

Swiss Buses for Ukrainian Schools

Transportation for Ukrainian children

Russia's attacks on public infrastructure have had a devastating impact on the Ukrainian education system. Numerous schools have been destroyed, making it extremely challenging for children to access education. In response to this crisis, we are committed to a project that seeks to provide a tangible and long-term positive contribution to the children of Ukraine by helping them get to functioning schools and continue their education.

The Project

We, the Swiss NGO St. Gallen Helps Ukraine in cooperation with the Swiss Embassy, are looking for (soon-to-be) decommissioned buses in Switzerland to be used as school buses in Ukraine. St. Gallen Helps Ukraine acts as a communication channel and intermediary between our partners and Swiss stakeholders who have suitable buses at their disposal. Together with the Swiss-funded organization DECIDE, we are handling the legal and logistical aspects of the project. The buses are collected by drivers from the Ukrainian communities and brought to their designated municipalities. The whole project is financed by the Swiss embassy. You can find an example of exactly how a bus handover works on page two.

About St. Gallen Helps Ukraine

The Swiss association *St. Gallen Helps Ukraine* has been one of the most active Swiss volunteer networks for Ukraine since the beginning of the war, consisting of young students from HSG and ETH. We are winners of the YoungCaritas Award, presented by the organization CARITAS.

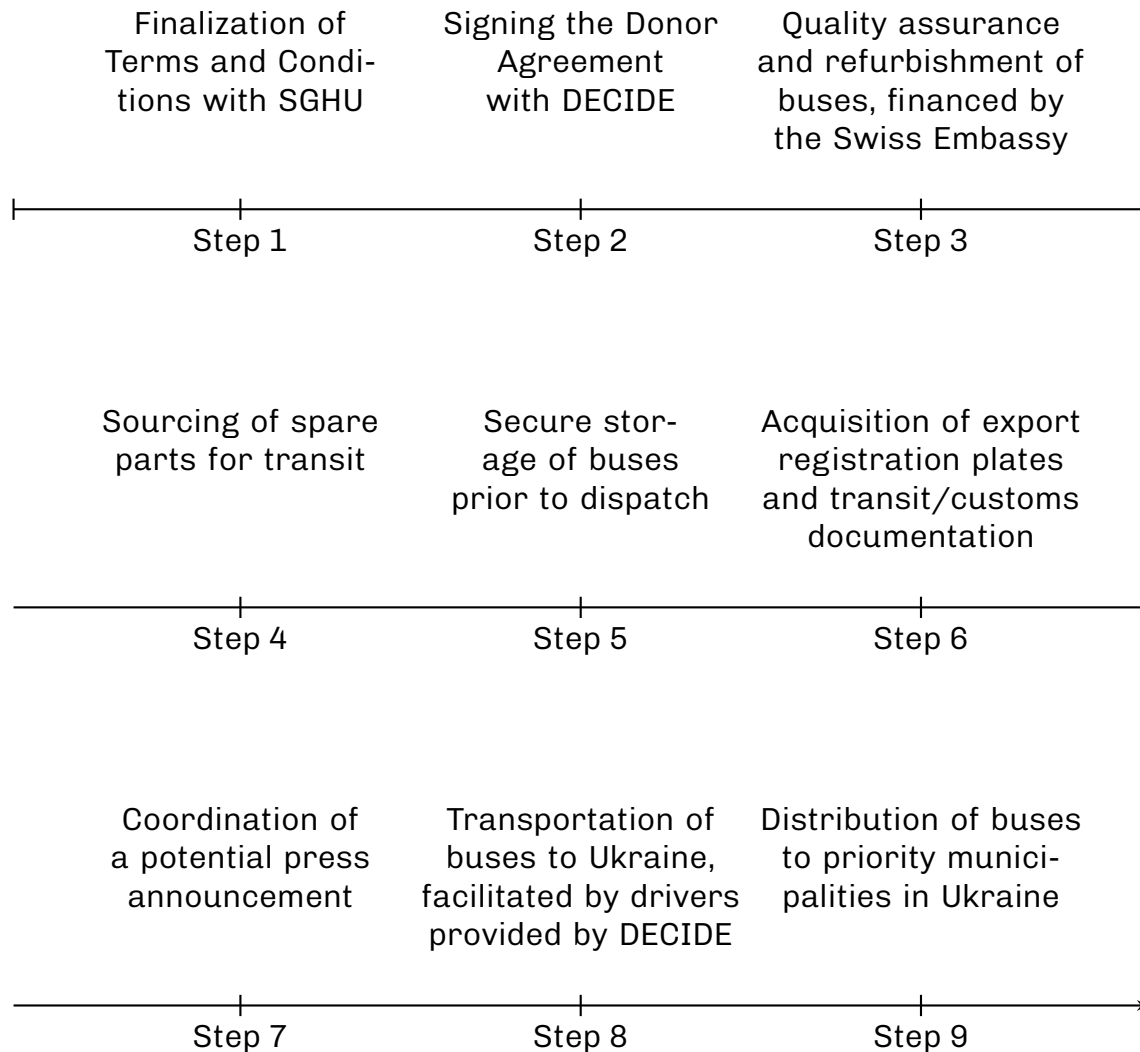
About DECIDE

DECIDE aims at providing support to the state and local authorities in the establishment of effective, transparent and participatory systems of education management. *DECIDE* project is implemented by the Consortium of the NGO DOCCU (Ukraine) and Zurich University of Teacher Education - PH Zurich (Switzerland) and is supported by the Swiss Confederation represented in Ukraine by the Embassy of Switzerland.

Contact us

If you are interested in donating old buses for this purpose, please contact us at sghukraine@gmail.com. We will get in touch with you to plan the next steps and clarify any questions you may have.

Roadmap for bus delivery



Technical and quality characteristics

These are general guidelines for the type of buses that can be best used in Ukraine. If you have a potential option that may not fit the technical characteristics, feel free to contact us anyway so we can check if there is a use case for those buses.

Capacity

- 20-50 seats

Mandatory requirements

- Diesel fuel
- Anti-lock braking system and auxiliary braking system
- Can not be an articulated bus

Preferred requirements

- Additional handrails both at the entrance and in the cabin
- Signaling system connecting passengers with the driver
- Compartment for transporting luggage and folded wheelchair seats is provided
- Buses with a capacity of over 22 passengers must have at least two passenger doors
- Mileage under 500 000 km
- All passenger seats must be equipped with lap belts. (can be equipped in Ukraine)
- Speed-limiting device (can be equipped in Ukraine)

Equipment for transit

- Spare wheel
- Emergency stop sign
- Anti-roll bars
- A set of tools, including at least a tire jack, and a wheel wrench