



CABINET OF MINISTERS OF UKRAINE ORDER

**dated 17 June 2026 No. 603-r
Kyiv**

On Approving the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Open Government Partnership Initiative for 2026–2027

1. Approve the attached **Action Plan for the Implementation of the Open Government Partnership Initiative for 2026–2027** (hereinafter referred to as the “Action Plan”).

2. Ministries, other central executive bodies, regional state (military) administrations and the Kyiv City State (Military) Administration shall ensure:

implementation of the Action Plan using funds provided for in the state and local budgets for the respective year, within the limits thereof, as well as through international technical assistance and other sources of funding not prohibited by law;

the provision of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, on a quarterly basis by the 10th day of the following month, with information on the progress in implementing the Action Plan approved by this Order.

Prime Minister of Ukraine

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ACTION PLAN

for the Implementation of the Open Government Partnership Initiative for 2026–2027

General Provisions

Despite the Russian Federation's armed aggression and the imposition of martial law, Ukraine remains committed to the democratic principles of open government and participates in the international Open Government Partnership (OGP) Initiative.

The implementation of mechanisms for civic engagement, transparency and accountability as part of the OGP Initiative is a key prerequisite for building trust in public authorities and bringing together different sectors of society to strengthen the country's resilience, as well as for implementing reforms and advancing Ukraine's progress towards membership of the European Union. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine continues to be guided by the objectives of the International Open Government Partnership Strategy for 2023–2028 with a view to developing a model of public governance in which access to information, consideration of public opinion, integrity and a barrier-free approach to the provision of public services become an integral part of the organisational culture of public authorities.

This Action Plan is intended to address the challenges associated with martial law and the recovery process, as well as the issues arising during the country's democratic development. In particular, the focus will be on issues relating to transparency and the effective use of public investment, responsible business conduct during the recovery process, creating a favourable environment for civil society organisations and promoting civic participation, ensuring barrier-free access to information, and enhancing integrity across various domains.

This Plan sets out specific objectives aimed at addressing key issues in the relevant areas, introducing new digital tools, and aligning national legislation and practices with European Union standards and current international approaches to open government. The tasks will be implemented through collaboration among executive authorities, civil society organisations, the business sector and other stakeholder organisations, thereby facilitating the further development of cross-sectoral partnerships in Ukraine.

Ukraine's Achievements in Implementing the Open Government Partnership Initiative

Since joining the OGP Initiative, Ukraine has implemented six national action plans. The range of sectors and areas of public policy covered by open government initiatives is steadily expanding to include public procurement and sales, public finances, open science, extractive industries, infrastructure, anti-corruption, youth policy and the promotion of civic participation.

Partnerships between public authorities and civil society play a key role in the implementation of these measures. The active work of the Coordination Council on the Implementation of the OGP Initiative in Ukraine, involving representatives of public authorities and civil society, helps ensure the proper development of action plans, as well as the monitoring and evaluation of their implementation.

Ukraine has repeatedly received international recognition for its achievements in implementing open government, in particular: the reform of the public procurement system and the introduction of the Prozorro electronic public procurement system received the Open Government Awards (2016); the launch of the Prozorro.Sales e-auction system received the OGP Impact Award Europe (2021); and the implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy, in particular the development of the Information System for Monitoring the Implementation of State Anti-Corruption Policy, received the Regional Awards (National) Europe (2025). In 2023, at the OGP Global Summit, Ukraine received an award for sustaining and advancing open government in the context of the Russian Federation's full-scale armed aggression.

Another important achievement is the expansion and further development of open government at the local level. Ukrainian local communities ('territorial hromadas') participating in the OGP Local programme (Vinnytsia, Kyiv, Zviahel, Ternopil and Khmelnytskyi City Councils and Orzhytsia Settlement Council) are implementing local action plans to increase the transparency of local budgets, expand opportunities for community residents to participate, and develop open data and e-services. The practical experience of these local communities is taken into account in developing national open government policy and used to disseminate successful practices among other local authorities.

