



GDC

“CODE RED”: How we organized a game jam from bomb shelters

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BEING A EVENT PLANNER IS EASY.

*it's like riding
a bike.*

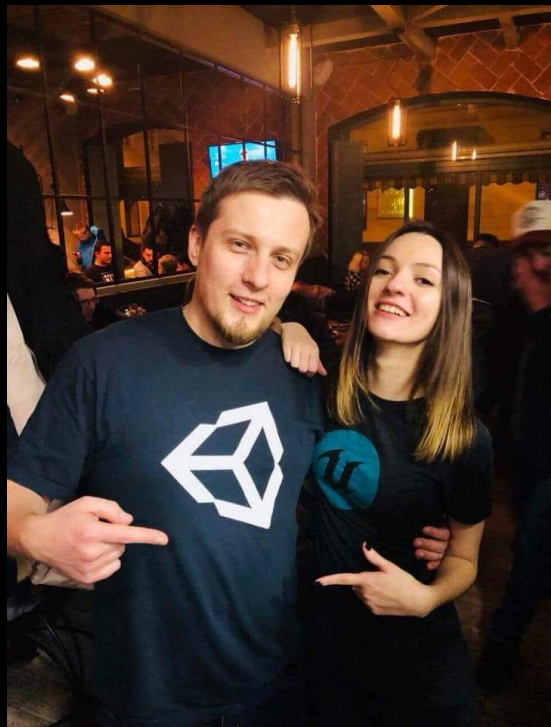
Except the bike is on fire.

You're on fire.

Everything is on fire.

And you're in hell.

