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The Reform of the Public Prosecution Service of Ukraine: Achieved Progress and Next Steps

A high-level conference

28 September 2021

Objectives:

- Take stock of key achievements and challenges of the ongoing reform in the PPS as at the end of the 2019-2021 transition period
- Identify key outstanding issues that need to be addressed for the successful completion of the PPS reform beyond the transition period
- Discuss further measures for addressing the identified key outstanding issues to bring about the PPS that is independent, transparent and efficient in line with the Council of Europe standards

Location (for offline participants): *InterContinental hotel, Grand Ballroom conference hall, Kyiv, 2A Velyka Zhytomyrska Street*

Link to ZOOM (for online participants):

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81264709911?pwd=RVhWSEQyRHR2akVpc2NpQlBmQkdZUT09>

Meeting ID: 812 6470 9911

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COVID-19 measures in force in Ukraine will be fully respected

Time indicated in the agenda is Kyiv local time (EEST)

AGENDA

09:00 – 09:30	Welcome coffee
09:30 – 09:45	<p><i>Opening remarks</i></p> <p>Steen Norlov, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine</p> <p>Iryna Venediktova, Prosecutor General of Ukraine</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p>
09:45 – 10:00	<p><i>Keynote speech</i></p> <p>Christophe Poirel, Director of the Human Rights Directorate, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe (<i>online</i>)</p>
10:00 – 10:30	<p>Panel 1: Public prosecution service reform in Ukraine in the light of the principles of independence, transparency, and integrity</p> <p><i>Results of the public prosecution service reform's transition period: retrospective and new vision</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Oleksii Boniuk, Head of the Criminal Law Policies and Investments Protection Department, the Office of the Prosecutor General</p> <p>Artur Gebal, Head of the Political Section of the EU Delegation to Ukraine</p> <p>Sarah Langenkamp, Head of the International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Section of the US Embassy in Ukraine</p>
10:30 – 10:45	<p><i>Institutional independence and procedural autonomy of prosecutors & the reform of the public prosecution service of Ukraine: European standards perspective</i></p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Lorena Bachmaier, Council of Europe consultant, Professor of Law, Complutense University Madrid</p>
10:45 – 11:00	<p><i>Strengthening the independence of public prosecution service in the context of the implementation of the reform in Ukraine</i></p> <p>Speaker: Ihor Mustetsa, Deputy Prosecutor General</p>
11:00 – 11:30	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Bozhena Malanchuk, Project Coordinator, Department for Human Rights, Justice and Legal Cooperation Standards, DGI, Council of Europe</p>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break

<p>12:00 – 12:30</p> <p>12:30 – 12:40</p> <p>12:40 – 13:30</p> <p>13:30 – 14:30</p>	<p>Panel 1: Public prosecution service reform in Ukraine in the light of the principles of transparency, independence and integrity (cont.)</p> <p><i>Disciplinary and self-government bodies of public prosecution service: past experience and future prospects</i></p> <p>Speakers: Anatolii Ezhov, the Head of the Council of Prosecutors Serhii Kostenko, former member of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of Prosecutors, Head of the Odessa Regional Prosecutors’ Office Olena Zakharova, member of the disciplinary body, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv Andrii Hnativ, Head of the disciplinary body</p> <p><i>Role of General Inspection of the Office of the Prosecutor General in the light of the principle of integrity of prosecution service</i></p> <p>Speaker: Nina Harbuza, Head of the Internal Enquiry Division of the General Inspection of the Office of the Prosecutor General</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p>Moderator: Volodymyr Petrakovskiy, Council of Europe consultant</p> <p>Lunch</p>
<p>14:30 – 14:45</p> <p>14:45 – 14:55</p> <p>14:55 – 15:15</p> <p>15:15 – 16:00</p>	<p>Panel 2: Efficiency and professionalism of the prosecutor’s activity as a benchmark for further development of the public prosecution service</p> <p><i>European standards and best practices on efficiency of public prosecution service and professional development of prosecutors</i></p> <p>Speaker: James Hamilton, Council of Europe consultant, former President of the International Association of Prosecutors, former Chief of the Prosecution Service of Ireland (<i>online</i>)</p> <p><i>Enhancing efficiency on the example of the Department for Combating Human Rights Violations in the Law Enforcement and Penitentiary</i></p> <p>Speakers: Yurii Bielousov, Head of Department for Combating Human Rights Violations in the Law Enforcement and Penitentiary, the Office of the Prosecutor General Oleksii Boniuk, Head of the Criminal Law Policies and Investments Protection Department, the Office of the Prosecutor General</p> <p><i>Impact of the reform on organisational structure, headcount & professional development opportunities in public prosecution service</i></p> <p>Speakers: Bohdana Tyshchenko, Council of Europe consultant, PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory LLC Olesia Otradnova, Head of the Prosecutors’ Training Centre</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p>Moderator: Hennadii Chuprykov, Council of Europe consultant</p>
<p>16:00 – 16:15</p>	<p><i>Concluding remarks and closing of the conference</i></p> <p>Lilja Gretarsdottir, Head of Co-operation Programmes Division, Department for Human Rights, Justice and Legal Cooperation Standards, DGI, Council of Europe</p>