Ukraine actively participates in the global Open Gov Challenge, both at the level of central executive authorities and local communities. Participation in the competition demonstrates a commitment to combining anti-corruption and infrastructure reforms, as well as digitalisation, with open government approaches, and reflects Ukraine's readiness to present and share its experience with the international Open Government Partnership community.

In developing this Action Plan, the results achieved in implementing the OGP Initiative in previous years have been taken into account to ensure a consistent and comprehensive approach. In particular, efforts will continue to improve transparency and accountability in public investment and the extractive industries, and to promote open science and civic participation.

Preparation and Discussion of New Commitments under the Open Government Partnership Initiative

This Action Plan has been developed with due regard to the OGP Initiative's Standards for Participation and Co-Creation, in particular the requirements for stakeholder engagement, process openness, public consultations and ensuring multilateral participation.

The Coordination Council on the Implementation of the OGP Initiative in Ukraine — a national multi-stakeholder forum comprising representatives of public authorities and civil society organisations — has approved a provisional timetable for the development of this Action Plan. The timetable was published on the Government Portal and on the official Facebook page of the Open Government Partnership Initiative in Ukraine.

The Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine published a notice announcing the launch of the call for proposals for the Action Plan on the Government Portal and the official Facebook page of the OGP Initiative in Ukraine. An animated video was also created and shared on social media to publicise the launch of the call for proposals and encourage a wide range of stakeholders to get involved in the process.

Information on the development of the Action Plan and the call for proposals was also provided to participants at public events organised by the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, civil society organisations and international organisations during Open Gov Week 2025. These events included the forum “The Open Government Partnership and Access to Public Information: Challenges during Wartime”; the conference “(De)occupied and Frontline Communities on the Path to Recovery: Institutional Solutions”; and the first national forum of OGP Local coordination councils, “OGP Local – Ukrainian Resilience”.

To jointly identify key challenges and possible solutions, the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, together with its partners, organised a strategic session entitled “Open Government: Identifying Priority Areas for a New Action Plan”. During the event, experts, representatives of civil society organisations and international organisations analysed challenges and issues of public concern, identified policy areas where the use of open government tools could have the greatest impact, and outlined potential areas for future commitments.

During the development of the Action Plan, particular attention was given to youth engagement, with two dedicated events held for young people — one in the form of a World Café and the other as an interactive game.

In total, as part of the development of this Action Plan, the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine organised six public consultations attended by representatives of civil society organisations, state authorities, local self-government bodies and international organisations. The events were organised in partnership with civil society and international organisations, including the International Renaissance Foundation; the non-governmental organisations Initiative Center to Support Social Action “Ednannia” and Civil Society Development Forum; the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ); and the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairpersonship – Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine.

Citizens, representatives of civil society organisations and other stakeholders also had the opportunity to submit their proposals online by completing the relevant form.

Thus, over the course of four months, various platforms were established to facilitate collaboration among the Government, civil society, local self-government bodies and international partners in jointly developing future commitments.

The proposals received during the public consultations and online have been collated by the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and assessed, together with members of the Coordination Council, for compliance with the principles of the Open Government Partnership Initiative. Following the assessment, the proposed measures were put forward for consideration during

coordination meetings attended by representatives of central executive authorities, civil society organisations and international organisations.

Information on the progress of the development of the Action Plan, as well as the methods and timelines for engaging the public, was published on the Government Portal and the official Facebook page of the Open Government Partnership Initiative in Ukraine, thereby ensuring transparency throughout the process.

Following consultations and discussions, Ukraine's commitments under the Open Government Partnership Initiative for 2026–2027 have been defined. These commitments will be implemented by executive authorities in partnership with civil society organisations, the business sector and international organisations. Some of the activities will be submitted to the Open Gov Challenge competition, creating additional opportunities to showcase Ukraine's experience.

Measures to Implement the Action Plan

Transforming public investment management for recovery and development at the local and regional levels through the implementation of best practices in open government and open contracting.

