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Ground-breaking Security Service annual report will boost public trust and feed "appetite for reforms"

On 23 March, the Head of the Security Service of Ukraine, Vasyl Hrytsak, and the Deputy Head of European Union Advisory Mission Ukraine, Joelle Vachter, held a press briefing to mark the publication of the SSU Annual Report, which has

been published and distributed in compliance with EU practices for the first time.



Ms Vachter highlighted that EUAM’s support for the report is just one of the good examples of cooperation between the agency and EUAM, which also covers strategic advice, training and technical support. She expressed the hope that the Annual Report publication would serve as a good example of transparency and accountability for other Ukrainian state agencies.

“No public institution can be effective if it does not enjoy public trust. The era when the activities of security services were unquestionable – is over. People demand changes and excuses not to proceed with reforms are not acceptable. The country’s leaders should continue to demonstrate an appetite for reforms and these should be maintained in order to make reform irreversible. The engine of the process is relations with citizens that are built on trust and accountability,” said Ms Vachter.

Ms Vachter welcomed the strong crime-prevention messages presented in the report, saying that the SSU would play a key role in crime prevention in Ukraine, while it transfers its crime investigation competences to other institutions.

“We recognise the need the transformation of the SSU, we realise how important it is to maintain a balance. We have to become transparent, communicate with civil society , because we are a part of society, but it is important not to lose effectiveness,” said Vasyl Hrytsak.

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ARMA is small but significant piece of Ukraine's anti-corruption jigsaw

The imminent announcement by the Asset Recovery and Management Agency (ARMA) of a competition for the recruitment of 25 staff members is good news for Ukraine and its fight against corruption. Over the coming months, ARMA will be building the foundations of the organisation and the selection of staff members is central to this.

For its part, the European Union has now stepped up its support for Ukraine's fight against corruption. Indeed, support for the institutional development of ARMA will be one of the priorities of the EU Anti-Corruption Initiative in Ukraine (EUACI), so far the largest EU-funded project (€16.3 million) in the area of anti-corruption that is being implemented by DANIDA and that began operations last December. The European Union Advisory Mission Ukraine (EUAM) will be working in close coordination with EUACI so that support for the new agency is optimised – EUAM is ready to support ARMA to the fullest of our ability.

I appreciate that many Ukrainian citizens may not yet understand the functions of ARMA, and are rather more concerned by more immediate issues – they want to see tangible results and corrupt officials brought to justice. ARMA, however, is a key piece in the anti-corruption jigsaw. Together with the National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU), the Special Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office (SAPO), and the National Agency for the Prevention of Corruption



*EUAM Head of Mission,
Kestutis Lancinskas*

"An effective ARMA will ensure that money stolen from the Ukrainian people is restored to the state budget"

(NAPC), ARMA is one of Ukraine's new agencies tasked to tackle corruption. It is central to the country's reform efforts, and it will need the support of both government and the general public to develop into an independent, effective, agency.

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Activities on the horizon

- **4-7 April:** A Dutch expert will perform an evaluation of the Appeal Court of Kyiv.
- **4-14 April:** Community policing train-the-trainers course will be rolled out in Cherkasy and Kirovohrad regions.
- **5-6 April:** Mission experts will observe the recruitment process of the recently formed Assets Recovery Management Agency.
- **5-14 April:** EUAM will deliver a human-rights training course in Kharkiv for the Security Service of Ukraine focused on the compliance of investigative officers' work with international human-rights legislation.
- **25 April:** EUAM will organise a witness protection seminar with the participation of an external Austrian expert.



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