**Anti-Corruption Court – to Be or Not to Be? A Discussion in Dnipro**

[*Transparency International Ukraine*](https://www.facebook.com/TransparencyInternationalUkraine/) is happy to invite lawyers, journalists, activists, judges and representatives of the local authorities to the expert discussion on the judicial reform and launch of the High Anti-Corruption Court in Ukraine.

The event will take place on **October 30**, 2017 at 10AM in **ABRI hotel** at 1 Yarmarkovyi uzviz.

An effectively functioning independent judicial system is an integral element of any democratic country where the rule of law prevails. In Ukraine there has been a great number of systemic reforms during the past years, including those of the judiciary. Yet, most reforms are yet to produce a tangible result. An the overall success of the process depends on the ability of the judicial system to work independently and effectively, avoiding third party influence.

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:

* **Markiian Halabala** – defense attorney, expert of Reanimation Package of Reforms;
* **Taras Shepel** – member of Public Integrity Council, co-founder of [DEJURE Foundation](https://www.facebook.com/dejurefoundation/);
* **Maksym Kostetskyi** – Legal Advisor to Transparency International Ukraine, Project Manager of “Public Support for the Launch of an Anti-Corruption Court.”

To participate in the event, please register by **October 29**at <http://bit.ly/2z4BdVn>

Food and handouts will be provided by the organizers.

To discuss all event-related issues or, for journalists, to obtain accreditation, please**contact Maksym Kostetskyi at** **063 887 46 30**.

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