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Financing Ukraine's Water Policy Priorities

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Resilience and Livelihoods Framework

EBRD remains the largest institutional investor in Ukraine – over **EUR 10.5 billion deployed** since the full-scale invasion. The Bank supports resilient, EU-aligned and financially sustainable water and wastewater services.

- RLF is the main vehicle for supporting Ukraine during the war.
- Total funding **EUR 9 billion**.
- Investments follow a **Build Back Better** approach.
- Financing to keep Ukraine functioning during the war and prepare for recovery and reconstruction

RLF priority sectors:

- Critical infrastructure
- Energy security
- Municipal services
- Transport
- Food security
- Private-sector resilience

Water-sector focus:

- Continuity of essential services
- Resilience of critical infrastructure
- Energy efficiency, security and decarbonisation
- EU environmental standards
- Preparation for long-term recovery

Mykolayiv Emergency Water Project / Dec 2023

Project

- Sodium hypochlorite production facility
- Replacement of critical water pipelines
- Improvements to water treatment and supply infrastructure

Impact

- More reliable water services
- Stronger resilience of critical water infrastructure
- Support for service continuity in a city severely affected by the war

Total cost
EUR 33.8 m

EBRD Loan
EUR 10 m

Grant
EUR 14.8 m

Lviv Wastewater Project / Dec 2024

Project

- Construction of new grit chambers
- Modernisation of wastewater treatment facilities
- Investments to improve environmental performance and support EU-standard compliance

Impact

- Demonstrates how recovery investment can advance Ukraine's EU integration and environmental commitments.
- Significant transboundary environmental benefits.

Total cost
EUR 16.7 m

EBRD Loan
EUR 10 m

Grant
EUR 6.7 m

Rivne Regional Water and Wastewater Project / Sept 2026

Project

- New EU-compliant wastewater treatment plant
- Rehabilitation of wastewater pumping stations
- Sludge treatment and biogas recovery facilities
- SCADA and other operational improvements

Impact

- Reduced operating costs and increased operational independence.
- Improved wastewater services for approximately 240,000 residents.
- Workforce upskilling through training programmes for operating new technologies and systems.
- Supports Ukraine's reconstruction, resilience and EU wastewater compliance objectives.

Total cost
EUR 53.1 m

EBRD Loan
EUR 34 m

Grant
EUR 10 m

Key challenges

- Continued security and implementation risks
- Rising operating costs for utilities
- Constrained financial capacity of municipalities
- Affordability considerations for households
- Fragmented municipal capacity
- Project registration and prioritisation under the DREAM and SPP
- Procurement and implementation risks
- Large investment needs linked to recovery and future EU environmental requirements

Key takeaways

- **Resilience remains the immediate priority**
  Water and wastewater services must continue operating under very challenging conditions.

- **Build Back Better**
  Recovery should create stronger, more efficient and more sustainable infrastructure—not simply replace damaged assets.

- **Cost recovery must be realistic**
  The objective is not simply higher tariffs, but financially viable utilities delivering reliable, affordable and EU-compliant services.

- **Partnerships are essential**
  Tariffs alone will not close the financing gap; grants, concessional finance, efficiency gains and close cooperation with national and local authorities.