

Sergii GONCHAROV, CEO, National Association of Ukrainian Defense Industries – NAUDI, Ukraine

A senior Ukrainian executive and former high-ranking government official with over 15 years of experience in public administration, the security sector, large-scale investment management, international cooperation, and digital transformation. Currently serves as CEO of NAUDI, the largest association of private defense companies in Ukraine, uniting over 120 member enterprises with a total annual turnover exceeding EUR 3 billion in 2024.

Previously served as Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine (2018–2023), overseeing state investment projects, housing initiatives for police and rescuers, digital services, administrative service delivery, and international financial partnerships. Acted as Secretary of the Ukrainian-French Economic Cooperation Commission.

Successfully led the development and implementation of major national projects, including:

- creation of Ukraine’s unified aviation security and civil protection system (EUR 555M),
- strengthening maritime security and border protection through a new fleet program (EUR 136M),
- establishment of Ukrainian-French joint production of firefighting ladders (EUR 300M),
- participation in preparing investment projects for Ukrainian Railways (EUR 882.5M),
- regional and municipal water-supply improvement projects (EUR 70M each for Luhansk region and Kyiv),
- preparation of the national emergency response system “112” (approx. EUR 200M).

Extensive experience in negotiations with the Government of France, the European Investment Bank, major international banks, export credit agencies, and global financial institutions.

Private-sector experience includes commercial leadership in large construction and infrastructure companies, including biggest Ukrainian oil company “UKRNAFTA”, cooperation with international investors, and management of multimillion-euro development projects.