

Lviv District: Opportunities & Resilience

Showcasing our region's strengths:
A guide from the Lviv District State Administration



Lviv District – a border Ukrainian region with the European Union

Where every community
is **strong**, our shared
future is **unbreakable**

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Discover Lviv District: A Hub of Strategic Importance

Welcome to Lviv District, a dynamic and strategically vital region in western Ukraine, administered by the Lviv District State Administration (DSA).

What is the Lviv District State Administration?

The Lviv District State Administration is the local executive body responsible for implementing state policies and programmes within the Lviv District.

Its core functions include:

- Overseeing adherence to the Constitution and laws of Ukraine.
- Ensuring the socio-economic and cultural development of the district.
- Managing the budget, finance, and investment activities.
- Coordinating the activities of local self-government bodies.
- Guaranteeing national security and public order.
- Supporting the development of agriculture, industry, and entrepreneurship.
- Managing state-owned property within its jurisdiction.
- Ensuring the provision of essential public services, including education, healthcare, and social welfare.

The Lviv DSA is committed to fostering a favourable environment for residents, businesses, and international partners, driving growth and innovation throughout the district.

Lviv District at a Glance: Key Indicators



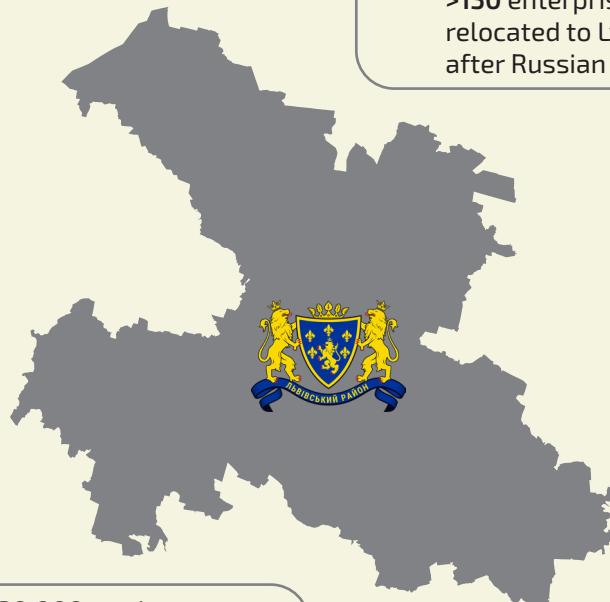
1,149,976 citizens
hundreds of thousands
of internally displaced
persons fleeing war zones
since February 2022



4,976.2 km²
231.1 people/km²
23 territorial communities
531 settlements



>15,000 enterprises
>300,000 employees
>150 enterprises were
relocated to Lviv District
after Russian invasion



>130,000 students
107 pre-school institutions
187 secondary schools
46 EEs
21 high schools



1 cluster hospital
6 general hospitals
15 primary healthcare
centres
4 community hospitals



306 community centres
250 libraries
14 museums

Territorial Communities of Lviv District

Lviv District is comprised of 23 amalgamated territorial communities (hromadas – basic units of administrative division in Ukraine), each with its unique character and development priorities.

Community Name	Area (km ²)	Population (approx.)	Head of Community and Email
Bibrka urban hromada	435.4	16,694	Roman Hrynus bibrka.rada@gmail.com
Davydiv rural hromada	230	20,615	Volodymyr Kernytskyi davudiv.sr@ukr.net
Dobrosynsko-Maherivska settlement hromada	238.6	16,238	Mykola Salo dobrosyn_rada@ukr.net
Hlyniany urban hromada	224.1	9,745	Volodymyr Chornopys hlyniany@i.ua
Horodok urban hromada	388.5	39,851	Volodymyr Remeniak gorodok_mr_lv@ukr.net
Kamianka-Buzka urban hromada	348.4	21,505	Oleh Omelian ms.kbmr@ukr.net
Komarno urban hromada	186.9	13,779	Ihor Cherevychnyk komarno.rada@ukr.net
Kulykiv settlement hromada	112.9	11,692	Lilia Bova kulykiv27@gmail.com
Lviv urban hromada	315.6	783,065	Andrii Sadovyi sadovyi.andrii@lvivcity.gov.ua
Murovane rural hromada	43.1	9,617	Bohdan Svystun sorokylivskarada@gmail.com

