

With EU support, internally displaced Ukrainian families receive accommodation in Zvyahel

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On 26 February, a newly renovated building that will provide urgent housing for internally displaced persons (IDPs) was inaugurated in Zvyahel, in the Zhytomyr region. As part of the project, a former blood centre has been transformed into energy-efficient housing for Ukrainians affected by war.

Approximately 2,000 IDPs, some 4 per cent of the total population of 55,000 inhabitants, are currently registered in the Zvyahel community, and the demand for accommodation has placed a significant strain on local resources, the EU Delegation to Ukraine said in a press release.

The families who have relocated from the east and south of Ukraine due to active hostilities will be accommodated in 47 turnkey apartments.

The funding of approximately €2.67 million enabled comprehensive renovation

of the building, including insulation, replacing windows and doors, modernising heating systems, and installing water supply and drainage systems. The housing facility was also equipped with solar panels with a capacity of 30 kW with battery storage, significantly improving energy resilience.

The inauguration in Zvyahel marks the ninth completed project under the €19 million 'EU Support for Urgent Housing Needs for Internally Displaced Persons in Ukraine' programme, funded by the European Union and managed by Nefco, the Nordic Green Bank. The aim of the programme is to provide accommodation for Ukrainian IDPs in ten cities in western and central regions of the country, by converting existing municipal properties into energy-efficient housing. The final project in Zolochiv is expected to be completed in the coming months.