SUPPORT TO UKRAINE IN THE AREA OF ANTI-CORRUPTION
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION BUREAU (NABU) AND THE SPECIALISED ANTI-CORRUPTION PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE (SAPO)

This Project, funded by the United States Department of State, aims to strengthen the professional capacities of Ukrainian law enforcement practitioners to efficiently investigate and prosecute complex corruption and related money laundering cases. This Project is implemented by the OECD Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, a programme under the OECD Working Group on Bribery. The OECD/ACN supports countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia in their fight against corruption, by providing a regional forum for promotion of anti-corruption activities, exchange of information, elaboration of best practices and donor coordination.

Ukraine has been a member of the OECD/ACN since 1998 and participated in its various activities, including the Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan (IAP) monitoring since 2013. In 2014 Ukraine established a specialised anti-corruption law enforcement body dealing with high-profile corruption – the National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU), and in 2015 – a prosecutorial body responsible for NABU cases – the Specialised Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office (SAPO) after a long-standing OECD recommendation. Finally, in 2019, the High Anti-Corruption Court, which adjudicates NABU and SAPO cases, was set up.

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UPDATE INITIAL TRAINING COURSE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED DETECTIVES OF NABU AND PROSECUTORS OF SAPO

The OECD/ACN organises training for the newly appointed detectives of NABU. The training activities build on the OECD experience described in the training manual on investigation and prosecution of corruption and lessons learnt from the use of this methodology in 2017-2018. The experts, both national and international, come from a range of institutions, non-governmental and private sector are involved as necessary. International experts are identified from the OECD pool of experts.

NEW ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE ON COMPLEX INVESTIGATION OF HIGH-PROFILE CORRUPTION AND RELATED MONEY-LAUNDERING

The OECD/ACN organises a training focused on the detection, investigation and prosecution of a sophisticated corruption and money-laundering scheme with the use of modern financial and IT tools, different types of companies and complex structure of assets. The training covers concepts and practices of beneficial ownership disclosure, stand-alone money laundering, foreign bribery, corporate liability, tax fraud, extended confiscation, asset recovery and asset sharing. This training is also devoted to adjudication and conducted in the form of a simulated trial with involvement of judges of the High Anti-Corruption Court.

DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES ON THE SCOPE, QUALITY AND COLLECTION OF EVIDENCE IN INVESTIGATIONS OF HIGH-PROFILE CORRUPTION CASES

The OECD/ACN conducts consultations with detectives and prosecutors to identify the most problematic areas regarding the scope and quality of evidence in high-profile corruption cases. The judges are also consulted on these issues, as they represent "the end users" of evidence. This helps find balance between opposing views of prosecutors and investigators.

Based on the findings from these activities the OECD/ACN will launch guidelines in June 2021 to further assist Ukrainian counterparts in overcoming these challenges.