



Social Taxi for people with the disabilities

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Project overview

Social Taxi Project for People with Disabilities in Odesa: A Joint Initiative by “Chirikli,” the Council for Accessibility, and the NGO “Bezbarierni”

Odesa, one of Ukraine’s largest cities, is becoming more accessible for people with disabilities through the development of social infrastructure and barrier-free programs. A significant step in creating an inclusive urban environment is the launch of the social taxi project, designed to provide convenient and safe transportation for people with disabilities.

This project, piloted in Odessa, focuses on acquiring four specialized vehicles to offer social taxi services. Each vehicle, imported from Europe, costs approximately €15,000–€17,000, including customs clearance in Ukraine. The initiative aims not only to improve mobility for people with disabilities in Odessa, but also to showcase a successful model for other cities across Ukraine and hopefully abroad, where accessibility remains a pressing issue.

Aims.

The project is implemented in collaboration with the “Council for Accessibility” under the Odesa mayor’s office and the NGO [Bezbarierni](#). It is part of a broader strategy to implement the Regional Action Plan for the protection and integration of the Roma national minority into Ukrainian society by 2030. Moreover, the project strengthens civic engagement among national communities, including the Roma community.

Our Plan for the Next Four Months:

- Purchase five specialized vehicles for the social taxi service. These vehicles will ensure access to healthcare, cultural events, educational institutions, and other essential locations for people with disabilities.
- Create an inclusive environment in Odesa and the surrounding region, where everyone, regardless of physical abilities, can have equal access to critical services and actively participate in community life.

Support community initiatives working to improve accessibility and advocate for the rights of people with disabilities in Ukraine, fostering their involvement in local decision-making processes.

Technical needs and salaries

Our project today is going on for the last 6 months in Odessa as a Pilot project. For today we have 6 specialized vehicles (2 were provided by the City Administration, next 2 vehicles were provided by partner NGO "Bezbar'erni", and last but not list 2 vehicles were provided by the City Administration of Regenzburg). However this quantity of the vehicles is very less considering the number of the official registered people with disabilities is 6500 persons. So based on these needs we have the understanding that we need more vehicles and drivers with volunteers to serve our strategic group .

BUDGET for 2025 year:

- 1) Buying 4 Specialized Vehicles in Europe $4 \times 12'000 = 48'000$ Euro
- 2) Ukrainian Custom Expenses for 4 Vehicles $4 \times 6'000 = 24'000$ Euro
- 3) Drivers salary 4 drivers * 600 * 12 months = 28'800 Euro
- 4) Patrol for Vehicles 4 cars * 500 * 12 months = 24'000 Euro

Total expenses for one year: 124'800 Euro