

Partnership Agreement between Independent Retail Europe and the Association of Retailers of Ukraine (RAU) in view of the critical situation in Ukraine

Independent Retail Europe is the European association of groups of independent retailers. It represents the interests of groups on independent retailers in the food and non-food sectors at EU level. The 23 members are groups of independent retailers, associations thereof and other organisations which represent the interests of independent retail. Membership has a combined wholesale and retail turnover of over one trillion euro. Members employ directly over 6.6 million people in the EU.

The Association of Retailers of Ukraine is a specialized association of retail market players and companies directly related to retail. The members of the Association include more than 70 Ukrainian and international trade companies, among the partners – more than 30 companies representing B2B sphere and development.

With this agreement, Independent Retail Europe and the Association of Retailers of Ukraine members wish to express their solidarity and support to the people of Ukraine.

Independent Retail Europe and The Association of Retailers of Ukraine agree to:

Co-ordinate the provision of Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine – matching demand and donations by:

- sharing and disseminating information on the needs on the ground in Ukraine through the Association of Retailers of Ukraine;
- distributing this Aid through pre-approved channels of distribution.

Duration: This agreement will remain valid for 12 months, after which parties may jointly decide to extend it for a period to be agreed, or agree to replace it by an associate membership of RAU in Independent Retail Europe.



For Independent Retail Europe
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Brussels, 16 March 2022



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Kiev, 16 March 2022

