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**Optional members:** 

• WARTSILA

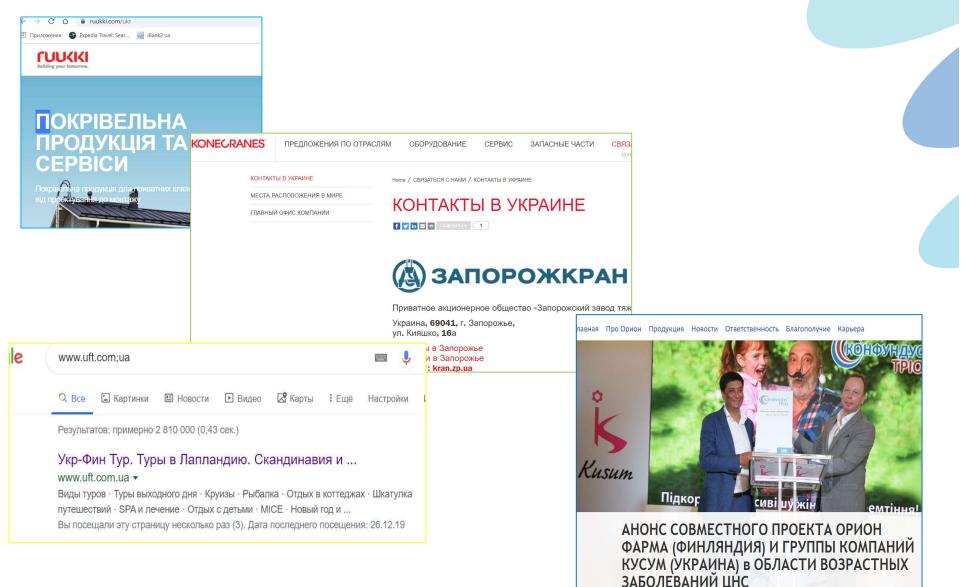
### FINNISH BUSINESS GROUP in UKRAINE: VISION AND MISSION

- OUR VISION IS TO BECOME POWERFUL REPRESENTATION OF FINNISH BUSINESS INTEREST IN ORDER TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF FINNISH COMPANIES AND HELP FINNISH BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES TO UNDERSTAND CURRENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMICAL SITUATION BY PROVIDING BROAD AND COMPREHANSIVE DIALOG WITH UKRAINIAN AUTHORITIES AND LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY. FBG WANTS TO BE a RELIABLE ADVISER for NEW FINNISH COMPANIES in UKRAINIAN BUSINSS ENVIRONMENT BY UTILIZING OF THE GROUP 'S EXPIERENCE and KNOWLEDGE.
- Our MISSION is TO DEVELOP the ACTIVITIES BASED ON ANALYZE OF BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT, REACT ON FINNISH BUSINESS NEEDS and GENERATE EFFECTIVE ACTIVITIES MAKING the GROUP POWERFUL AND INFLUENTIAL.

# **FBG UKRAINE: MAIN FOCUS AREAS**

- DEVELOPMENT of BUSINESS SITUATION in UKRAINE => summary of challenges, learnings, risks, opportunities for FINNISH BUSINESS in UA
- Enhance of BUSINESS NETWORKING of FINNISH COMPANIES in UKRAINE
  => BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS, COLLEAGUES AND AUTHORITIES
- SUPPORT to FINNISH BUSINESS in UKRAINE (COMPANY CASES)
- VISIBILITY / POSITIVE IMAGE of FINLAND in UKRAINE
- SUPPORT FIN COMPANIES in OPERATIONS to OTHER COUNTRIES of the REGION (KIEV HUB)

