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**Anti-corruption Court: Instructions for Use**

*On February 16, 2017 the expert discussion ‘****Anti-corruption Court in Ukraine: Conditions for******Efficiency’*** *will be held in the Ukraine Crisis Media Center (Kreshchatyk, 2) at 10:00 a.m. Among the participants are public authorities and representatives of civil society anti-corruption organizations who will discuss the conditions for effective implementation of anti-corruption court system and necessary elements of their efficient work.*

Establishing specialized anti-corruption courts in Ukraine was one of the main Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) [recommendations](https://www.oecd.org/daf/anti-bribery/Ukraine-Round-3-Monitoring-Report-ENG.pdf) to combat corruption in Ukraine. Engaging international experts in this process is one of the [requirements](https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/3304058/Memo-IMF.pdf) for the IMF to approve another tranche for Ukraine. The adopted the [Law of Ukraine](http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb2/webproc4_1?pf3511=59259) ‘On the Judicial System and the Status of Judges’ as of June 2, 2016 provides for the establishment the High Anti-Corruption Court. Society is currently debating the draft law on the anti-corruption courts. An [article](http://m.nv.ua/ukr/opinion/evseev_o/antikoruptsijni-sudi-svitovij-dosvid-614776.html) by Oleksandr Yevseev, an analyst at the Ukrainian Institute for the Future, was published on the Novoe Vremya website discussing the prospects for the court. Additionally, the anti-corruption organization Transparency International Ukraine published a [survey](http://ti-ukraine.org/news/2175/) concerning the feasibility of establishing the anti-corruption court.

*Why does Ukraine need the specialized anti-corruption court and what are the possibilities/risks of its establishment?*

*What is the international experience in establishing and working of such courts?*

*What jurisdiction should this court have?*

*What are the measures of efficiency for the anti-corruption court under the Ukrainian conditions?*

Answers to all these questions will be discussed by **Yehor Soboliev**, Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Committee, **Nazar Kholodnytskyi**, Deputy Prosecutor General, Head of the Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office, **Andrii Sliusar**, Head of fighting top-corruption programme at Transparency International Ukraine, **Oleksandr Yevseiev** Expert in Program for Reforming of Law Enforcement and Judicial Systems Ukrainian Institute for the Future, Anastasiia Krasnosilska**,** Anticorruption Action Centre.

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