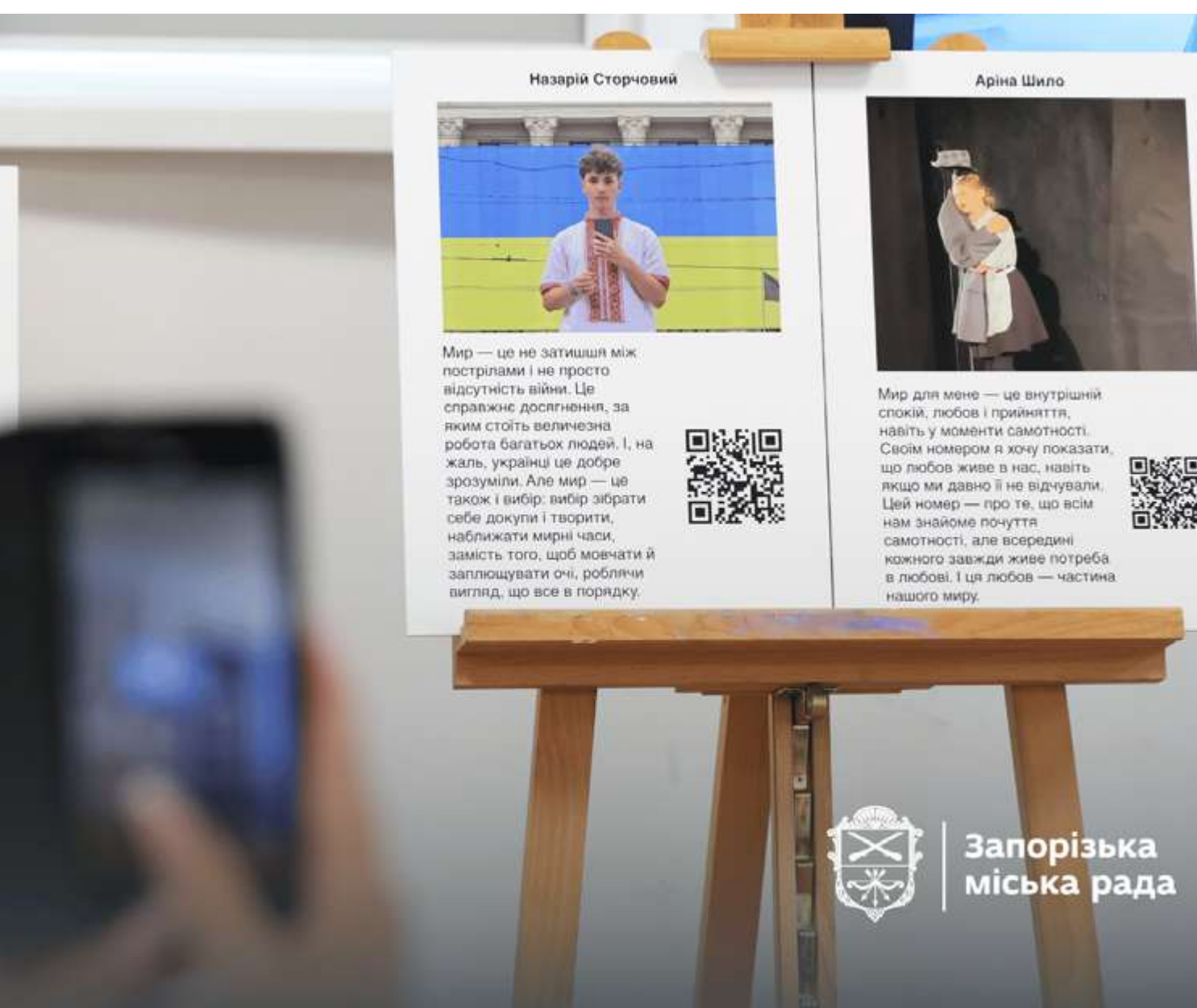
For the third year in a row, young residents of Zaporizhzhia have also visited the Pajulahti sports and Olympic centre in twin city Lahti and the Barleber See summer camp in Magdeburg.

