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## Building Energy Resilience: Lessons from DTEK and a Call to Invest in Ukraine



[DTEK](#) CEO **Maxim Timchenko** recently travelled to Texas to share critical expertise on energy infrastructure resilience with international allies during an [interview with Axios](#). He provided a comprehensive overview of the vital lessons

DTEK has acquired while maintaining energy stability during the ongoing war with Russia. His insights offer a practical framework for energy companies worldwide that face severe security challenges.

The recent winter was the most difficult since the independence of Ukraine due to the intensified onslaught by Russia. Despite these conditions, DTEK has successfully adapted its operations. Formulating and executing detailed security plans is now an absolute necessity for companies working in high-risk environments. DTEK has developed extensive expertise in protecting equipment, managing volatile situations, ensuring staff safety during active attacks, and recovering systems in a highly condensed timeframe.

We possess a complete operational history of what is required under such severe conditions. DTEK is ready and willing to share this critical knowledge with international allies, particularly energy executives evaluating the physical security of their assets in regions such as the Middle East.

The framework for energy resilience involves several key areas of focus. First, companies must develop a priority list of facilities requiring protection from air defences, which necessitates highly active coordination between military air defence forces and energy operators. Second, implementing strict protocols for personnel safety is essential, including the provision of adequate bomb shelters. Third, the advance stockpiling of critical supplies is fundamental. For DTEK, this strategy has involved securing sufficient reserves of transformers and natural gas compressors to mitigate the impact of targeted attacks on electricity transmission systems and gas production sites.

While sharing these operational lessons, Mr Timchenko also delivered an unequivocal message regarding the economic future of Ukraine: the country is open for energy-related business and actively pursuing potential deals. We must shift the global perception of Ukraine. It is time to look past the label of a risk zone and adopt a pragmatic, practical view of the investment opportunities available.

Local companies have demonstrated extraordinary dedication by choosing to stay and maintain operations throughout the war. Furthermore, they continue to invest in

the future of the sector. We strongly encourage international partners to visit, observe this resilience directly, and collaborate with us. Investing in Ukraine today is an investment in operational excellence and a secure energy future. SCM and DTEK invite the global business community to join us in rebuilding and strengthening the Ukrainian energy sector.