



CNN heads to Ukraine for the first *i-List* of 2011

Weeklong coverage anchored by Jim Clancy features interviews, countrywide reports from Diana Magnay and viewer videos

Wednesday 12 January 2011. CNN brings its monthly *i-List* series to Ukraine for the week of Monday 17th - Friday 21st January as presenter Jim Clancy anchors the primetime show *Prism* from Monday to Thursday and *World Report* on Friday from Kiev. CNN's focus on Ukraine comes as the region's two primary geopolitical centres of gravity – Russia and the EU – continue to shape the country's challenges and opportunities. Less than a year after his election, President Yanukovich's leadership is generally seen to have led to improved relations with Russia, long challenged by disputes over gas prices and energy supplies; while at the same time he continues to pursue an Association Agreement with the EU.

The international network's weeklong spotlight on Ukraine also heralds the global attention Europe's second largest country, known primarily until now for its agricultural might, can expect when it co-hosts the UEFA European Football Championships in 2012.

i-List Ukraine will feature live daily coverage anchored from various locations around Kiev by CNN veteran Jim Clancy. Airing within CNN's daily primetime programme *Prism* (from Monday to Thursday) and *World Report* (on Friday) at 18:30 CET each evening, the coverage will be interspersed with a series of reports from CNN's correspondent Diana Magnay who travelled the country to look at the diverse aspects of lifestyle and commerce.

Clancy's three decades with CNN have seen him reporting on a vast range of stories from around the world, including the fall of the Berlin wall; the siege of Beirut; and the Iraq wars. He's moderated panels and discussions on human rights in Luxor, Egypt; Arab Israeli relations at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland; the outsourcing of jobs from the US to India in New Delhi; and the rise of China on the world stage in Beijing. He currently anchors *The Brief* from Atlanta which airs weekdays at 17:00 CET.

"*i-List Ukraine* looks at the role of this strategically significant country, how it does business with its European neighbours, and how it fits into a global picture," says Mike McCarthy, vice president of coverage and feature programming for CNN International. "Our week of programming promises to bring in-depth insight into an intriguing country. It kicks off the 2011 *i-List* series where we will continue to showcase nations, people and places having an impact inside and outside of their borders."

The week's diverse programming includes profiles of Ukraine's agricultural industry, the cultural, economic, and social influences shaping the country today, and a look at the country's investment in its infrastructure ahead of its headline role as co-host of the 2012 UEFA Euro Football Championships.

CNN is asking viewers to submit their pictures and videos about Ukraine to the network's user-generated content platform iReport at www.ireport.com/ilist. The best will be used on-air and online as part of the week-long programming.

This latest installment of *i-List* continues its global journey which to date has included Bahrain, France, Georgia, Macedonia, Poland, Oman, Nigeria and Turkey.

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Notes to editors:

About CNN's *i-List*

CNN's *i-List* series highlights innovation and influence in industry, business, technology, culture and more, from a list of destinations that combines the familiar with the unfamiliar. *i-List* Ukraine is the ninth in the series, with France, Bahrain, Georgia, Macedonia, Poland, Oman, Nigeria and Turkey, profiled in earlier editions last year.

Transmission times

Monday 17th January until Friday 21st January at 18:30 CET each evening – Jim Clancy anchors *i-List* from Kiev.

The week wraps with a half-hour special highlights programme

Saturday 22nd January 22:00, Sunday 23rd January 13:00, 03:00 and Tuesday 25th January 13:30 and 19:30 *

**All times CET*

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