Outline: Corruption has been associated with Ukraine and critics often use it as an argument against supporting the country, its EU membership, recovery, and even providing it with the funds necessary to defend itself from the Russian aggression. While the focus on accountability, transparency, and corruption prevention is important, it often misses how far Ukraine has come since 2014 in combating and preventing corruption.

This is why the conference will bring together some of the leading experts from the German Platform for the Reconstruction of Ukraine and beyond to take an honest stock of the achievements, institutional landscape, and necessary improvements and reforms of Ukraine’s anti-corruption efforts since 2014 and the full-scale invasion. Before the Ukraine Recovery Conference 2024 in Berlin, where good governance and anti-corruption reforms also in the context of the EU accession will play a role, this conference will focus on how corruption can be prevented during the ongoing fast recovery and longer-term recovery. The in-depth discussions of the workshops will be supplemented by an evening panel discussion aimed at a broader audience interested in Ukraine. The results of the workshops will be summarized by the moderators provided to the participants and published.

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Format and audience:
The key audience of the workshop is members of the German Platform for the Reconstruction of Ukraine, experts from Ukraine, Germany, and the EU, and the workshops are open to everyone who seeks in-depth knowledge of corruption prevention in Ukraine’s recovery.

Half-day long event consisting of:

- Three Workshops: The goal of the workshops (topics see below) is to have in-depth discussions with leading experts on corruption prevention with fast recovery. The format will have input from speakers and respondents followed by an open discussion. The results will be summarized by a rapporteur in each workshop.
- Keynote speech (part of the public event): highlighting progress made after 2014 in creating institutions that prevent and combat corruption, transparency mechanisms, and key tasks for preventing graft with Ukraine’s recovery.
- The following panel discussion (public event) brings together experts on integrity and anti-corruption with policymakers and those broadly interested in Ukraine and its recovery.
- A reception will allow for enhanced networking (all participants of the workshops will have recognizable badges and can be approached about different topics).
DRAFT AGENDA

From 13:30  Welcoming Coffee
14:00 - 15:30  Workshop 1
16:00 - 17:30  Workshop 2 & Workshop 3 (parallel)
18:00 - 19:30  Public event
19:30 - 21:00  Reception

Workshop 1: Achievements and road ahead in enhancing transparency and fostering accountability
This workshop will do an honest stocktaking of how the anti-corruption architecture (NABU, SAPO, HACC, SBI, etc.), transparency institutions (NACP), and mechanisms have been built and functioned since 2014, particularly since the full-scale invasion. Importantly, it asks how accountability and transparency mechanisms can be used in times of war. What are the state, its institutions, and CSO actors doing to prevent and fight petty and grand corruption? What role does the EU Accession process play in advancing corruption prevention mechanisms and reforms?

Facilitated by: Olha Kovalksa, Anti-Corruption Action Centre (AntAC) & Mattia Nelles, Co-Founder of the German-Ukrainian Bureau (DUB)

Input by:
- Olena Halushka, Anti-Corruption Action Centre (AntAC)
- Maryna Khromykh, Executive Director, DEJURE Foundation
- Oleksandr Skomarov, Chief of the Second Main Department of Detectives, NABU
- Ekateryna Lysova, Program Director, Anti-Corruption Compliance, Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) (online)

Respondents:
- Mathias Lüttenberg, Director for Eastern Europe, German Foreign Office
- Miriam Kosmehl, Senior Expert, Bertelsmann-Foundation
- Stefan Kägebein, German Chamber of Industry and Commerce (DIHK)
Workshop 2: Corruption prevention and enhanced accountability in Ukraine’s recovery
What are the primary corruption risks on the national level when it comes to Ukraine’s recovery and how can they be prevented? What are the efforts of the central government to enforce transparency in procurement for the recovery and how can the Dream platform fulfill the central role?

Facilitated by Iryna Shyba, Deputy Head of the EU Anti-Corruption Initiative (EUACI) in Ukraine

Inputs by
- Viktor Nestulia, Open Contracting Partnership
- Josh Rudolf, Senior Fellow for Malign Finance, Alliance for Securing Democracy, GMF
- Martyna Bohuslavets, Executive Director, Institute of Legislative Ideas, Leader of the RISE Coalition
- Eka Tkeshelashvili, COP of USAID Support to Anti-Corruption Champion Institutions program in Ukraine

Respondent:
- Iryna Solonenko, Program Director, Center for Liberal Modernity (LibMod)
- Wilfried Jilge, Senior Advisor, Stabilization Platform, GIZ
- Oksana Huss, Policy Analyst, OECD Paris

Workshop 3: Corruption Prevention in the Local Recovery Process
The regional and local levels are and will be critically important for Ukraine’s resilient recovery. What are corruption risks and how can they be addressed and prevented? How have cities, towns, and villages applied integrity and corruption prevention mechanisms and what role does the local civil society play?

Facilitated by Inna Nelles, Co-Founder of the German-Ukrainian Bureau (DUB)

Inputs by
- Anastasiia Mazurok, Deputy Executive Director, Transparency International Ukraine
- Oleksandra Keudel, Kyiv School of Economics
- Orysia Lutsevych, Deputy Director, Russia and Eurasia Programme; Head of the Ukraine Forum, Chatham House
- Tetiana Tertychko, Hromadskyi Control (Dnipro)

Respondent:
- Mykhailya Skoryk-Shkarivska, President of the Institute for the Sustainable Development of Communities
- Eduard Klein, Researcher, University of Bremen
- David Jackson, Senior Advisors, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Center
- Marie-Carin Gumppenberg, Partnership for Transparency Europe
Public event
Fighting the Internal Enemy: Corruption Prevention in Ukraine’s Recovery

Number of participants: 150-200 people

The evening panel discusses Ukraine’s progress and homework in fighting and preventing corruption and the links of anti-corruption reforms with EU Accession. Throughout the discussion, broader political questions of Ukraine’s support in the West, and how and why the country was associated with negative labels, such as corruption, will be reflected.

Introduction & welcoming remarks

Keynote: Anastasiia Radina, Chairwoman of the Anti-corruption Committee of the Parliament,

Moderation: Rebecca Harms, Ukraine-Expert, former Member of the European Parliament
- Anastasiia Radina, Chairwoman of the Anti-corruption Committee of the Ukrainian Parliament
- Olena Halushka, Board Member, Anti-Corruption Action Centre (AntAC)
- Allan Pagh Kristensen, Head of the EU Anti-Corruption Initiative (EUACI)
- Michael Meyer-Resende, Executive Director, Democracy Reporting International (DRI)
- Josh Rudolph, Senior Fellow, German Marshall Fund (GMF)