

## The construction of the Metinvest Polytechnic university complex starts in Mariupol

Metinvest Group starts a construction of the university campus of the first nonstate mining and smelting university Metinvest Polytechnic in Mariupol. The symbol of the project start has become a dummy of the future university main building, which was assembled by the managers of the Group, university, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, and also by the managers of regional and city authorities.



### What will the university campus look like

The campus will be located in the city centre, on the Mira Avenue, 105 A, behind the Svoboda Square. At present an area of 3.5 hectares is unoccupied. And already in 2022 here will appear all necessary infrastructure for students education and comfort life - educational building, dormitory, sports centre and a park.

For this, the university has obtained the required authorization documents for work commencement. For example the land allotment project has been approved, an agreement on the lease of a plot of land has been signed, a permission for the preparation work performance and a positive conclusion of the project construction expertise have been obtained, and also the documents for building and construction works permission have been submitted.

The design project of the educational building has been developed by the Dutch bureau MASA Architects of Hiroki Matsuura architect.

A 12-floor building with a total area of about 11,000 square meters will house 15 laboratories, a conference room for 400 people, lecture halls, a modern technical library and classrooms for computer science. The building of the university will be built according to modern technologies from Metinvest steel.

At the same site will appear a 6-floor dormitory for students with a total area of about 6 ths. sq.m. A block room system is provided by the project, where each block for two or three rooms will have its own kitchen-dining room and a water closet. Training and fitness studios, medical room and laundry room have been also projected.

The university campus will have its own sports centre and park, concept of which is now being developed. By the way, they will be opened for all Mariupol citizens.

### Yuriy Ryzhenkov, Chief Executive Officer of Metinvest Group:

- Metinvest Polytechnic is a grand educational and infrastructure project. For Mariupol it means an attraction of talented young people to the city, for the country - new quality of education, for future students - in-demand professions and a guarantee of employment. Nothing will prevent us from building a dream university, the type of which has never been built in Ukraine. I am sure that the first undergraduate students, whose intake is planned in September 2022, will already be studying in the new state-of-the-art building.

It is a very powerful business move, which shows that today the country should not be in the margins of the world, but should follow the advanced technologies of the sixth wave of innovation - this is the idea behind the development of this university. This is a great move of public-private partnership, which shows that business is committed to education, science, future, to filling all those positive processes and events that should take place in Ukraine, by highly professional qualified personnel. I am very pleased that it is in Donbas, in cooperation with other institutions and with the support of such a powerful investor as Metinvest, this historic event takes place.

#### **What's new with Polytechnic**

The university doesn't stop its work: it forms a staff of 11 doctors and 22 candidates of science, develops study programs, and continues to obtain licenses. It negotiates with international partners the conditions for equipping laboratories, negotiates their involvement into educational work.

Scientists and experts from Germany, Poland, Portugal, as well as Ukrainian teachers from other universities and specialists from Metinvest are invited to teach at the university.

Metinvest Polytechnic creates collaborations with leading universities of Ukraine. In June, the university signed a memorandum of cooperation with Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute.

The universities will train bachelors, masters and scientists in the metallurgy and mining field. In particular, Metinvest Polytechnic students will be able to study at Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, and Kyiv Polytechnic Institute students will have an opportunity to do an internship at Metinvest enterprises in order to meet modern business requirements as much as possible. Production internships for Kyiv Polytechnic Institute teachers will help them better understand modern technology.

In the long term, the universities plan to form scientific schools, create a scientific and practical hub, enter international scientific platforms, and implement double degree programs.

Metinvest Polytechnic is the university of the future, which provides new broad opportunities for young people. The University was established in June 2020 by the Metinvest Group. The key goals of the project are the appearance of higher education of the European level in Ukraine and the development of a new format of higher education in our country. People who have chosen technical professions which are in demand in the labor market will be able to study at the university. The best students are guaranteed an entry-level position, financial and other motivations by Metinvest Group.