Community Name	Area (km ²)	Population (approx.)	Head of Community and Email
Novyi Yarychiv settlement hromada	222.1	18,556	Petro Sokolovskyi n.yarichiv.rada@gmail.com
Obroshyne rural hromada	44.4	7,631	Ivan Halych obroshyn.rada@gmail.com
Peremyshliany urban hromada	576.4	24,064	Oleksandr Zozulya info@rada-peremyshlyany.gov.ua
Pidberiztsi rural hromada	124.1	8,203	Vasyl Koval pidberizcivskarada@gmail.com
Pustomyty urban hromada	97.4	15,172	Oleh Serniak pustomyty_rada@ukr.net
Rava-Ruska urban hromada	319.1	25,833	Ivan Ivanusa ravagromada@gmail.com
Shchyrets settlement hromada	114.5	11,696	Oleh Vasylyshyn shchyrecrada@gmail.com
Sokilnyky rural hromada	32.9	8,448	Taras Sulymko sokil_rada@ukr.net
Solonka rural hromada	186.1	13,341	Bohdan Dubnevych solonkarada@gmail.com
Velykyi Liubin settlement hromada	132.4	9,473	Yosyf Fabryha lubin_velyky@ukr.net
Zhovkva urban hromada	454.4	34,667	Oleh Volskyi info@zhovkva-rada.gov.ua
Zhovtantsi rural hromada	150.4	10,127	Yaroslav Derkach 04374039@mail.gov.ua
Zymna Voda rural hromada	34.2	19,616	Volodymyr Hutnyk zymnovodivskarada@gmail.com



Resilience in Action: Lviv District Since the Full-Scale Invasion

As an EU border region, Lviv District played a crucial role from the start of the full-scale invasion, swiftly becoming a primary humanitarian hub. It welcomed hundreds of thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs) from war zones, providing vital shelter, aid, and support.

Amidst Russia's military aggression, the wider Lviv region, with Lviv city at its core, became a key destination — a 'capital' of sorts — for businesses relocating from conflict areas. Lviv District itself showed remarkable adaptability, facilitating over 150 enterprise relocations from central and eastern Ukraine, helping them maintain operations, jobs, and contribute to the national economy.

The district's strategic location proved paramount for the continuous flow of vital humanitarian aid and international support into Ukraine. Throughout 2022-2023, international partners vividly demonstrated this; Polish and British allies, for example, delivered crucial supplies like vehicles, generators, medical aid, and hygiene products. This vital aid supported military personnel and IDPs, including those from Kharkiv and Dnipro, across all communities in Lviv District.

International solidarity also shone through grassroots initiatives. A notable example is 'Pickups for Peace', a charity campaign from British farmer Mark Laird. With fellow farmers and supporters, he has delivered over 300 vehicles to Ukraine's Armed Forces since the full-scale invasion began, showcasing profound, practical support.



**Driving Forward:
Business,
Infrastructure, and
Investment Today**

Echoes of the Past: A Legacy of European Trade

Lviv District boasts a long and storied history as a vibrant crossroads of European trade and culture, a legacy that continues to shape its dynamic character today.

Ancient European Arteries: Via Regia and St. James's Way

For over two millennia, the Via Regia, one of Europe's oldest transcontinental routes, traversed what is now Lviv District, connecting East and West across eight modern-day nations. This historic 'Royal Road' is experiencing a revival as a European cultural tourism route (part of the E40). Notably, the Lviv section of Via Regia partly coincides with the St. James's Way (Camino de Santiago), the renowned pilgrimage route to Spain. A 12th-century pilgrim's scallop shell found in Zvenyhorod offers tangible proof of these ancient spiritual and commercial links. This heritage positions Lviv District: on the historic Via Regia, an ancient European superhighway, linking a storied past with present-day tourism potential.



Early Economic Integration: Amber, Tin Roads, and Magdeburg Law

Beyond Via Regia, other vital ancient trade routes like the Amber Road (Baltic to Mediterranean) and the Tin Road crossed the region, facilitating the exchange of amber, metals, furs, and salt, thus integrating Galicia into Europe's earliest economies. The adoption of Magdeburg Law from the late 13th century – with Lviv itself receiving these rights officially in 1379, though benefiting from similar legal principles even earlier – profoundly shaped urban life and commerce. This European legal framework spurred the growth of merchant guilds, vibrant fairs, and attracted foreign traders, with significant Greek, Armenian, and Italian merchant communities flourishing in Lviv, establishing it as a cosmopolitan European trading hub.

Historic Towns as Trade Hubs

Several towns within today's Lviv District thrived on this commercial activity, forging their own European connections. **Zhovkva** was renowned for its distinctive ceramics and textiles, products of such quality they were showcased at major industrial exhibitions in Lviv and Vienna in the 19th century.

Komarno, granted Magdeburg Law in 1471, was known for its fine linen and tablecloths, as well as fruit, much of which was exported to Vienna. **Kamianka-Buzka**, historically Kamianka-Strumylova, served as a significant trade post on routes from Kyiv to Poland and from Volhynia to Lviv, known for its bustling biannual fairs and diverse trade.

