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Communications experts complete nationwide programme of training for judge speakers

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EUAM hands over state-of-the-art equipment to Lviv and Kharkiv police forensic experts

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New NABU video produced with EUAM support stresses personal responsibility as central to the fight against corruption



New EUAM promo film: "EUAM: Who we are and what we do in Ukraine"

EUAM Head Kęstutis Lančinskas addresses journalists and civil society representatives at joint EUAM-NABU event

The event is the fourth in a series of open discussion sessions with journalists and civil society activists that EUAM has organised with NABU this year, with previous sessions having taken place in Kharkiv, Lviv and Odesa. These events seek to share information about best EU and international practices in the fight against corruption as well as provide opportunities for people who share a common objective in uncovering corruption to meet and network.



Speaking at a joint EUAM-NABU event in Kyiv on 5 November alongside NABU Head Artem Sytnyk, the Head of the EU Advisory Mission Kęstutis Lančinskas underlined the special responsibility that journalists and civil society activists have in combatting corruption. “It would be a mistake to perceive fighting corruption as purely the responsibility of state institutions,” said Mr Lančinskas. “To ensure a more transparent, more secure and more prosperous future, the responsibility to fight corruption starts with everyone. Especially journalists and civil society activists.”

Referring to the recent submission of electronic declarations in Ukraine, Mr Lančinskas stated, “The high level of compliance with the declaration process among top-level officials in Ukraine is a positive sign and the authorities should be commended for this. But it is only the first step. For the fight against corruption to be truly successful, anti-corruption institutions such as NABU, NAPC and SAPO need to be given the capacity, resources and independence to pursue the activities they have been assigned according to Ukrainian legislation. The only people who benefit from under-resourced institutions or inter-institutional rivalries are criminals.”



In addition to open discussion sessions with Mr Lančinskas and Mr Sytnyk, the audience were also given an overview of efforts to fight corruption in Lithuania delivered by Saulius Urbanavičius, Head of Lithuania's Special Investigation Service.

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STATISTIC OF THE MONTH

NABU PROMO VIDEO



**1.2 mln
views
of the video**



International Anti-Corruption Day: and interview with Sergei Derkach

Next Friday,



9 December, is International Anti-Corruption Day.

Sergei Derkach,
EUAM Anti-Corruption Officer,
gives his thoughts on where Ukraine stands in its battle against corruption.

There has been a huge focus, both nationally and internationally, on Ukraine's corruption problems. Has the country made any real progress in the fight against corruption since the Maidan Revolution of Dignity?

Corruption remains one of Ukraine's greatest problems. I think it is fair to say that it was one of the main triggers for demonstrations that led to the Revolution of Dignity at the end of 2013. The Transparency International Corruption Perception Index shows that Ukrainians consider it the country's main challenge. Recent studies also indicate that an estimated 38% of Ukrainians have given a bribe in the past year – so it is a huge problem. It is endemic to the point that people feel that it is a necessary condition for survival in Ukraine. Having said that, there has been substantial progress over the past couple of years. However, much of the progress so far has involved legislative measures that are not obvious to the average person on the street. Ukrainian anti-corruption legislation now compares favourably with EU standards, although there are still legislative gaps to fill. The new legislation has led to the creation of dedicated anti-corruption agencies that didn't exist previously. The National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU), for example, has managed to get up and running in a relatively short period of time. There are 40 cases investigated by NABU that are now in court. So that is definite, measurable progress. The Special Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office has also been established to prosecute cases investigated by NABU, while the National Agency for the

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"The country needs more time for the various institutions to start functioning properly. While people's frustrations are understandable, expectations should also be realistic."

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Prevention of Corruption (NAPC) successfully launched the e-declarations system whereby high-level officials have declared their assets.

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Activities on the horizon

- **6-9 December:** Training for officers of the National Police of Ukraine in **Lviv** on the subject of dialogue policing – a tool to reduce the potential for violence at large gatherings. The training is organized by the EUAM and delivered by officers from the Czech Police.
- **7-9 December:** EUAM will deliver training to 24 police officers from the Kyiv region on how to identify drivers under influence of alcohol, how to test them with specialized equipment and how to communicate with drivers who are potentially under the influence of alcohol. At the end of the training, EUAM will donate 30 alcohol testing kits to the National Police - **Kyiv**
- **9 December:** Training delivered by experts from the EUAM to prosecutors and police officers on the subject of illicit enrichment and cooperation between the police and prosecutors- **Ivano-Frankivsk**
- **6-16 December:** A two-week course in 4 cities on the subject of community policing delivered by experts from the EUAM. The training will be delivered to officers from the National Police of Ukraine and Patrol Police - **Ivano-Frankivsk, Mykolaiv, Poltava, Uzhhorod**



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