



# ACCESSING COMPENSATION FOR HOUSING DESTRUCTION:

Challenges in Validating Property Rights and Ways to Resolution



## **ROUND TABLE**



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**VENUE:** Premier Palace hotel Kyiv (5-7/29 T. Shevchenka Blvd. / Y. Chykalenka St., Kyiv)



**Coffee Break** 



PANEL 1. 14.00-15.30 Verification of housing owners within administrative procedure Moderator: Olga Onishchuk, notary, founder of NGO "Get It Back"

#### Welcome speeches:

- Lilja Gretarsdottir, Head of Co-operation Programmes Division, Department for Implementation of Human Rights,
  Justice and Legal Co-operation Standards, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI), Council of
  Europe
- Maciej Janczak, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine

#### **Talking points:**

- · Validation of Ownership: Digital Records vs. Physical Documents
- · Challenges of Accessing BTI Archives: Assessing the Extent of the Issue
- Safeguarding Property Rights Information Amidst the Challenges of Conflict
- Insights into the Online Property Rights Registration Pilot Project
- Exploring Opportunities to Extend Compensation Procedures to Occupied Territories
- National Registries: Foundation for an International Compensation Framework

### Key speakers:

- Natalia Kozlovska, Deputy Minister of Development of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure of Likraine
- Olena Shulyak, MP, Head of the Parliamentary Committee on Organization of State Power, Local Self-Government, Regional Development and Urban Planning
- Serhiy Orlov, Deputy Minister of Justice of Ukraine
- Ihor Friis, Member of Parliament of Ukraine
- Volodymyr Marchenko, President of the Notary Chamber of Ukraine

Presentation of Recommendations on improving the administrative procedure for confirming ownership of destroyed or damaged property for the purpose of receiving compensation.

Speaker: Olga Onishchuk, notary, founder of NGO "Get It Back"

**Discussion of the recommendations** 

PANEL 2. 15.30-17.<u>00</u>

Restoring of property ownership within court proceedings

Moderator: Ganna Khrystova, Project Manager, Council of Europe Office in Ukraine

#### **Talking points:**

- Specifics of validating property ownership in court when title documents are lost
- Trends in current court practices for cases under Article 392 of the Civil Code of Ukraine
- Enhancing the mechanism for verifying owners of destroyed housing within court proceedings: future prospects
- Challenges related to recognizing ownership of inherited property in court concerning heirs' participation in compensation procedures

#### Key speakers:

- Olga Stupak, Judge of the Grand Chamber of the Supreme Court
- Victoria Shebuyeva, Judge of the Kyiv Court of Appeal
- Roman Babiy, Member of Parliament of Ukraine
- Natalia Shuklina, Vice-Rector of the National School of Judges of Ukraine
- Mykhailo Shumylo, Head of the Secretariat of the High Council of Justice
- Inna Bernatska, Vice President of the Notary Chamber of Ukraine

Presentation of the Recommendations on advancement (simplification) of the court procedure on the restoration of property rights in case of loss of the original copies of the housing ownership documents

Speaker: Andriy Slabinskyi, Head of NGO "Get It Back"

Discussion of the recommendations