Spotlight on Key Exporters

The Lviv-based bakery chain '**Lviv Croissants**' successfully exports its popular gastronomy franchise, expanding into Poland, Slovakia, and Czechia since 2022. The automotive sector is a significant contributor, with '**Nexans**' (through its subsidiary **Elektrocontact Ukraine** in Peremyshliany) supplying critical cable networks to major global car brands, and '**Fujikura Automotive Ukraine Lviv**' producing components for European clients, thereby deeply integrating the district into European supply chains. The food industry also showcases strong export activity. '**BISCOTTI Ltd's**' confectionery reaches over 10 countries, including the EU. '**TRUMIX UKRAINE**' in Murovane produces EU-certified food additives for international markets. '**Lviv Fat Factory**' (TM 'Shchedro') exports its various products widely to the EU, UAE, USA, and Canada, while '**Per-sha Pryvatna Brovarnia**' (First Private Brewery) supplies its beer and kvass to European markets such as Poland, Czechia, and the UK.

Agricultural and agri-processing exports are also vital to the district's economy. For instance, '**Halfrost**' LLC (Zhovkva) supplies frozen and sublimated organic berries and fruits to markets like Denmark, Japan, and Switzerland. '**Honihma**' LLC (Soposhyn) exports high-quality Ukrainian honey to Poland, Canada, and the USA. Additionally, '**CPG Agri**' (Central Plains Group) is advancing potato processing in the district, with a modern starch plant geared for global markets and promoting export-oriented cultivation. These specialised enterprises are part of a broader agricultural landscape; indeed, the sector forms a cornerstone of the district's economy, with over 500 agricultural businesses of various ownership types operating across 316,400 hectares of productive land.



Nature and Tourism: Discover the Charm of Lviv District

Beyond its economic potential, Lviv District boasts picturesque landscapes, a rich cultural heritage, and diverse opportunities for tourism and recreation. From tranquil forests and scenic rivers to historic towns and vibrant local traditions, the district offers a welcoming escape to explore authentic Ukrainian culture. We invite you to discover the natural beauty and key attractions that make Lviv District a unique and appealing destination.

Architectural Jewels: A European Dialogue in Stone and Wood

The architectural heritage of Lviv District vividly testifies to its deep integration into Europe's cultural tapestry. Its towns, castles, and sacred buildings reflect dominant European styles across epochs, often crafted by renowned European masters.

A prime example is **Zhovkva**, meticulously planned in the late 16th century as a Renaissance 'ideal city' – a concept rooted in classical philosophy and Italian architectural theory. Founded by Stanislav Zolkiewski and developed with Italian architects such as Paolo Duccento di Climensi (Pavlo Shchastlyvyyi), Zhovkva later served as a residence for Polish King John III Sobieski and was famed as a centre for arts and crafts. Its impressive castle (1594–1606) is a significant Renaissance monument with later Baroque alterations.

Other notable castles include **Svirzh Castle** (Peremyshliany hromada), first mentioned in the 15th century, remodelled in the 17th century, and later acquiring neo-Gothic features. **Starosilsky Castle** (Davydiv hromada) stands as a fine example of Renaissance lowland defensive architecture, once owned by prominent European families like the Lubomirskis

and Sieniawskis. While the famed 'Golden Horseshoe' castles (Olesko, Pidhirtsi, Zolochiv) are in a neighbouring district, their historical and cultural orbits are closely tied to the Lviv region, enriching its broader appeal.

Of special significance are the region's wooden churches, part of a shared Carpathian tradition with Poland. Eight of these churches in Ukraine are UNESCO World Heritage sites, two of which are located within Lviv District: **the Church of the Holy Trinity in Zhovkva** (1720), housing a unique Renaissance iconostasis, and **the Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit in Potelych** (1502), one of Ukraine's oldest wooden churches and a masterpiece of Galician architecture, originally built by local potters. Other precious wooden churches, such as **St. Archangel Michael in Komarno** (1754) and **the Church of the Assumption in Klitsko** (1603), also represent the distinguished Galician school of folk architecture.

Sacred Art and Living Traditions

The artistic legacy of Lviv District extends deeply into sacred art, notably through Ivan Rutkovych and the **Zhovkva Icon Painting School** of the late 17th to early 18th century. This influential school uniquely synthesised traditional Byzantine iconography with Western European artistic currents, particularly Renaissance humanism and Baroque dynamism. Saints were depicted with more human-like features and often in contemporary attire, a style that flourished under patrons like King John III Sobieski. Rutkovych's monumental iconostasis for Zhovkva's Church of Christ's Nativity remains a celebrated masterpiece of this tradition.

Living traditions also continue to thrive and are being actively revived. The town of Hlyniany (Hlyniany urban hromada) is

renewing its historic **carpet weaving (kilymarstvo)** tradition, showcasing a community commitment to preserving unique cultural heritage. Such initiatives, highlight the district's enduring artisanal skills and offer engaging experiences for cultural tourism.









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