GDBAY before 24.02.2022



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FEB 25

Talks from experts
Opening & Topic announcement

FEB 26

GAME JAM

FEB 27

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Game submission

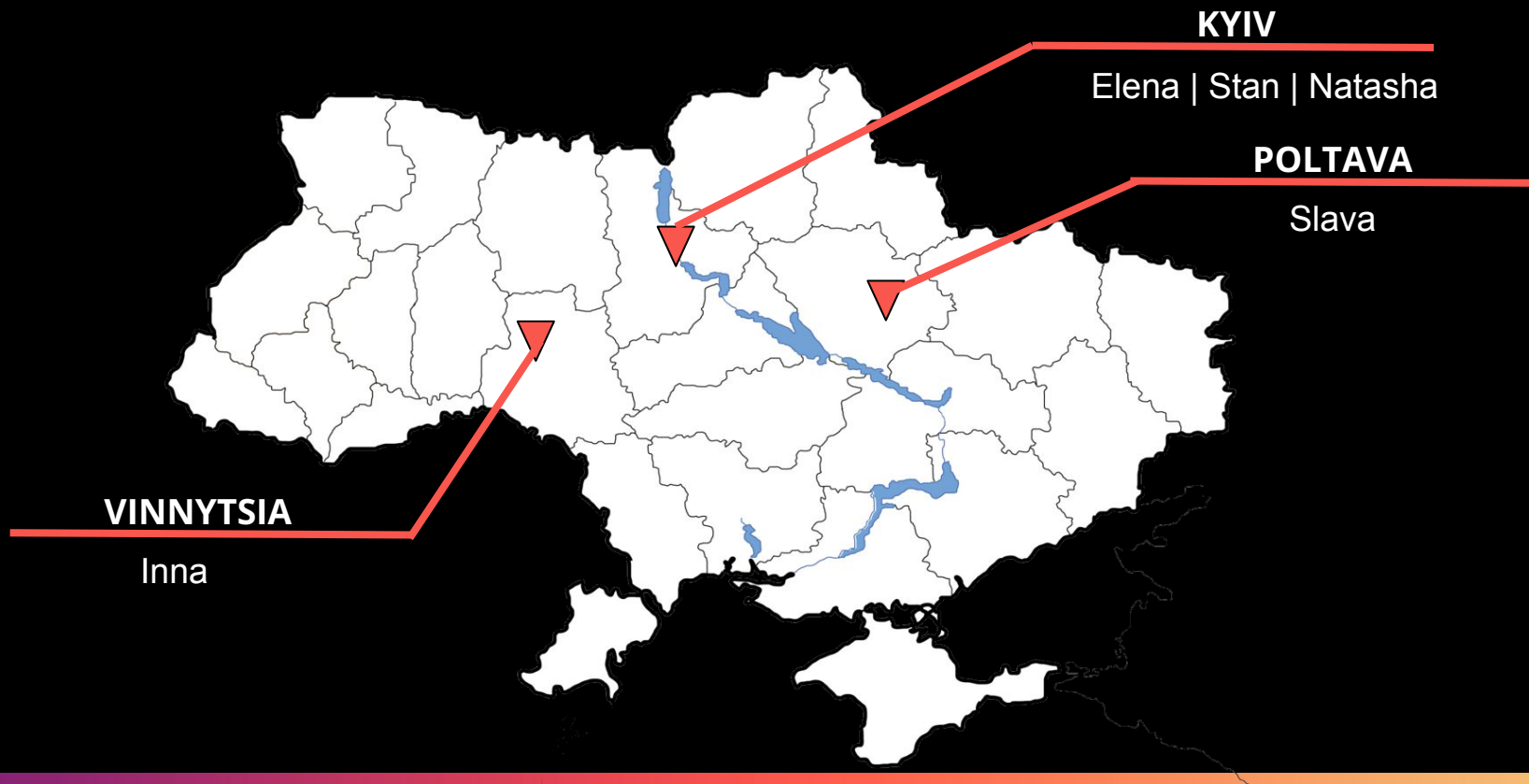
FEB 28

Judging

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Results announcement

GDBAY team before 24.02.2022



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If there are risk factors that can be eliminated, do it

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... and be prepared that the worst might exceed all of your expectations.

24.02.2022

Я слышу взрывы :(05:10

I HEAR EXPLOSIONS :(

Я не сплю с 5 часов 05:31

I DON'T SLEEP SINCE 5

24 FEB, 04:39



Ты слышишь взрывы?

DO YOU HEAR EXPLOSIONS?

да



Ппц

YES

SHIT

Thu, 24 Feb

I woke up at 5 AM and heard explosions 04:30 ✓✓

It's scary 04:30 ✓✓

Seems like I won't be able to catch that flight, the airspace is closed 06:47 ✓✓

24 ФЕВР., 04:07

Elena

Вы слышали что-то?

DID YOU HEAR ANYTHING?

Я проснулась ночью, потому что мне было страшно и мне показалось, что я слышала выстрелы

I WOKE UP AT NIGHT, I WAS SCARED AND I THINK I'VE HEARD SHOOTING

Ты спишь?

ARE YOU ASLEEP?

Код красный

CODE RED!

