**Do We Need the Anti-Corruption Court? A Discussion in Kharkiv**

The Ukrainian chapter of the international anti-corruption network Transparency International invites lawyers, journalists, activists and representatives of local authorities to an expert discussion on creation of the High Anti-Corruption Court in Ukraine.

The event will take place on **October 19**, 2017 at 10AM in Avrora hotel at Alchevskykh street 10/12, Kharkiv.

An effectively functioning independent judicial system is a crucial element of any democratic country where supremacy of law dominates. In Ukraine, in the recent years, a great number of systemic reforms have been implemented, including those within the judicial branch. Nonetheless, most reforms have not delivered visible results yet, while the success of the entire process depends on the ability of the judicial system to work independently and efficiently, unaffected by third parties.

At the same time, politically motivated forces influence court ruling, especially on corruption-related cases. As the result, the society has no trust in the current judicial system, while corrupt officials remain unpunished. That is why it is absolutely indispensable to create the **independent High Anti-Corruption Court**, which will make final decisions on the cases investigated by the NABU.

How should the new institution function? How should the judges be selected for the anti-corruption court? How can collaboration of journalists and activists cleanse the remnants of the judicial system from judges with questionable reputation? These are the questions that the discussion participants will answer.

Speakers:

* Maksym Kostetskyi – legal advisor of Transparency International Ukraine, manager of the Civil Support of the Launch of the Anti-Corruption Court project;
* Taras Shepel – member of Public Integrity Council, co-founder of [DEJURE](https://www.facebook.com/dejurefoundation/).

To participate in the event, please register by **October 18** at http://bit.ly/2wTfuLo

Food and handouts are provided by the organizers.

To discuss all logistical issues and obtain journalist accreditation, please contact **Maksym Kostetskyi** at **0638874630.**

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