

# EU support to Ukraine's justice reforms – Moving Forward Together



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# What do we do?

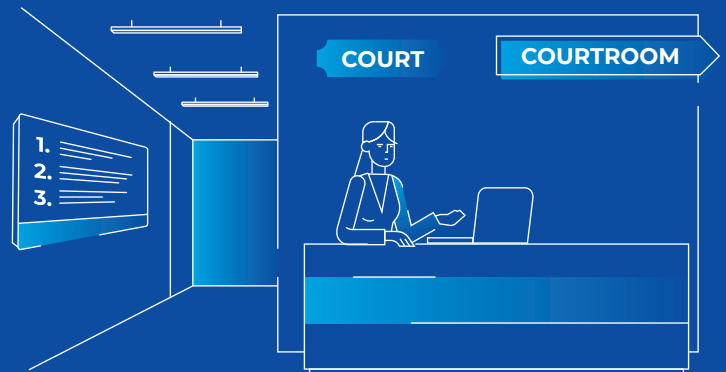
## 1 Joint vision of the justice sector



- ▶ Coordinating the reform implementation among all the key players through the **Justice Sector Reform Strategy and Action Plan** signed by the President in 2015
- ▶ Helping key justice sector institutions to plan strategically and enhance their **independence, accountability and user-friendliness**
- ▶ Developing dynamic tools for the reform monitoring and evaluation, including the **online donor coordination platform**
- ▶ Monitoring implementation of **the new civil and commercial procedural codes** together with Ministry of Justice (MoJ), the Supreme Court, judges, advocates, scholars, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)
- ▶ Setting up **Regional Justice Reform Councils** composed of a broad range of legal professionals, scholars and CSOs members, who provide inputs from their regions to improve policy-making at the central level
- ▶ Increasing the quality of media coverage of justice-related issues by **training journalists and promoting a legal reporting network**

- ▶ Supporting **selection and evaluation of judges** by way of developing legal tests and case studies, psychological testing
- ▶ Improving competences and skills of judges through **support for judicial training**
- ▶ Promoting **greater leadership of High Council of Justice (HCJ)** as a defender of more accountable and service-oriented judiciary
- ▶ Piloting **the Model Court Initiative** across Ukraine, with a view to improving client service and communication through front-office facilities and better reception of vulnerable court users
- ▶ Improving justice sector response to **domestic violence and violence against women**

## 2 Fair resolution of disputes in court



The EU-funded Project Pravo-Justice promotes the rule of law in Ukraine, in line with European standards and comparative practices.

The Project coordinates more than 70 international and 50 national professionals who provide expertise in the justice sector reform.

## 3 Enforcement of court decisions and support of the Probation Service of Ukraine



- ▶ Supporting the creation of overall **digitization strategy** for justice sector and judiciary
- ▶ Improving the **effectiveness of electronic document flow** in the Ministry of Justice, its main regional departments, and within the judicial system
- ▶ Developing and supporting **e-registers** and **e-services**
- ▶ Optimizing and integrating the e-systems **“UJITS”** – for the judiciary and **“Trembita”** – for justice sector institutions
- ▶ Providing **IT solutions** for Baillifs, Notaries and Bankruptcy trustees

- ▶ Maintaining the **high level of Private Enforcement Officers’ efficiency** by building up the professional self-governance system and streamlining the MOJ oversight role
- ▶ Supporting the **protection of property rights** through the privatisation of the notary services, cooperation between the Ministry of Justice and the Notary Chamber of Ukraine
- ▶ Developing professional standards, admission and evaluation procedures, ethical and disciplinary oversight mechanisms for **free legal professions**
- ▶ Assisting in the development and implementation of the **new Bankruptcy Code** to simplify insolvency procedures, increase protection of creditors’ rights, and introduce individual bankruptcy
- ▶ Supporting the **Probation Service of Ukraine** through the creation and use of analytical tools, such as Risk and Needs Assessment, development of new training programmes

## 4 E-justice



The EU Project Pravo-Justice supports the justice sector reforms, including re-set of the judiciary through selection and assessment of judges, restructuring the judiciary, creation of the private enforcement profession and the probation service, setting up electronic registers and strengthening property rights.

The Project's partners are the High Council of Justice, the Ministry of Justice, the High Qualification Commission of Judges, the Supreme Court, the Council of Judges, the Notary Chamber, and other justice sector institutions.

The EU Project Pravo-Justice is a continuation of the EU Project "Support to Justice Sector Reforms in Ukraine", implemented in 2014-2017. With the assistance of the Project, the Judicial Reform Council under the President of Ukraine has been established, the Justice Sector Reform Strategy 2015-2020 and the Justice Sector Reform Strategy Action Plan (JSRSAP) have been developed.

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