

# OPEN PARLIAMENT INITIATIVE PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES:



# TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS VIA:

- on-line appeals
- Commenting on bills and tracking those comments
- **E**-petitions
- Easier communication with MPs
- Visiting parliamentary plenary sessions
- Information published on Parliament's website in Open Data formats



# TO LEARN MORE ABOUT:

- MPs' activity in their districts and on committees through the MPs' individual web-pages
- Published records of questions and answers in parliamentary sessions
- MPs' assistants and reception offices
- Published texts of MPs' parliamentary requests for information and responses
- Committee operations: schedules of meetings and activities via the unified site of the committees
- Parliament's activity through educational programmes
- Committee meetings by means of online broadcasts



#### TO ANALYSE:

- MPs' expenses covered by the state budget
- Budget expenditures for the Verkhovna Rada's activities
- Transactions, contracts, and reports of institutions that receive state budget funds to support the operations of the Verkhovna Rada
- Potential conflicts of interest among MPs
- Income and asset declarations of MPs



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160 parliamentary monitoringorganizations from 82 countries

have joined the Declaration on
Parliamentary Openness between
October 2012 and December 2015.
Participating countries – such as
Costa Rica, France, Georgia, Greece,
and Mexico - have already approved
their Action Plans to implement the
Declaration. Columbia, Ghana, and
Serbia are currently developing theirs.

## **OPEN PARLIAMENT INITIATIVES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD:**

09.12 The Declaration on Parliamentary Openness is presented at The World e-Parliament Conference in Rome

10.15

The Working Group to develop the Open Parliament Action Plan for Ukraine is established

2012

2013

Parliamentary monitoring organizations from around the world

meet in Washington to endorse the

O4.12 Declaration on Parliamentary Openness

The International Legislative Openness Working Group is created under the framework of the Open Government Partnership 2016

The Open Parliament Action
Plan to implement the
Declaration on Parliamentary

O2.16 Openness in Ukraine is approved



#### THE OPEN PARLIAMENT **INITIATIVE PROMOTES:**

- > TRANSPARENCY
- > PARTICIPATION
- > ACCOUNTABILITY
- > TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION

ON 5 FEBRUARY 2016, the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine launched Ukraine's implementation of the Declaration on Parliamentary Openness by three means:

- > Improvement of legislation
- > Creation of technological capacity
- > Public consultation



## **FOR CITIZENS**



- Access to legislative processes
- Oversight of MPs' activities

## **FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**



- Become closer to voters and make their own actions more visible via the official website
- Become better informed on expenditures for logistics and technical support

### **FOR JOURNALISTS**



- Improved access to information
- Unrestricted photo and video recording of committee meetings



## **UKRAINE'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE DECLARATION ON PARLIAMENTARY OPENNESS AND APPROVAL OF THE COMMON OPEN PARLIAMENT**

AMONGST THE LEADERS OF THE GLOBAL

LEGISLATIVE OPENNESS MOVEMENT

ACTION PLAN PLACES UKRAINE

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**ACTION PLAN** 

PARLIAMENT UKRAINE

The Open Parliament Action Plan for Ukraine was developed by Ukrainian parliamentary monitoring organizations, together with members of the Ukrainian Parliament (Verkhovna Rada) and its Administrative Office, in October 2015-January 2016. The document

sets out 20 commitments that Parliament and

civil society will implement together.

#### 5 PARLIAMENTARY MONITORING ORGANIZATIONS:











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