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Produced together with Ukraine's Ministry of Culture and Information Policy, the EU4Culture project, implemented by the Consortium led by Ecorys, and a play session with a creative corner Yoko's Canvas has. It aims to support the recovery of the cultural sector, and the creative industries in Ukraine.

Both schools have benefited from the support provided by the project, including the rehabilitation of classrooms, the creation of new learning spaces, and the provision of equipment. **EU Ambassador to Ukraine Katarina Cerhanova Ahlfors, Deputy Representative of UNICEF Ulrich Mueller, and Tetiana Fomenko, the head of the EU4Culture project, visited the Bucha Lyceum and Yoko's Canvas.**

"It is not just about supporting education, but also about helping communities recover. The EU and Ukraine creating opportunities for children and young people to learn and develop, including through creative activities, is important for the future of Ukraine, Ms Cerhanova Ahlfors said.

"I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to visit a kindergarten in Bucha and a journey in Irpin, which are just two of the many places where EU4Culture is supporting the recovery. This visit is another step in our continued efforts to showcase the vital support for education and youth in Ukraine. The EU is committed to helping Ukraine's cultural sector and its people, including through the creation of safe spaces for communities to create safe and modern learning environments, and to support the recovery of the cultural sector and the creative industries in Ukraine. Together, Even in the most difficult times, we stand together", she said.

Produce two 120 students, including preschoolers with visual and hearing impairments, who are also supported by a psychologist, speech therapist and a teacher of the visual impairment. Irpin Art School, which has been supported by the project, including through digitised facilities, Katarina Mathernova says: "Our students are now able to explore and develop their talents in the best conditions".

Since the outbreak of the full-scale Russian invasion, the EU has been providing support to Ukrainian cultural institutions and centres to create safe educational spaces in Ukraine. These funds have been used to provide, for example, mental health support to children, provide safe educational environments and safety campaigns.

The EU4Culture project has also provided Ukraine with two mobile units for the provision of services for the rehabilitation of social infrastructure, including educational facilities. By the end of the project, the mobile units will have visited over 30 cities and communities, and have helped to repair a further 5 schools and kindergartens. In the second phase of the programme, 80 cultural institutions will benefit from grants to support the recovery of cultural and creative sectors in Ukraine, and over 2,000 artists will receive training.

To date, the EU has provided support to Ukraine worth more than €50 million in the cultural sector.

More information:
Katarina Cerhanova Ahlfors' post on X
Together We Learn and Develop in Ukrainian Kindergarten – Yoko's Canvas – Website

Ivano-Frankivsk hosted a discussion about VET development and EU support

The EU has been supporting the Ukrainian vocational education and training (VET) system since the beginning of the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Over 300 institutions have benefited from the support provided by the Ukrainian vocational education and training (VET) system, including the EU. Germany is also supporting the Ukrainian vocational education and training system and helping with infrastructure rehabilitation and equipment.

Ivano-Frankivsk hosted a discussion about the EU support for the reintegration of Ukrainian vocational education and training (VET) institutions, including those located in the region, on 29 October. The event was organised by the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Military Administration, the Ivano-Frankivsk City Council, the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Centre for Professional Development of Pedagogical Employees, co-funded by the EU, Germany and the Czech Republic, and the Ukrainian Association of Vocational Education and Training and representatives from relevant local government bodies.

The event's speakers underline the importance of the EU support for the reintegration of Ukrainian vocational education and training institutions, including those located in the region, and the importance of the EU's