

## NV: Over US\$170 Million for Green Transformation — How Metinvest Is Reducing Environmental Impact Despite War

Further integration into EU markets, where the “green agenda” dominates, is stimulating Ukrainian business to invest in reducing harmful emissions and saving energy resources despite the war. NV Business has gathered practices from leading companies in this field. This article explores the eco-projects that Metinvest is implementing and the impact that they are having.



Environmental investments in Ukraine are focused on several key areas: reducing greenhouse gas emissions, optimising energy consumption, introducing renewable energy, modernising equipment and improving water treatment. These initiatives are driven by the need to comply with European legislation, in particular systems such as MRV (measurement, reporting and verification), CBAM (carbon border adjustment mechanism), ESRS (European sustainability reporting standards) and ETS (emissions trading system). For every enterprise that is ready to supply its products to the EU and integrate into the European community, this terminology translates into investments in environmental projects.

### **Metinvest’s experience: husks instead of gas**

Enterprises that pollute the air and consume large amounts of electricity and natural gas are forced to address production modernisation under the “green agenda”.

Metinvest Group reports that some enterprises are optimising energy consumption and gradually switching to alternative energy sources. Metinvest’s press office told NV Business: “For example, at Northern and Central Iron Ore, natural gas has been partly replaced with biofuel (sunflower husks), which is already contributing to the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.”

The Group is implementing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions management systems such as MRV, CBAM, ESRS and ETS. Metinvest commented: “These systems not only allow compliance with European standards, but also optimise production processes by reducing fuel and energy costs.” The Group expects compliance with the requirements of these systems to not only help to reduce environmental impact, but also provide economic benefits: lowering energy costs, improving production efficiency and enabling uninterrupted exports to the EU.

Metinvest has calculated that, overall, its environmental expenditures in 2024 amounted to US\$170.5 million, of which US\$39.8 million was capital investments, US\$129.1 million operating expenses and US\$1.5 million other costs. The Group’s press office clarified: “This is 2% higher than in 2023 and 5% higher than in 2022.”

Metinvest noted that environmental initiatives enable enterprises not only to reduce their environmental impact, but also to save costs. The use of alternative energy sources, such as biofuel, cuts energy expenses, while monitoring systems like MRV or ETS provide tools for analysing efficiency and making management decisions.