По ходу началась война

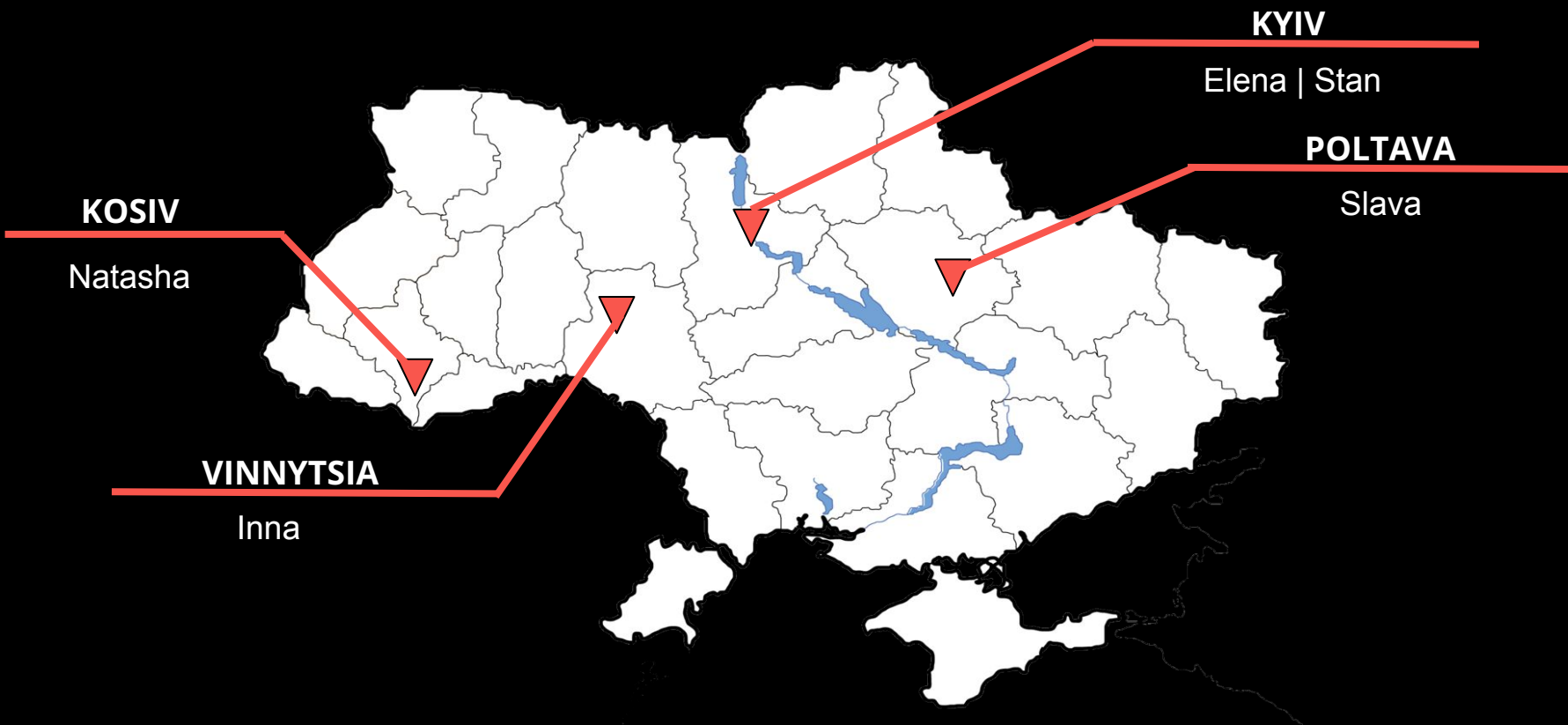
IT SEEMS LIKE THE WAR HAS STARTED

Все будет хорошо кот 11:01

EVERYTHING WILL BE ALRIGHT HON

Мы Луганск прошли, пройдем и Киев 11:01

WE SURVIVED LUHANSK, WE'LL SURVIVE KYIV



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Keep working

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We decided to keep working to



Save workplaces



Pay taxes, bills, spend money in Ukraine



Keep money coming and circulating in Ukraine

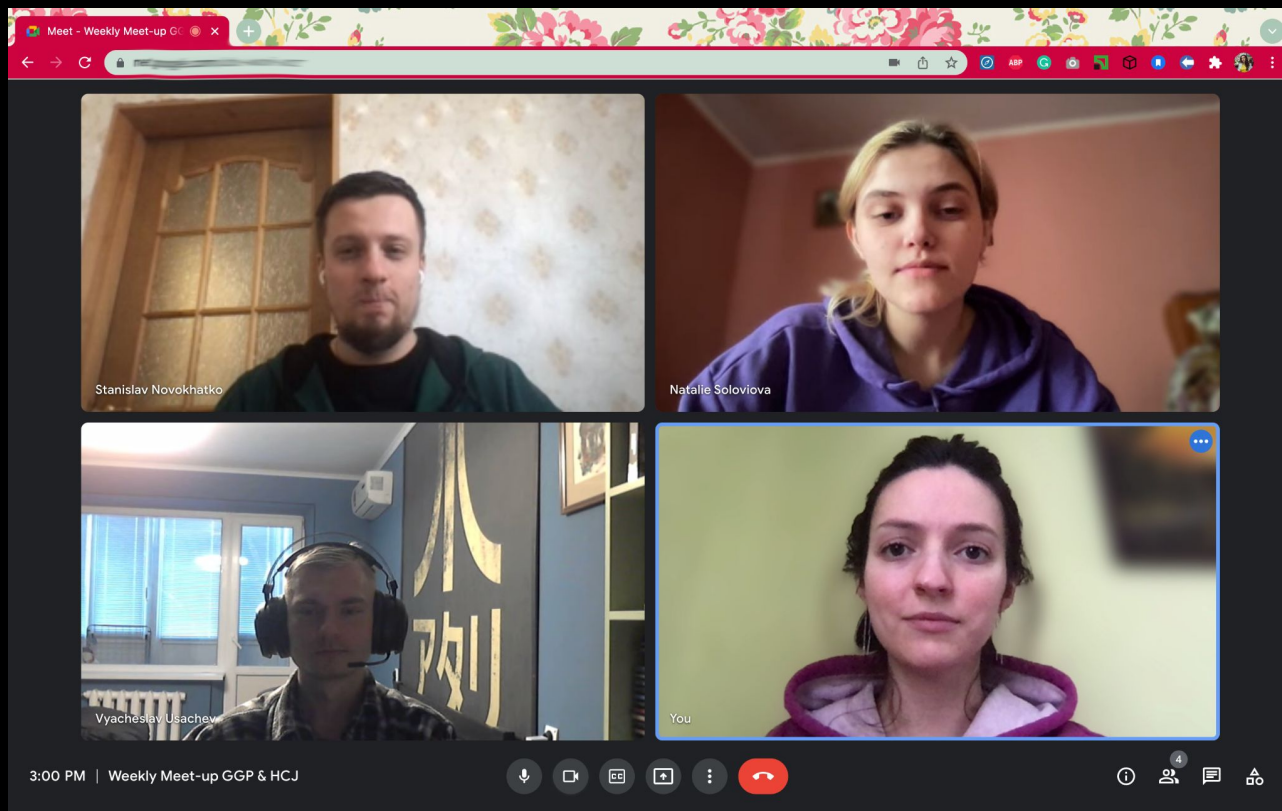


Donate to military and humanitarian aid



Get distracted from the news

GDBAY on 28.02.2022 (team call)



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"Good news" practice

WHAT'S NEXT?

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WITH THOSE WILLING TO HELP**

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THANK YOU




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