The recovery and development of each community and region depend largely on the proper planning, preparation, prioritisation and implementation of public investment projects that are aligned with the strategic objectives of local communities and regions, as well as the interests of their residents and businesses. At the same time, the lack of clear mechanisms to ensure that these processes are carried out in accordance with the 'build back better' principle, with stakeholders involved in decision-making and monitoring, poses a significant challenge.

Based on the findings of the public investment management assessment carried out by the Government of Ukraine in collaboration with the World Bank, more than 15 different approaches to developing investment projects are currently used in Ukraine. However, there are no standardised procedures for their evaluation, the creation of a single project portfolio for prioritisation, funding allocation or monitoring of implementation. The standards for project design are outdated and do not take into account the 'build back better' principle. Investment decisions are often taken without considering strategic priorities; the level of transparency in these processes remains low; and citizens are largely excluded from discussions on the feasibility of investments and from subsequent monitoring of their implementation.

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is implementing a public investment management reform aimed at establishing a comprehensive, sustainable and effective system that ensures investment projects are planned in line with strategic priorities and the medium-term budgetary framework and selected in accordance with standardised and transparent procedures and clear criteria. As part of the reform, the Roadmap for Reforming Public Investment Management for 2024–2028 and an action plan for its implementation were approved (Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine [No. 588](#) of 18 June 2024), and the Strategic Investment Council was established (Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine [No. 549](#) of 14 May 2024). New methodological approaches to the preparation, evaluation and prioritisation of investment projects were introduced, a Unified Portfolio of Public Investment Projects was established, and implementation of the reform at the local level has begun. In addition, part of the functionality of the DREAM system has been developed to enable the digital transformation of the aforementioned processes and the Geographic Information System for Regional Development.

To address the existing problems, the following measures are proposed, in particular:

to expand the functionality of the DREAM and the GIS for Regional Development using artificial intelligence tools to improve the quality of technical and economic feasibility studies, taking into account best practices;

to ensure broader access to information on public investment;

to introduce mechanisms for civic participation in the management of public investment.

The expected outcomes of these measures are:

improved quality of planning and the effectiveness of public investment project implementation;

increased participation of citizens and the private sector in decision-making on investment planning and implementation in local communities;

reduced corruption risks during the planning and implementation of public investment;

increased confidence among citizens and international partners in the selection and implementation of public investment projects.

It is anticipated that this activity will be submitted to the Open Gov Challenge organised by the international Open Government Partnership Initiative, as it aims to bring about systemic transformation in public investment management for recovery and development by combining digital tools, open government approaches and open contracting with the introduction of transparent procedures and the strengthening of accountability mechanisms at the local and regional levels. The activity envisages a transition from fragmented approaches and limited transparency to cross-cutting digitalisation of the key stages of the investment cycle (planning, preparation, prioritisation, selection, implementation and monitoring), expanded access to information, and the introduction of mechanisms for citizen and private-sector participation in discussing priorities and monitoring implementation. These measures will help reduce corruption risks and strengthen confidence in the recovery processes. Given the planned introduction of procedures and tools to engage citizens and other stakeholders in decision-making and the monitoring of investment projects, the main thematic area of the Open Gov Challenge in which the activity will be presented is digital governance. This is because the key implementation tool is the development and integration of digital systems to ensure the systematic disclosure of data and support management decision-making. An additional focus area is civic participation.

Steps	Responsible agency	Completion time/period	Partners	Delivery indication
1. Integration of artificial intelligence tools into the DREAM system to support the preparation of public investment projects at local and regional levels	Ministry of Communities and Territories Development	June 2026 – September 2027	Open Contracting Partnership Initiative (subject to consent) civil society organisations (subject to consent) international organisations, development	A number of AI-based services have been developed and implemented for use with the DREAM system

			partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	
2. The implementation of the GIS for Regional Development in all territorial local communities and regions, and its integration with the DREAM system	Ministry of Communities and Territories Development	June 2026 – December 2027	Open Contracting Partnership Initiative (subject to consent) civil society organisations (subject to consent) international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	The GIS for Regional Development has been implemented and is in use across all regions and in at least 90 per cent of the local communities
3. Implementation of an awareness-raising campaign aimed at government authorities, citizens and international partners regarding opportunities for interaction and cooperation at all stages of the life cycles of public investment projects at local and regional levels	Ministry of Communities and Territories Development	July 2026 – December 2027	Open Contracting Partnership Initiative (subject to consent) civil society organisations (subject to consent) international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	The awareness-raising campaign has been carried out across all regions
4. Development and implementation of a comprehensive set of tools for accessing information on public investment	Ministry of Communities and Territories Development	June – December 2026	Open Contracting Partnership Initiative (subject to consent) civil society organisations (subject to consent)	Functionality to manage public investments via the public portal, analytics module, an interactive map and the DREAM

projects via the DREAM platform and the GIS for Regional Development (including a public portal, an analytics module, an interactive map, and open data in compliance with the OCDS standard)			international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	application programming interface, as well as the display of community and regional development strategies on the GIS for Regional Development portal, has been implemented.
5. The introduction of mechanisms for civic participation in the discussion and planning of public investment projects at local and regional levels using the DREAM platform, the GIS for Regional Development, other IT tools and offline mechanisms	Ministry of Communities and Territories Development	July 2026 – December 2027	Open Contracting Partnership Initiative (subject to consent) civil society organisations (subject to consent) international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	A methodology has been developed for civic participation in planning and implementation of public investments. The trial functionality of the DREAM/GIS for Regional Development has been implemented to pilot the methodology
6. The introduction of a feedback mechanism regarding identified opportunities or shortcomings in the implementation of public investment projects at local and regional levels	Ministry of Communities and Territories Development	January – December 2027	Open Contracting Partnership Initiative (subject to consent) civil society organisations (subject to consent) international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	The feedback mechanism has been developed. The trial functionality of DREAM/GIS for Regional Development has been implemented to pilot such a mechanism.

Launch of a Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue Platform to Integrate Standards of Responsible Business Conduct into Recovery Processes at the National and Local Levels

At present, Ukraine lacks a standardised approach to conducting integrity and social responsibility audits of businesses involved in reconstruction projects. Even where financial control mechanisms are available, issues relating to respect for human rights, adherence to environmental standards and principles of corporate ethics are often not adequately integrated into the procedures for selecting and managing contractors, creating a risk that companies with reputational concerns may be involved in the implementation of recovery projects. Under such circumstances, the main tools of public oversight tend to focus on responding to breaches after they have occurred, rather than exerting a preventive influence on the rules and criteria governing the selection of contractors.

The main reason is insufficient coordination of approaches and communication among the key stakeholders in the recovery process: public authorities focus on deadlines and the cost of the work, businesses are concerned about profits, while the public seeks to exercise oversight and mitigate risks. The lack of a standardised process for agreeing on responsible business conduct criteria prior to the commencement of procurement procedures and project implementation limits the ability to establish rules jointly. At the same time, the existing digital tools, in particular the ProZorro and DREAM systems, ensure procedural transparency and provide data on projects and procurements. However, they do not include a harmonised set of indicators that would make it possible to assess aspects of responsible business conduct (ESG criteria) as part of risk management in reconstruction.

Ukraine has declared its commitment to European integration and has adhered to the OECD Guidelines for Responsible Business Conduct (RBC). As part of Ukraine's participation in the Open Government Partnership Initiative, open data tools and registers were established at an earlier stage to support the verification of information on beneficial owners, and the DREAM digital ecosystem for recovery management was launched, enabling the display of an extensive dataset on projects and contractors. At the same time, such tools often operate separately from RBC policies, while system-wide coordination of approaches to their integration and practical application in the recovery process remains limited.

With a view to addressing these shortcomings, it is proposed to launch a multi-stakeholder platform for consultations and organising the work process within the framework of the open government architecture. The platform will operate through a series of regular strategic sessions and thematic working groups involving public authorities, businesses, civil society organisations and experts, and will aim to develop a 'Code of Responsible Recovery' and practical checklists for business entities. The solution also provides for the development of recommendations for entities commissioning works under recovery projects, to ensure that the criteria established on the platform (human rights, environmental aspects and anti-corruption policies) are taken into account when planning and implementing the relevant procedures. The proposed approach will make it possible to improve the predictability and quality of reconstruction by agreeing on the rules and criteria in advance and making them transparent to the public.

