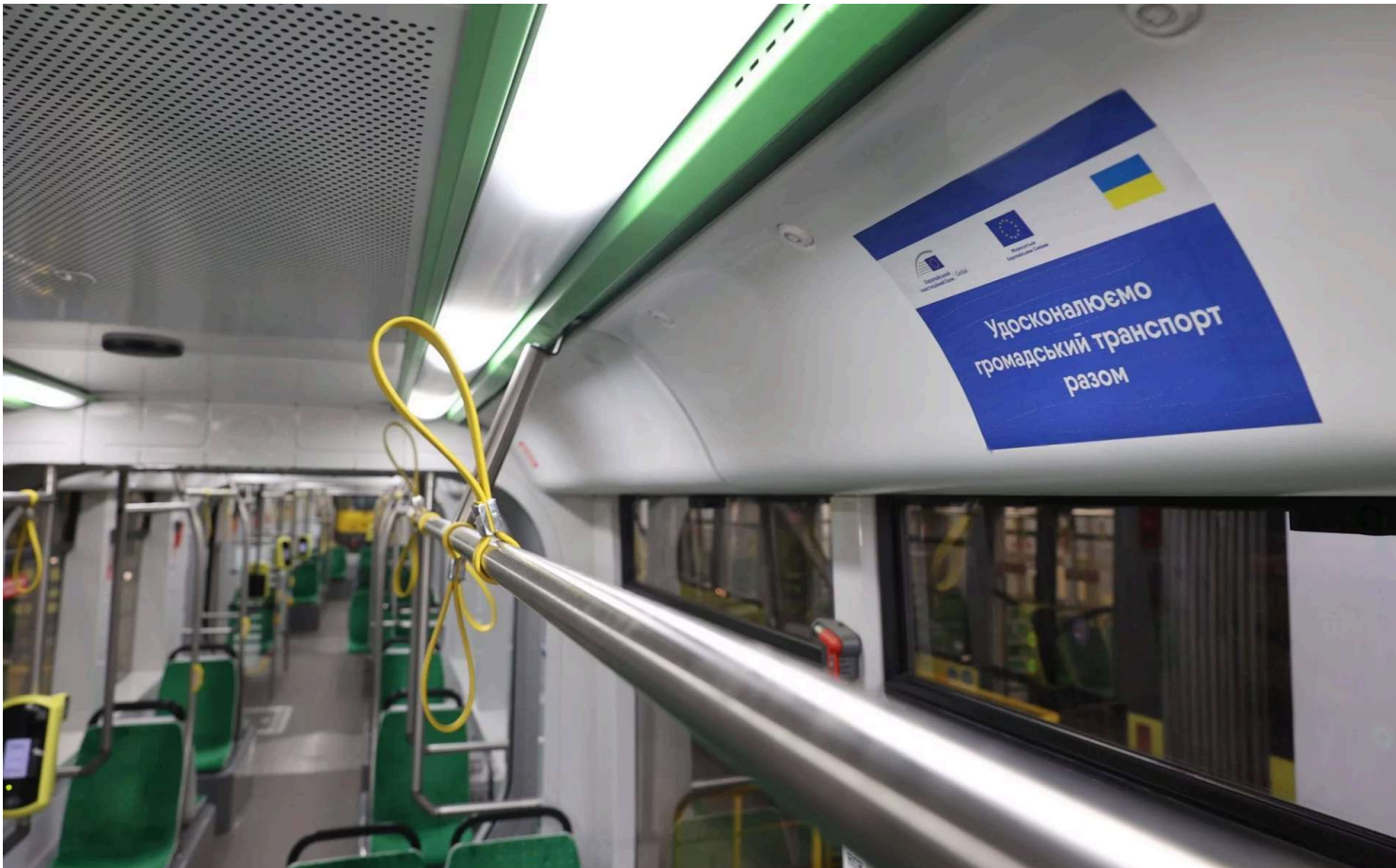


# EIB provides €16.5 million for new public transport in war-torn cities of Ukraine

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On 19 December, the European Investment Bank (EIB) announced €16.5 million in funding to renew urban public transport in Ukrainian cities of Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Odesa. Backed by an EU guarantee, this operation is part of the EIB's Ukraine Solidarity Urgent Response package, developed in close collaboration with the European Commission.

The funding will enable the purchase of new buses, dual trolleybuses and trams, along with essential spare parts and maintenance equipment, ensuring reliable and efficient public transport operations in these cities. The vehicles will be sourced from a Turkish manufacturer and a German/Ukrainian consortium.

EIB Vice-President Teresa Czerwińska, responsible for the Bank's operations in Ukraine, said the war had brought immense challenges to Ukraine's cities,

forcing them to adapt quickly to the needs of a growing number of displaced people and disrupted infrastructure.

*“By providing new buses and trams for Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Ivano-Frankivsk and Odesa, we aim to support local resilience and ensure safe, sustainable transport for residents,”* Teresa Czerwińska said.

Earlier in December, the EIB disbursed €17.25 million for transport upgrades as part of over €60 million in EU guarantee-backed loans to strengthen critical infrastructure in Ukraine.