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- The role of clusters for regional economic development
- The strengthening of business and economic relations between Ukraine and the EU and integration of Ukrainian companies into the EU value chains



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The European Union's response:

COVID-19
Public Health Crisis

Energy crisis

Food crisis

Refugees crisis

Support to Member States :

- **working capital** for SMEs
- **investments** in products and services to increase response capacities in health services,
- increase of **EU's co-financing** rate to 100%,
- possibility to **re-allocate unused funds** for these purposes.
- **eligibility of operations** addressing the migratory challenges
- **energy costs** for vulnerable households.

Support to Ukrainian businesses & people to benefit from the EU Single Market:

- EU-Ukraine **solidarity lanes** (new logistics routes)
- **Supply Chain Resilience** platform and the EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes **Business Matchmaking** platform (to deal with disruptions in international supply chains)
- European **transport corridors** (MD, UA)
- **Trade restrictions** have been suspended
- Recognition of **professional qualifications** (for people fleeing Ukraine)
- Use in the EU **Ukrainian driving licences** and requirements (eased) for professional drivers
- MD & UA synchronised with the **continental European electricity grid**
- **Affordable or free calls and internet use** to refugees by EU and UA operators

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- The support for regional economic development
- The role of clusters and other business support organisations in developing regional economies
- The development of the cluster community in the EU and its role in the EU economic growth
- The current level of development of the cluster community in Ukraine



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