The expected outcomes of these measures are:

a sustainable framework for open dialogue has been established. As part of this framework, criteria for RBC in relation to participation in reconstruction are being developed with the involvement of stakeholders, including civil society.

recommendations on the application of RBC principles in public procurement and recovery projects, as well as methodological guidance for public monitoring of the non-financial aspects of contractors' activities, have been developed. This will contribute to strengthening trust in the recovery management system, including among international partners.

transparency has been improved through the disclosure of non-financial information about companies (in particular, ESG indicators and compliance policies), and harmonised data standards have been developed that can be applied to participation in recovery projects on a voluntary or regulated basis;

mutual accountability tools have been introduced: public authorities report on the incorporation of agreed approaches into their recovery management practices, while businesses report on their compliance with RBC standards through due diligence procedures relating to corporate sustainability. The public verifies the information and provides feedback, helping to strengthen contractors' accountability for minimising negative social and environmental impacts and respecting the rights of residents of territorial local communities during project implementation.

Steps	Responsible agency	Completion time/period	Partners	Delivery indication
1. Launch of a multi-stakeholder dialogue platform and development of a roadmap for its operation	Ministry of Economy and Environment Ministry of Communities and Territories Development Ministry of Justice National Agency on Corruption Prevention other relevant executive authorities	June – September 2026	United Nations Development Programme in Ukraine (subject to consent) other international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent) Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University (subject to consent) local self-government bodies (subject to consent) NGO Social Action Centre (subject to consent)	At least three multi-stakeholder meetings have been held, and the working arrangements of the multi-stakeholder dialogue platform have been agreed; thematic sub-groups have been set up, focusing on human rights, environmental issues, corruption prevention and other relevant areas; priority areas for the implementation of RBC standards have been identified; a roadmap for the operation of the multi-stakeholder

			other civil society organisations (subject to consent)	dialogue platform has been drawn up.
2. Preparation and publication of guidelines on responsible business conduct during the recovery process	Ministry of Economy and Environment Ministry of Communities and Territories Development Ministry of Justice National Agency on Corruption Prevention other relevant executive authorities	September – December 2026	business associations (subject to consent) local self-government bodies (subject to consent) civil society organisations (subject to consent) international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	The draft guidelines have been developed based on input from the sub-groups and set out practical criteria and indicators for integrity and responsible business conduct; the draft guidelines have been released for public consultation; the finalised version of the guidelines has been presented and recommended for use.
3. Organisation of training on the application of the guidelines at the national and local levels	Ministry of Economy and Environment National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service	January – December 2027	civil society organisations (subject to consent) local self-government bodies (subject to consent) international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	A training course/module has been developed; training sessions on the practical application of the guidelines have been held for contracting authorities, including territorial hromadas, and businesses.
4. Organisation of pilot	Ministry of Economy and	January – December 2027	civil society organisations	The guidelines have been piloted in

implementation of the guidelines in selected recovery projects and preparation of a report on the results of the multi-stakeholder dialogue platform's work	Environment	(subject to consent) selected recovery projects;
	Ministry of Communities and Territories Development	local self-government bodies (subject to consent) a public assessment (shadow report) has been carried out;
	Agency for Recovery	international organisations, a report on the development results of the multi-partners engaged in stakeholder international dialogue platform technical assistance has been published. projects (programmes) (subject to consent)

Improving Transparency and Accountability in the Extractive Industries in Accordance with the Updated International Standard of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

This Action Plan provides for the continued implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in Ukraine, building on the experience gained under previous action plans for the Open Government Partnership Initiative. In 2023, the international EITI Board adopted a new standard for the sound management of oil, gas and mineral resources (hereinafter referred to as the 2023 EITI Standard). Therefore, it has become necessary to update national legislation and reporting practices in line with the new requirements. Currently, [the Law of Ukraine](#) “On Ensuring Transparency in the Extractive Industries” does not fully incorporate the provisions of the 2023 EITI Standard, in particular with regard to the disclosure of information on greenhouse gas emissions, gender aspects, social and environmental impacts, the energy transition and anti-corruption policies. This limits data analysis and public oversight and reduces the effectiveness of governance in the sector.

