

# STRENGTHENING UKRAINE'S ANTI-CORRUPTION AND JUDICIAL INFRASTRUCTURE **TO SAFEGUARD THE RECOVERY**



## Competitions for the heads of anti-corruption agencies

- After the appointment of the head of the SAPO, effective investigations into top corruption has improved significantly.
- But ARMA and NABU remain without permanent leadership – the selection results are expected by the beginning of 2023. Systematic power outages are making already delayed selection processes even more slow-moving.



## Institutional capacity of anti-corruption agencies

The necessary operational resources and authorities must be provided:

- SAPO needs broader institutional autonomy and expansion of the powers of its leadership, NABU lacks the de facto ability to utilize autonomous wiretapping and access to high-quality and impartial forensic examination.
- An independent, comprehensive performance audit of ARMA, SAPO, and NABU has not yet commenced.



## Improving the legislative framework

- The suspended obligation to submit state officials' public asset declarations and parties' financial reports + their verification by NACP should be restored.
- All closed governmental registers should be open, except for sensitive and/or personal data.
- PEP status fixed duration should be eliminated.



## Implementation of judicial and Constitutional Court reform

- More members of the High Council of Justice are needed to make it full-fledged, and integrity risks of the candidates persist.
- The obstructionist Kyiv District Administrative Court still operates, despite the Presidential draft law decreeing its suspension.
- The reform of the Constitutional Court is preliminary adopted but without civil society participation in the selection of judges.



- ▶ The Russian war of aggression against Ukraine is causing **unspeakable human tragedy**. It is destroying the country's economy and essential infrastructure.



- ▶ If corruption is allowed to go **unchecked**, Ukraine's reconstruction would hand a massive victory to the subversive kleptocratic war.



- ▶ The issue of corruption has always been **prominent**. The Corruption Perceptions Index shows that over the past ten years, Ukraine has been slowly, but steadily, improving.



- ▶ Yet, the existing anti-corruption defences are **not yet sufficiently** robust to ensure reconstruction funds are spent with integrity.



- ▶ The least we can do is honour heroic sacrifice by not allowing the reconstruction efforts to be tainted with corruption. And, of course, follow the **recommendations**.



- ▶ Nothing would undermine the Kleptocratic Kremlin more than a **Ukraine** that is able **to rise** from the ashes with integrity.



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