

Lifeline for Ukrainian economy, key for global food security

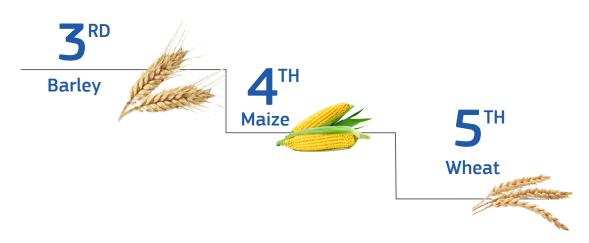
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Ukraine is a top global exporter of cereals

This is **IMPORTANT** for **GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY**





With the Black Sea route closed by the Russian aggression, 20 million tonnes of grain were trapped in Ukraine before the summer, ahead of the new harvest



The Commission launched the Solidarity Lanes Action Plan in May 2022 to establish alternative logistics routes via rail, road and inland waterways.



THE SOLIDARITY LANES ENABLED THE EXPORT OF AROUND 60%* OF UKRAINE'S GRAIN SINCE THE START OF THE WAR

*40% of Ukrainian grain has been exported via the Black Sea Grain Initiative.



Exports of Ukrainian grain/oilseeds etc. via Solidarity Lanes

They helped export over 36 million tonnes of non-agricultural products from Ukraine (ores, iron and steel, earths, wood) and generated about €33 billion for Ukrainian farmers and businesses.

Since
March 2022, the
EU has exported
60.9 million tonnes
of cereals to third

SOLIDARITY LANES TODAY:

- CRUCIAL FOR EXPORTS OF UKRAINIAN AGRICULTURAL GOODS
- ONLY OPTION FOR EXPORT OF OTHER UKRAINIAN GOODS
- ONLY OPTION FOR UKRAINE TO IMPORT ALL THE GOODS IT NEEDS (FUEL, HUMANITARIAN AID, ETC)

Latest developments:

JUNE 2022



New road transport agreements between the EU, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova allow additional transport by road. Hauliers can now transit through and operate between each other's territories, without the need for permits.

JULY 2022

Proposal to extend the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) to Ukraine and Moldova.

DECEMBER 2022



€220 million invested in military mobility projects, improving the infrastructure on the Solidarity Lanes in Germany, Poland and Romania.

JUNE 2023



Association of Ukraine to the EU's programme for infrastructure funding – the Connecting Europe Facility, allowing Ukraine to apply for EU funding in the transport, energy and digital realms – for better connections between the EU and Ukraine. A similar agreement was signed between the EU and the Republic of Moldova in May 2023.



€250 million invested in 9 Solidarity Lanes projects to improve cross-border connections between Ukraine, Moldova, and the EU.

JULY 2023



New study on EU rail connections with Ukraine and Moldova suggests as a first step to establish a European track gauge connection from Kraków/Katowice (Poland) to Lviv (Ukraine), as well as from Iasi (Romania) to Chisinău (Moldova).

This lays the ground for Ukraine's reconstruction and for smoother cross-border rail connections in the future.

Ongoing:

INVESTMENT, TOGETHER WITH PARTNER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. IN CAPACITY INCREASES, REPAIRS AND LIQUIDITY FOR OPERATORS



MOBILISED FOR SOLIDARITY LANES TO INCREASE GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY AND PROVIDE A LIFELINE FOR UKRAINE'S ECONOMY



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