To ensure the effective implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in Ukraine, it is necessary to streamline the preparation and publication of the annual Country Report on its implementation through the EITI online platform, ensure effective coordination and communication among all stakeholders, and comply with the requirements of the 2023 EITI Standard and the recommendations issued by the EITI International Secretariat following the validation carried out in 2024.

The EITI Country Report covers a wide range of data on the activities of the extractive sector, including not only information on payments but also statistical and contextual indicators of public interest. Every year, the amount of information disclosed increases significantly, making the EITI Country Report an increasingly lengthy document. A considerable amount of data has already been published on the EITI online platform in Ukraine; however, the new requirements of the 2023 EITI Standard call for an even greater volume of information to be collected, analysed and published. The digitalisation of reporting processes, the automation of data collection and the transition to the

systematic disclosure of information by reporting entities will enhance user-friendliness, improve the understanding of data and ensure its effective use by all stakeholders.

It is envisaged that conditions will be created to enable reporting entities to submit their reports directly via the EITI online platform in Ukraine, which will help to improve the quality and timeliness of annual reports. It is also essential to draft amendments to [the Law of Ukraine](#) “On Ensuring Transparency in the Extractive Industries”, expand the scope of information subject to disclosure, including data on greenhouse gas emissions, social and environmental projects, reserves, projections, anti-corruption programmes and gender aspects, and introduce requirements for the publication of the results of post-project monitoring and environmental audits. It is also important to refine the terminology and procedures relating to production-sharing agreements.

The expected outcomes of these measures are:

processes for collecting, analysing and disseminating information on the extractive industries have been improved, and opportunities for public oversight in the sector have been enhanced;

Ukraine’s international obligations under the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative have been fulfilled, and the conditions have been created for the successful completion of the next validation round in accordance with the 2023 EITI Standard;

The principles of sustainable development and the energy transition have been integrated into the management of the extractive industries.

It is anticipated that this activity will be submitted to the Open Gov Challenge organised by the international Open Government Partnership, as it aims to update the national regulatory and institutional framework for transparency in the extractive industries and to digitise and systematise data disclosure through the EITI online platform in Ukraine. Despite the ongoing shelling and destruction of energy, gas and other extractive-industry infrastructure, Ukraine will ensure the continued implementation of the EITI and transition from a predominantly reporting-based approach to the systematic digital disclosure of an expanded range of data, while enhancing public accountability and opportunities for public oversight. The main thematic area of the Open Gov Challenge in which the activity will be presented is the fight against corruption, as its implementation will help to increase the transparency of financial flows and management decisions in the sector, expand the scope of mandatory disclosure, improve reporting rules and strengthen mechanisms for preventing corruption risks. An additional thematic area is digital governance, given the introduction of digital reporting tools, the automation of data collection and the publication of data via the EITI online platform in Ukraine.

Steps	Responsible agency	Completion time/period	Partners	Delivery indication
1. Launch of the EITI online platform in Ukraine	Ministry of Energy State Tax Service Ukrainian Geological Survey	June 2026 – December 2027	Energy Transparency Association (subject to consent) other civil society organisations (subject to consent)	The EITI online platform in Ukraine has been commissioned for full-scale operation; the main part of Ukraine's EITI Country Report has

	Ministry of Economy and Environment		Multi-stakeholder group on the implementation of the EITI in Ukraine (subject to consent)	been prepared in digital format; draft regulatory acts have been prepared to provide for the digitalisation of data collection and analysis processes via the EITI online platform in Ukraine.
	Ministry of Justice		German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) (subject to consent)	
			International Renaissance Foundation (subject to consent)	
			other international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	
2. Conducting public consultations on the disclosure of data and information in accordance with the requirements of the 2023 EITI Standard, in particular with regard to greenhouse gas emissions, gender issues, social and environmental projects, anti-corruption policies, post-project monitoring and environmental auditing, as well as refining the	Ministry of Energy State Tax Service Ukrainian Geological Survey Ministry of Economy and Environment	June 2026 – December 2027	Energy Transparency Association (subject to consent) other civil society organisations (subject to consent) Multi-stakeholder group on the implementation of the EITI in Ukraine (subject to consent) German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) (subject to consent) International	At least five events were held as part of the public consultation process.

