



Latvia: NATO “Renovator” Rehabilitation Capacity for Wounded Military in Ukraine

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BRUSSELS - October 7, 2025 – Latvia officially joins the operation “**Renovator**”, the ambitious NATO program aimed at rebuilding and enhancing **military rehabilitation** capabilities in Ukraine. The initiative, launched in 2023 as part of the Alliance's **Comprehensive Assistance Package (CAP)**, aims to establish five rehabilitation centers for Ukrainian soldiers wounded in combat.

With Riga's participation, the project completes the team of **five leading countries** – **Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden, and the United Kingdom** – each tasked with leading the construction or reconstruction of one of the centers, with **overall coordination entrusted to NATO**.

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A Project for the Human and Military Reconstruction of Ukraine

The “Renovator” operation represents one of the most significant initiatives of the non-lethal support package provided to Ukraine. With a **budget of approximately 100 million euros**, the program is entirely dedicated to enhancing healthcare facilities and functional recovery for soldiers wounded in war.

The project is structured along multiple operational lines:

- **Construction and modernization** of rehabilitation centers in conflict-damaged areas;
- **Provision of medical equipment and advanced technologies** for physiotherapy, neuro-rehabilitation, and orthopedic surgery;
- **Specialized training and education** for Ukrainian doctors, psychologists, physiotherapists, and healthcare personnel;
- **Development of psychological support and reintegration protocols** for veterans into civilian life or active service.

The planned interventions range from **bionic and orthopedic prostheses** to **post-traumatic intensive therapies**, including the creation of **psychological support areas** dedicated to the recovery of military personnel affected by post-war disorders (PTSD).

According to the NATO headquarters in Brussels, each allied country participates as a **leading nation of a center**, assuming logistical and technical coordination with Ukrainian authorities and local civilian organizations.

- **United Kingdom**: responsible for the construction of the main center, designed as a reference hub for physical and neurological rehabilitation.
- **Norway**: focused on digital medical technologies and remote tele-rehabilitation systems.
- **Sweden**: tasked with psychological training and support for veteran reintegration.
- **Lithuania**: manages the logistics segment and the supply of rehabilitation equipment.
- **Latvia**, the last country to join, will oversee the redevelopment of a damaged facility in southeastern Ukraine, transforming it into a center for reconstructive surgery and advanced physiotherapy.

The **central coordination** of the initiative remains under NATO, ensuring synergy among partner nations and integration of the work into the broader assistance plan for Ukraine.

A Model of Solidarity and Interoperability

The Renovator operation is an integral part of the **Comprehensive Assistance Package (CAP)**, the strategic framework through which NATO provides Kyiv with **non-lethal support and technical assistance** to improve the country's ability to defend itself and progressively integrate with Alliance standards.

Through Renovator, NATO aims to:

- **strengthen the health resilience** of the Ukrainian armed forces;
- **accelerate the recovery of the wounded** and the return to service of eligible military personnel;
- **build autonomous national capacities** for military medical rehabilitation and support;
- **enhance cooperation among allies and partners**, creating a Euro-Atlantic network of interoperable facilities.

As highlighted in official statements, “these efforts demonstrate NATO's commitment to providing Ukraine with what it needs to defend itself today and deter Russian aggression tomorrow.”

Medical Assistance, Infrastructure, and Training

Since its inception, Renovator has enabled the realization of **life-saving surgical interventions**, the **production of customized prostheses**, and the **training of dozens of Ukrainian doctors and therapists**.

The activities include courses in collaboration with European military centers of excellence, practical training sessions, and exchanges of healthcare personnel.

In parallel, the project funds infrastructure works to improve the energy efficiency, safety, and digital connectivity of the centers. In the future, the network may also serve **civilian veterans**

and emergency personnel involved in conflict relief efforts. Latvia's participation symbolically closes the circle of the five planned centers and confirms NATO's commitment to **long-term support for Ukraine**.

Beyond the medical and logistical aspect, Renovator also represents **a concrete demonstration of political and military solidarity** from the allies.

The initiative integrates the guidelines of the new **NATO-Ukraine Assistance Plan**, approved in 2024, which defines the transition from emergency support to a **structured long-term cooperation program**, focused on resilience, reconstruction, and interoperability of the Ukrainian armed forces with allied standards.

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