The City Development Institute of Zaporizhzhia coordinates cooperation with foreign partners, while the Department of Education and Science helps to form children's groups and organise the trips.

For children, such journeys are an opportunity to rest in safe conditions, practice foreign languages and communicate with peers from other countries.

The programme receives positive feedback from participants, their parents and teachers, as well as international partners. Youth visits will continue in 2026.





— culture and youth

Young people from Zaporizhzhia received the Youth4Peace first prize in a creative competition in Oberhausen.

The Youth Peace Prize is awarded annually in our German twin city, but this was the first year Zaporizhzhia youth took part — and three talented girls and young women won first place in the “Individual International Works” category.

To honour the participants and winners, the City Development Institute organised an exhibition of their works at the City Youth Centre, which City Council Secretary Regina Kharchenko also attended.

Photographers from Zaporizhzhia also took part in the “Between Here and There” competition during the Month of Photography in Belfort.

Among the winning entries was the photo project “Networks of Life” by Zaporizhzhia photographer Mariia Maslova, who documented volunteers tirelessly weaving camouflage nets.

Belfort also hosted a well-received screening of the Ukrainian film “Honeymoon”. During the premiere, representatives of the Belfort City Council spoke about the situation in Zaporizhzhia and the cooperation between the two cities.

— youth visits

A youth delegation from Zaporizhzhia took part in a working visit to Portugal within the framework of the programme “Lviv – European Youth Capital 2025”.

The programme included meetings in Braga and Lisbon with representatives of municipalities, youth centres, national agencies, schools and NGOs. The delegation learned about the work of the Braga Youth Centre, the Gnratio space, the initiatives of Startup Braga as well as the winning project of the youth participatory budget “Tu Decides”.

In Lisbon, meetings were held with the Portuguese National Youth Council, the National Agency Erasmus+ Youth & European Solidarity Corps, the Federation of Youth Associations and the Lisbon Youth Centre. These organisations shared their experience in involving young people in decision-making and international mobility programmes.

This visit is another step towards strengthening international cooperation and developing youth policy. We expect to continue communicating with Portuguese colleagues within new projects.



In 2026, Zaporizhzhia will continue developing youth policy and participation through the UNICEF-supported project **“Skills, Leadership and Recovery – Integrated Youth Development in Communities.”**



SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

inter-municipal cooperation



Zaporizhzhia and Chernivtsi continue cooperation within the “Shoulder to Shoulder: Cohesive Communities” programme.

Children from Zaporizhzhia visited the summer tent camp “OIKOS,” located in the picturesque Stebnyk ravine in the Vyzhnytsia area. Among them were young athletes from Youth Sports School No. 6 of the Zaporizhzhia City Council.

In October, a delegation of teachers from Zaporizhzhia spent three productive days in Chernivtsi.

They learned about the work of municipal educational institutions, private schools and creative studios, exchanged experiences, and discussed joint projects.

An exhibition “Zaporizhzhia Speaks with Posters” also opened in Chernivtsi. This project, born in our city during the first year of the full-scale war, brought together artists from across Ukraine and features around thirty works. The event was organised through the joint efforts of the cities’ departments of culture.



– plans for 2026

Implementation of grant projects “Skills, Leadership and Recovery – Integrated Youth Development in Communities” jointly with UNICEF and “Development of Adaptive Sports” with support from UNDP.

Programmes for children’s recreation, sports camps and youth exchanges together with twin cities.

Programmes of professional internships, online training and supervision sessions for doctors, rehabilitation specialists and psychologists.

Programmes of cooperation and experience exchange in environmental protection – together with Lahti and with the participation of the FME.

Cooperation with Birmingham in culture and education: online programmes to develop leadership among girls, university partnerships, and creation of a “Shakespeare Space” in Zaporizhzhia.

Project “Strengthening Civil Protection Capacities in Zaporizhzhia and Magdeburg”. Expected funding source: SKEW Small Projects Fund. Budget: up to 50,000 euros.

Visit of Zaporizhzhia artists to Magdeburg within the Modernism Festival. Funding source: EU international mobility grant programmes for artists.



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