terminology and procedures related to production-sharing agreements and other aspects of operations in the extractive industries

Renaissance Foundation (subject to consent)

other international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)

Secretariat of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (subject to consent)

3. Drafting proposals for amendments to legislation on transparency and accountability in the extractive industries

Ministry of Energy June 2026 – December 2027

Ministry of Digital Transformation

Ministry of Economy and Environment

Ministry of Justice

Ministry of Finance

State Tax Service

Ukrainian Geological Survey

Energy Transparency Association (subject to consent)

other civil society organisations (subject to consent)

Multi-stakeholder group on the implementation of the EITI in Ukraine (subject to consent)

other international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)

A draft bill has been drawn up and submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine for review.

4. Development of a Ministry of Energy communications strategy for the implementation of the EITI in Ukraine		June 2026 – December 2027	Energy Transparency Association (subject to consent)	The communications strategy for the implementation of the EITI in Ukraine has been developed and approved.
	State Tax Service		other civil society organisations (subject to consent)	
	Ukrainian Geological Survey			
	Ministry of Economy and Environment		Multi-stakeholder group on the implementation of the EITI in Ukraine (subject to consent)	
			German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) (subject to consent)	
			International Renaissance Foundation (subject to consent)	
			other international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	

Development and Implementation of an Online Tool for the Self-Assessment of Transparency and Integrity in Higher Education Institutions

At present, higher education institutions lack a widely accessible and standardised tool for assessing the level of transparency and integrity, which makes it difficult to identify their strengths and areas for improvement and limits opportunities for the systematic improvement of their management, financial and educational processes. Information on key procedures and decisions at higher education institutions is often fragmented or presented in a way that is difficult for students and the public to understand. The lack of clear, structured and accessible analytical information limits the ability to make informed choices about educational pathways and undermines confidence in the

national science and education system. The aforementioned problem is systemic and is becoming increasingly relevant in the context of digital transformation and growing demands for transparency in public administration.

The main challenge is the lack of standardisation in approaches to assessing openness, transparency and integrity at higher education institutions. Limited financial and human resources make it difficult to engage external experts to carry out an independent assessment, whilst insufficient digitalisation of self-assessment processes reduces the efficiency of data collection and analysis. The lack of automated recommendations also limits the ability to translate assessment findings into practical management decisions.

In 2023, the National Agency on Corruption Prevention launched the ‘Transparent Universities’ project. As part of the project, higher education institutions have the opportunity to introduce the course ‘Anti-Corruption and Integrity’ for students (to date, it has been introduced by more than 90 higher education institutions), participate in awareness-raising and training activities for teaching staff and students, and make use of the Recommendations on the application of tools and mechanisms for transforming various areas of higher education institutions’ operations in accordance with the principles of transparency, openness and integrity. As part of the implementation of the [2023–2025 Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership Initiative](#), approved by Order No. 1049 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 17 November 2023, the National Agency on Corruption Prevention has developed recommendations on transparency and integrity for staff at higher education institutions (‘Recommendations on Building Integrity’) and piloted them at a number of higher education institutions.

To further develop the above approaches, it is envisaged to introduce an online self-assessment tool for measuring the level of transparency and integrity in higher education institutions. The tool will comprise structured sets of questions covering key areas of higher education institutions’ activities and provide for the automated calculation of results. Following completion of the self-assessment, the higher education institution will receive a report containing an overall assessment of its level of transparency and integrity, as well as personalised recommendations on practical steps for improvement. The proposed solution focuses on automation, practical outcomes and minimising the resources required for its implementation, which will help to make self-assessment more accessible and facilitate its regular use.

