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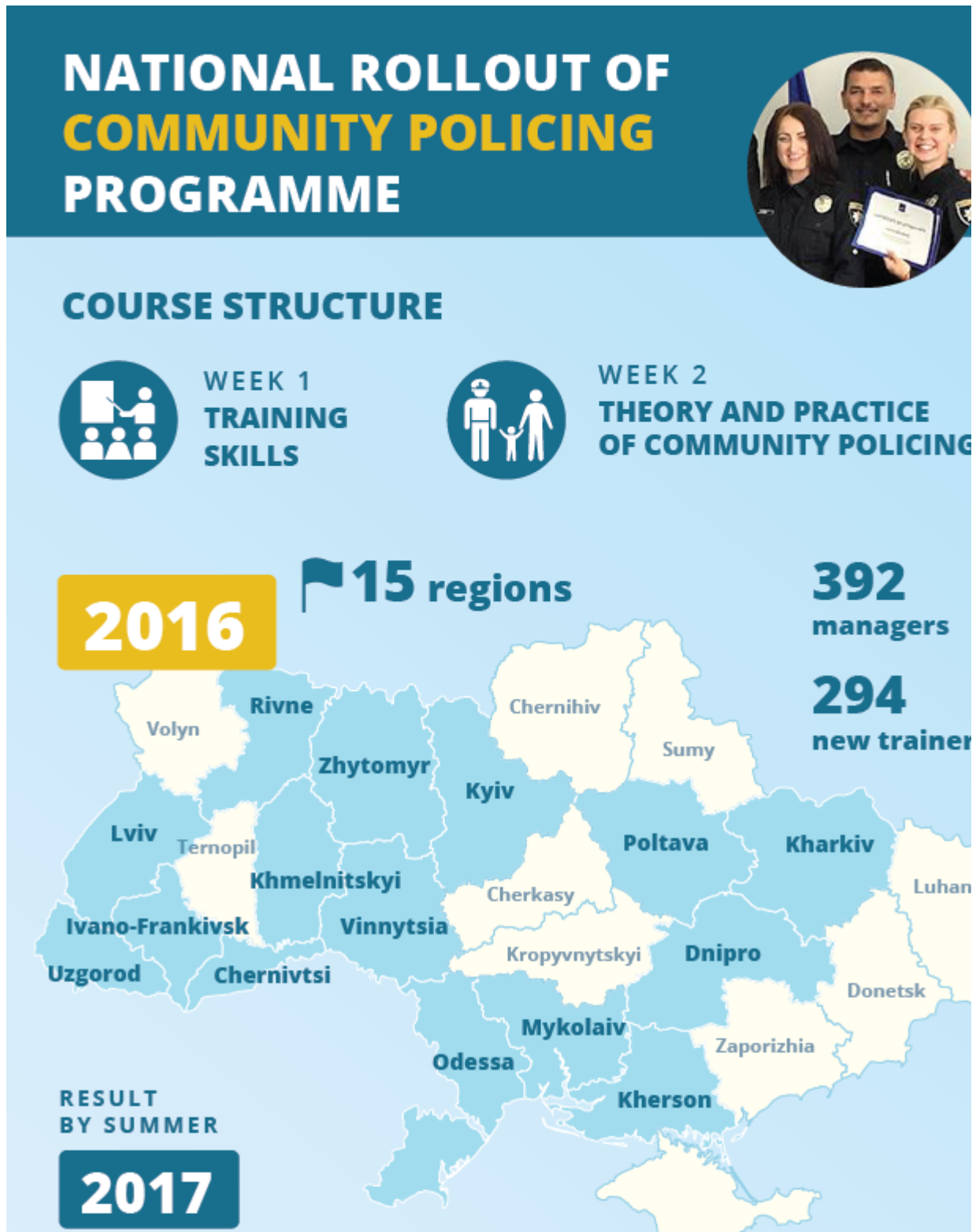
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## EUAM community policing training delivered in 15 regions – Canadian police join latest phase

The fourth phase of the nationwide roll-out of community policing training in Ukraine delivered by the EU Advisory Mission (EUAM) ended with certificate ceremonies for programme graduates in Ivano-Frankivsk, Mykolaiv, Poltava and Uzhhorod. This brings the total number of regions where this training programme has been delivered over the course of 2016 to fifteen. The fifth phase is due to start on 21 February 2017 with training in Lutsk and Ternopil, and it is planned that training will be delivered in all Ukraine's regions by the 2017.