#### FINNISH INVESTMENTS SUPPORTS UKRAINIAN HI TECH EXPORT : MACHINERY, HIGH TECH, SRVICES, CHEMICALS



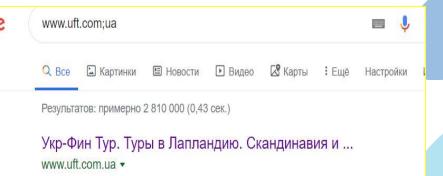
# FINNISH BUSINESS CREATED the INFRASTRUCTURE USEFUL for UKRAINE BUSINESS EXPANSION to NORDIC & BALTICS



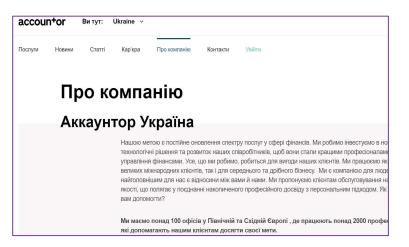
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# ROLE of UKRAINE in FINNISH ECONOMY : LEVEL of AMBITIONS smaller ESTONIA is rank 8!

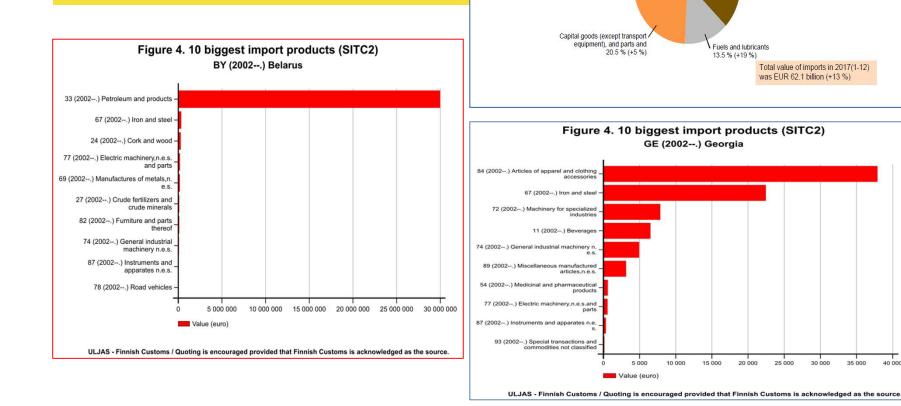
Table 6. Exports and imports by country (main trading partners), preliminary value and change yearon-year \*

Origin/ destination	Exports 2020 November preliminary value MEUR		Imports 2020 November preliminary value MEUR	change %
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DE Germany	759,1	6,8	821,1	2,5
SE Sweden	504,9	-14,3	546,3	-8,5
CN China	299,0	21,8	462,8	12,8
RU Russia	291,9	2,0	412,5	-37,0
NL Netherlands	290,0	-6,2	242,4	-1,5
US USA	338,9	-24,4	179,8	-5,4
GB United Kingdom	211,3	-1,0	135,8	-1,7
EE Estonia	162,0	15,9	159,3	-4,0
PL Poland	134,9	1.5	163,9	-7,1
FR France	158,7	0,2	130,4	-13,3
IT Italy	128,2	10,6	140,9	-0,5
NO Norway	133,0	-2,5	126,7	2,9
BE Belgium	153,7	-12,5	95,8	-13,0
DK Denmark	86,8	10,6	133,3	6,8
ES Spain	79,3	-23,2	100,4	12,0
JP Japan	91,0	-22,1	54,7	-6,8



#### STRUCTURE OF FOREIGN TRADE : WHAT IS NEEDED for FINLAND? JUST VISIT www.tulli.fi IMPORTS BY USE OF GOODS (BEC) 2017 (1-12)

Import from BY: wood, iron, petroleum, **furniture** Import from GE: beverages, textile, iron



40 000

Share and change from previous year(%)

Food and beverages

Industrial supplies not elsewhere

-specified

30.5 % (+23 %)

6.8 % (+4 %)

Goods not elsewhere specified

specified. 10.7 % (-5 %)

Consumer goods not elsewhere

accessories thereof -

13.0 % (+23 %)

Transport equipment and parts and

51% (+7%)

