Kick-Off Event of the
OECD Anti-Corruption Review of the Energy Sector in Ukraine

Agenda

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Virtual Roundtable
9:00 – 10:30 (CET)
10:00-11:30 (EET)

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Background Information

The Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ACN) is a global relations programme of the Working Group on Bribery (WGB) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). ACN supports anti-corruption reforms and promotes the exchange of experience and good practices among the ACN countries, in co-operation with OECD countries and other regions and organisations. More information about the ACN is available at its website www.oecd.org/corruption/acn.

About the Project

In 2019, the OECD launched the project “Supporting Energy Sector Reform in Ukraine”, which falls under the framework of the Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan and remains in line with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Ukraine and the OECD.

The project, financed by the Government of Norway is due to finish in December 2021. During its duration, the OECD will provide policy analysis, recommendations and capacity-building activities aimed at reforming energy sector. The OECD’s assistance will be focused on competition, investment and corporate governance of SOEs, and anti-corruption within the energy sector of Ukraine.

ACN will carry out the anti-corruption component of the project. Along with other assistance, it will assess the current policy, legislative and institutional framework for integrity and corruption risks in the energy sector in Ukraine by conducting an Anti-Corruption Review of the Energy Sector in Ukraine. It will also provide recommendations and help monitor progress on their implementation by Ukraine with active engagement of civil society and international community.

About the Event

This event will provide a platform to kick off the work on the Anti-Corruption Review of the Energy Sector in Ukraine. The in-depth anti-corruption review of the energy sector will hopefully become a useful instrument for policy makers, energy sector government and non-government stakeholders, anti-corruption bodies, ownership entities, SOEs and law enforcement bodies in identifying trends and good practices, common problems in energy sector. It will also supply recommendations aimed at ensuring integrity within this sector. Therefore, the event aims at harnessing strong political support and involvement of key governmental and non-governmental stakeholders, including the National Agency on Corruption Prevention (NACP), the Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, and other public bodies and SOEs within Ukrainian energy sector, as well as of the anti-corruption law enforcement bodies, civil society, international community and business associations. We expect to work hand in hand with relevant stakeholders and to develop strong communication, cooperation, coordination as well as information sharing for the purposes of this project.
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<td><strong>Moderator:</strong> Ms Gabriela Miranda, Country Manager for Ukraine, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD</td>
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| 9.10-9.35 | **Keynote address by:**  
  - H.E. Mr Jeffrey Schlagenhaus, Deputy Secretary General, OECD  
  - H.E. Mr Erik Svedahl, Ambassador of Norway to Ukraine  
  - H.E. Mr Herman Halushchenko, Minister of Energy  
  - Mr Ivan Presniakov, Deputy Head, National Agency on Corruption Prevention |
| 9.35-9.40 | **Interlinkages between the ACN Work Programme and the OECD Project “Supporting Energy Sector Reform in Ukraine”**  
  - Ms Olga Savran, Manager of the OECD Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia |
| 9.40-9.50 | **Introducing Anti-Corruption Component of the OECD Project “Supporting Energy Sector Reform in Ukraine”**  
  - Ms Tanya Khavanska, Legal and Policy Analyst, OECD/ACN |
| 9.50-9.55 | **Way forward and cooperation with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders**  
  - Mr Valts Kalnins, lead expert for the Anti-Corruption Review of the Energy Sector in Ukraine |
| 9.55-10.05 | **Perspectives from international community**  
  - Mr Torsten Wöllert, Minister Counsellor – Energy, EU Delegation to Ukraine *(tbc)*  
  - Mr Matthew Hudson, Principal, Project Integrity, Office of the Chief Compliance Officer, EBRD |
| 10.05-10.15 | **Perspectives from non-governmental stakeholders**  
  - Ms Olga Bielkova, former Deputy Chair of the RADA Energy Committee  
  - Ms Olena Pavlenko, President, DiXi Group |
| 10.15-10.25 | **Questions and answers** |
| 10.25-10.30 | **Wrap-up and official kick-off of the Anti-Corruption Review**  
  - Closing remarks |