UKRAINE: PROCESS ON BUILDING ANTI-CORRUPTION INSTITUTIONS

Breakout Session E - Drivers and Enablers of Policy Effectiveness

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THE STORY

CHALLENGES:

- In Ukraine corruption was and is a way of life.
- The lack of effective punishment for corruption crimes generates impunity and fearlessness.
- Law enforcement agencies and courts were not the solution of the problem, but part of it.
AIMS:

• To make corruption in Ukraine not the rule but the exception.

• To create a toxic environment for officials and politicians where corruption will not be profitable because of the high price of punishment - both materially and through reputation.
IMPLEMENTED ACTIONS

ACTIONS TAKEN TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES:

• Expertise
• Cooperation with different stakeholders from the Parliament and the Government
• Communication with different target audiences, direct action campaigns
• Cooperation with international partners, use of conditionalities
SYNERGY:

• International partners
• Non-governmental organizations
• Media
• Reformers
SUCCESS STORIES:
• New anti-corruption agencies
• New anti-corruption court
• Open registries
• E-declarations
SUCCESS STORIES:

• 196 cases in courts against accused in corruption top-officials, 31 convictions
• 2 millions e-declarations of public officials
• 42 questionable candidates withdrew from the competition to the High Anti-Corruption Court thanks to the work of the Public Council of International Experts
LESSONS TO SHARE:
• Cooperation between the stakeholders in and outside the country

NEW CHALLENGES:
• Attacks on positive changes
• Part of institutions need to be relaunched
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