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Human capital challenges in the energy sector - business and local government perspective in Ukraine



While military aggression and regulatory barriers pose the biggest challenges to energy sector transformation, the shortage of skilled professionals remains a significant obstacle for almost half of the respondents

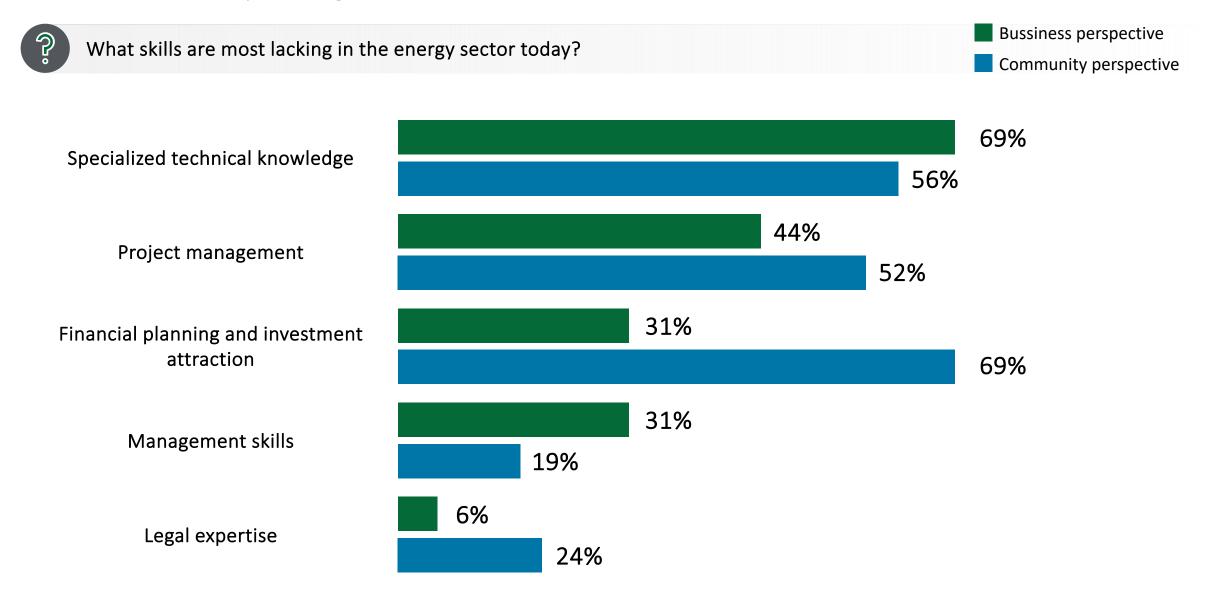
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56%	Security threats due to the armed aggression of russia
50%	Regulatory restrictions
44%	Shortage of skilled professionals
44%	Investment protection
44%	An unclear strategy for industry development
44%	Government pricing and tariff policies
13%	Insufficient R&D activities
6%	Lack of essential infrastructure
6%	Challenges in local manufacturing of equipment
6%	Developing supply chains

No significant challenges faced

Conscription is a primary factor causing staff shortage in the sector as it was traditionally men-dominated. This trend is exacerbated by worsened demographics, skills mismatch and low industry attractiveness



Specialized technical and project management skills were highlighted as the most deficient in business. Financial planning and investment attraction are the most in-demand at communities' level



To tackle the talent shortage, businesses are recruiting young candidates and those returning to the labor market, investing in employee training and hiring from adjacent industries and from competitors



What measures does your company take to address the issue of talent shortage?

63%	Engaging young people and other individuals re-entering the labor market					
50%	Training current employees					
38%	Hiring employees with relevant skills from adjacent industries					
31%	Attracting skilled professionals from competitors					
19%	Retraining women for traditionally men-dominated professions					
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To meet future workforce demands, businesses plan to prioritize upskilling/reskilling initiatives, veteran recruitment and repatriation of Ukrainians over the next five years

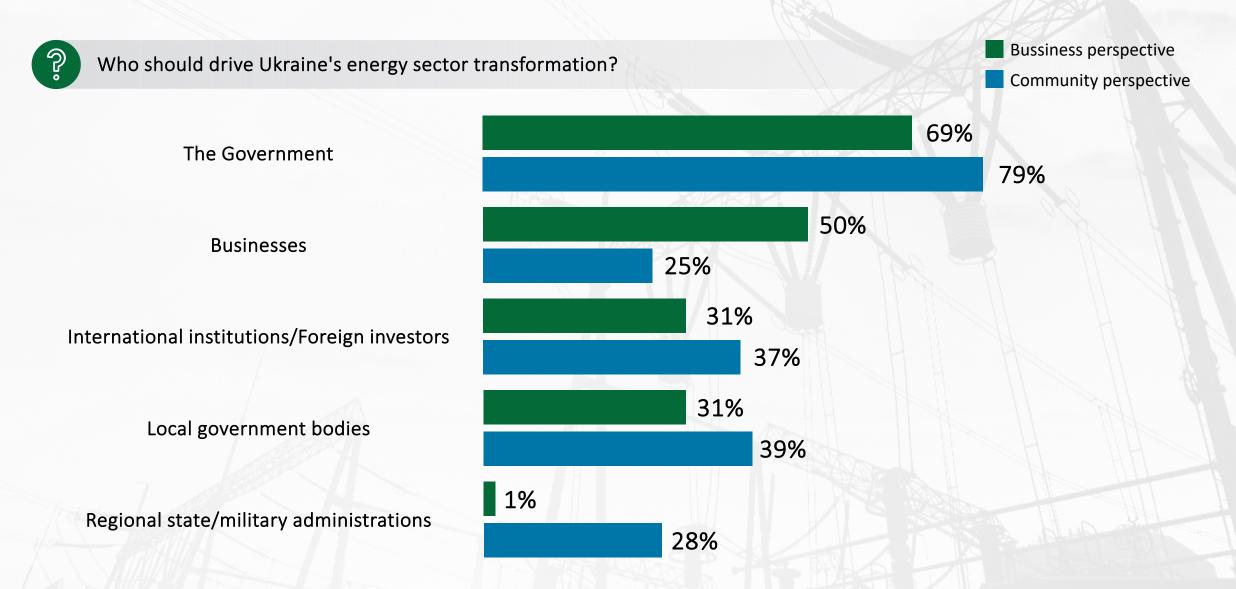
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What human capital strategies could be most effective in increasing the supply of skilled workers over the next 5 years?

Employee training and r	etraining	g programs		America	75%
Increasing veteran work	force pa	rticipation		56%	+=
Returning Ukrainians from abroad			31%		
Increasing female workfo	orce	25%			
Engaging immigrants	6%				
Other*	13%				

<sup>\*«</sup>Providing decent remuneration»; «Enhancing cooperation with the educational institutions».

Majority of the respondents believes the government should play a leading role in driving the energy sector transformation. However, businesses and local government also recognize their responsibility



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