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Conference on Constitutional Aspects of the Judicial Reform in Ukraine

Dates: 24 and 25 March 2011

Place: Lviv (Ukraine)

Organised by the Council of Europe and the European Union within the framework of the Joint Programme entitled "Transparency and Efficiency of the Judicial System of Ukraine" (TEJSU Project) and the USAID Ukraine Rule of Law Project, in co-operation with the Lviv National University.

Description: Aimed at supporting the constitutional reform process, the conference will focus on the challenges of the Constitution of Ukraine with respect to European standards in the field of justice. Discussions on both the status and requirements for judges for judicial selection as well as the role and functions of the Prosecutor's Office in the light of the current law will be held. Other legal topics will also be discussed, such as the principle of judicial independence, the role of the judiciary according to the Constitution, the quality of training for the candidates to judicial vacancies, professional immunity as well as the right to a fair trial and civil rights issues in criminal procedure.

Participants include members of the judiciary, representatives of the prosecutorial system, members of the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament), judges from the federal courts of the USA as well as experts from various Council of Europe member states, including Germany, Spain and Ukraine. The Constitutional Court of Ukraine, the High Council of Justice, the Supreme Court of Ukraine, the High Specialised Court in criminal and civil matters and the High Administrative Court will also be represented.

Practical information:

- The conference is **open to the press** and will start at **09.30am on Thursday 24 March at the Lviv National University** (University street 1, University main building, Mirror Hall).
- Journalists are invited to contact the Lviv University to get accredited: +38 (0) 32 239 4504, press.lnu@gmail.com

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