### MAIN CHALLENGES for FINNISH BUSINESS in UKRAINE

CHALLENGE	IMPACT	
REFORMS fulfillment under risk, NBU independence, corporate governance of state owned companies	Investment attractiveness of country overall and industries in particular, uncertainty in UAH exchange rate and fulfillment of state budget	
TAXATION issues: lack of transparency, unclear regulation, low communicability of Tax Authorities	Slow VAT refund, excessive pressure with tax audits, unreasonable penalties based on implication of unclear regulation (especially excise group of taxes)	
PREDICTABILITY of UKRAINIAN REGULATION, LACK of HARMONIZATION of technical regulations with EU standards according to DCFTA, localization law impacting fair competition	Problems with market access in areas like medical goods (especially medical devises), food supplements, chemicals, machinery, unfair competition from local 'grey economy'.	
CONSTRUCTIVENESS and INTERACTION of UKRAINE AUTHORITIES	Weak response to good investment opportunities and high potential projects even based on foreign investments, difficulties for the case mutual agreement / actions of different authorities are required. Lack of incentives for the companies to invest in Ukraine (eg special tariffs for electricity, land tax, etc). 'Red tape'.	
CROSS BORDER MOVE OF GOODS AND SERVICES	Problems of development of bilateral trade, enhance of assortment of the goods on the market and problems with market access	
COVID RELATED STATE ACTIONS	Unclear business restrictions, state aid for partial unemployment and business breaks, travel restrictions (both internal and external), vaccination pace	

## UKRAINE BUSINESS CLIMATE – GOOD TO KNOW

- Difficult to promote good business opportunities in environment generating mainly bad news. Actions for promotion of Ukraine are insufficient and inconsistent, that does not exclude very successful business cases
- Pressure to business despite of reforms is strong
  - \* Unpredictable changes of the rules and regulations
  - \* Unclear models for establishing subsidiaries of foreign companies
  - \* Inconsistency in regulation
  - \* Weak Judiciary
- Business culture
  - \* Communication between business and mid level authorities is poor
  - \* Lack of good practice inside of the business
  - \* Harmonization of technical regulation with EU go slow

# WHY UKRAINE?

- One of the biggest European market by population
- Excellent reputation of Finnish products
- Harmonization of standards and regulations with EU, simplification of cross border move of goods
- Liberalization of currency regime
- Relatively cheap market from investment point of view ( option for cowboy investors)
- Well educated and relatively cheap human resources
- Existing niches for business

## ..and may be most important:

Ukrainians as Nation appreciate European integration, recognize European standards as high level and understand the need to work for reaching this standards

#### Ways how FBG is doing business: regional visits, company visits, business forums collaboration with other Nordic and local communities / stakehoders



**Delegation to Region Kharkov, Ukraine** 



**Company visit HESBURGER** 





Combination of regional visit Zaprizzja and company visit ZAPORIZHKRAN-KONE

Share of experience : meeting with RUSSIAN – FINNISH BUSINESS CLUB 2018, BUSINESS FINLAND, SVKK, FINTRADE GUILD PL, NORDIC DAY



## **FBG BECOME MORE PUBLIC and OPEN**



- FBG is now in FACEBOOK
- Reports related to FBG events existed
  on Company members web pages





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#### ФІНСЬКА БІЗНЕС ГРУПА в Україні

Фінська Бізнес Група (FBG/ФБГ) — проект, ініційований найбільш відомоми фінськими компаніями, що працюють в Україні.

Мета FBG — сприяти фінському бізнесу в Україні. Налагоджуючи широкий всебічний діалог з українськими органами влади та полегшуючи співпрацю з місцевою діловою спільнотою, FBG сприяє покращенню ділового клімату в країні.

Використовуючи досвід членів FBG, Група виступає платформою для налагодження зв'язків як для членів групи, так і для новачків — фінських компаній, які бажають вийти на український ринок.

FBG запрошує до співпраці будь-які бізнес-організації, які мають зв'язки з Фінляндією!

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