



Reform Advisory Fund

Concrete measures to implement the national reform agenda and international obligations

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Success Story

Besides being a political issue, EU approximation also has a very practical side. Standards and norms of Ukrainian products should be compatible with those applied in the EU market. The experts from the EU and accession countries, that were first to experience this process some years ago, supported Ukrainian partners with the 6-months training on the issue. In the course of trainings the stable group from all Ukrainian institutions of Quality Infrastructure was formed. Under the guidance of the trainer, the group developed the "Mini Blue Guide" manual with practical issues of the free trade with the EU, based on the widely used EU original. The document includes exhaustive and actualized list of the relevant Acquis and respective Ukrainian laws, as well as FAQs, educational videos, lists of links and instructions for entrepreneurs and institutions for the efficient use of the Ukrainian Quality Infrastructure.



Objective

A reform of economic policy and the management of public finances is conducted, and the process of decentralisation continues. The responsible ministries and Parliament adopt EU standards and improve their transparency, efficiency and accountability.

Challenges

Ukraine wants to further integrate its economy into the EU internal market. To reach this goal the country signed an Association Agreement with the European Union. At the end of 2014 the Government of Ukraine published an action plan with details on how the country plans to implement the reforms required by the European Union, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Activities

The project supports on behalf of the Federal Government of Germany the Ministries of Finance, Economy and Regional Development in particular. Their task is to carry out concrete measures in the fields of public

finance, decentralisation and sustainable economic development, so that the goals they agreed upon together with their international partners can be reached. The support is given by national and international experts. Exchange of public administration experience of Germany and other countries help to continuously develop the capacities of the Ukrainian public institutions.

Results

The project has been supporting ProZorro ("transparency") reform since September 2015. Thanks to the new electronic tender procedure, the 15 bn UAH worth subthreshold tenders were conducted already in the first year. According to the estimates, 1.4 bn UAH for the state budget were saved in the process due to the transparent competition. The recipe to success is cooperation of the public administration, civil society and business.

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