Community policing is a philosophy, which aims to strengthen the links between police forces and the community they serve. It is an effective crime reduction strategy, which recognises that local communities are best placed to identify hot spots where crime or anti-social behaviour take place. Community policing places a large emphasis on preventing crime by tackling its underlying causes through cooperation between the police, elected representatives, members of the local business community, employees of public bodies (for example teachers, hospital workers etc.) or religious leaders.

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**Community Policing training team**

**10** international trainers / advisers

**4** Ukrainian experts

## Other community policing projects



**Community Policing Unit established in Patrol Police Department**



**Community Policing Pilot in Khmelnytsky region: training, refurbishment, technical and equipment assistance**



**Study visit to Northumbria Police (UK)**



**Strengthening bicycle capacity of Patrol Police**

**‘The creation of the new Supreme Court will set the tone for future reform. It is important that it succeeds’**



*In this interview, **EUAM Senior Adviser on the Judiciary John Cubbon** provides his thoughts on the current state of judicial reform and future challenges.*

**Let us start with the basics. Why are reforms necessary? What are the main challenges facing the judicial system in Ukraine?**

In terms of challenges, I would put ensuring judicial independence at the top of the list. In fact, I would class many of the other challenges faced by people working within the judicial system as being ways in which a lack of judicial

*On 2 June 2016, the Rada approved significant reforms of the judicial system which will gradually take effect over the coming months and years. A new Supreme Court and a new Court Security*

independence manifests itself. Corruption, for example, low salaries, a lack of security personnel to protect courts or low public trust.

I think there is a widespread perception that a large number of judges, but, by no means all, have been involved in activities that they shouldn't have been. And much of this goes back, I think, to the early 1990s, when there was a something of a free for all, where existing structures broke down and there was a perception that the only way of getting anything done was to pay money under the table. Of course, this was made worse by the legacy of Soviet-era judicial practices. This makes it difficult – understandably difficult – to have the sort of standards of judicial independence that Ukrainians and the international community supporting them would want to have.

Creating a culture of judicial independence is not something that can be done overnight. All judges are human beings, but it is possible to create a culture among them in which there is a strong sense of simply finding out objectively the facts and the law and then applying the law to the facts. This is the culture the reforms are designed to support.

**There have been many reforms of the judiciary since Ukraine became independent, including after the Revolution of Dignity. What is the significance of the package of reforms passed on 2 June 2016? Are we going to have a similar discussion in a couple of years' time?**

Well, I think that one thing that is significant with the package of reforms approved by the Rada on 2 June 2016 is that the Constitution has been amended almost entirely in line with the recommendations of the Venice Commission, which is the body of constitutional law experts in the Council of Europe. What this means is that the Constitution meets high international standards on ensuring judicial independence.

In the context of judicial reform, for a long time people argued that for individual reforms to be effective, the Constitution would need to be changed. This is now in the process of being done, so the foundations are there for a system where judicial independence can flourish. There may be some tinkering that needs to be done in the future, but nothing radical. That's extremely important.

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*Service, to name but a few developments should come into being. On paper they should strengthen the independence of the judiciary. How far they will, in fact, do so will depend on further actions, including the adoption of additional legislation.*

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## Activities on the horizon

- **21 February–3 March** — Train-the-trainers community policing training (5th wave) in **Lutsk and Ternopil** — implemented by EUAM and the Canadian Police Mission in Ukraine
- **20–24 February**: Dialogue Policing training in **Khmelnitsky** for NPU and Patrol Police on key elements of the European best practice concept — implemented by EUAM and Czech Police Experts
- **20–24 February**: Delivery of human rights and gender training sessions as part of the Train-the-trainers program on Community Policing (5th wave) in **Lutsk and Ternopil** — implemented by EUAM and Czech Police Experts



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