The expected outcomes of these measures are:

a tool for regular self-assessment and operational improvement, as well as for enhancing the transparency of management, educational and financial processes, has been introduced at higher education institutions;

students, applicants and their parents, as well as other stakeholders, have gained improved access to information on the level of transparency and integrity of higher education institutions;

conditions for fostering a culture of integrity in higher education have been created.

Steps	Responsible agency	Completion time/period	Partners	Delivery indication
1. Development of conceptual approaches and the	National Agency on Corruption Prevention	June – August 2026	higher education institutions (subject to consent)	The structure of the online tool and the list of assessment

structure of an online tool for the self-assessment of transparency and integrity in higher education institutions	Ministry of Education and Science		civil society organisations (subject to consent) education experts (subject to consent) international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	indicators have been approved
2. Technical development of the online tool	National Agency on Corruption Prevention	September – December 2026	civil society organisations (subject to consent) international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	A trial version of the online tool has been developed
3. Piloting and refining the online tool	National Agency on Corruption Prevention Ministry of Education and Science	January – March 2027	higher education institutions (subject to consent) civil society organisations (subject to consent) international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	Pilot testing of the online tool has been conducted, and recommendations for its further development have been taken into account.

4. Commissioning of the online tool and its roll-out to higher education institutions	National Agency on Corruption Prevention	April – December 2027	higher education institutions (subject to consent)	The online tool has been commissioned, and higher education institutions have begun to use it.
	Ministry of Education and Science		civil society organisations (subject to consent)	
			international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	
			media partners (subject to consent)	

Improving Integrity Management within the National Police

At present, the National Police continues to face the challenge of fragmented integrity management tools. The processes of training, reviewing candidates and conducting anti-corruption assessments are handled separately, often using paper-based records or incompatible electronic formats. This fragmentation of data and procedures makes it difficult to conduct a comprehensive analysis of corruption risks, reduces the effectiveness of management decisions and limits a holistic understanding of the state of integrity within the agency.

The main reason is the lack of a unified digital environment that brings together the key elements of anti-corruption management into a single management cycle. The existing solutions are not synchronised with one another: learning outcomes are not integrated with HR procedures, and document review relies heavily on human input and lacks sufficient automation.

To address this issue, the architecture for the ‘Integrity Police’ platform has been developed. The platform is currently being tested, and individual modules have been implemented, including the online course ‘Building Integrity’, checklists for assessing candidates and basic reporting forms. The project has received positive feedback from international partners, including the European Union Advisory Mission in Ukraine and NATO, as a promising tool for strengthening integrity and reducing corruption risks.

Further integration of the existing digital components—training, analytics, reporting and candidate assessment—into a single, comprehensive platform is planned as part of a pilot project within the National Police. Implementation of the solution will ensure the end-to-end digitalisation of integrity management processes, whereby data generated in one module will be automatically used in others, resulting in an integrated and interconnected decision-making process.

The expected outcomes of these measures are:

a fully functional model for digital integrity management within the National Police has been created;

the National Police leadership has been provided with tools for the prompt assessment of and response to potential corruption risks;

opportunities for public oversight of compliance with the principles of integrity within the National Police have been increased through public access to open data and reports, as well as feedback tools and channels for reporting violations.

Steps	Responsible agency	Completion time/period	Partners	Delivery indication
1. Technical refinement and integration of all modules (training, analytics and reporting) into a single 'Integrity Police' platform, followed by its pilot commissioning at National Police Headquarters	National Police National Agency on Corruption Prevention	June – July 2026	European Union Advisory Mission in Ukraine (subject to consent) NATO Representation to Ukraine (subject to consent) civil society organisations (subject to consent) international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	The 'Integrity Police' platform is now operational as a single product
2. The roll-out of the pilot project across all units of the National Police, including regional offices	National Agency on Corruption Prevention	June 2026 – July 2027	NATO Building Integrity Programme (subject to consent) civil society organisations (subject to consent)	100 per cent of personnel are covered by digital integrity tools; reporting processes have been automated.

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Visualisation of Open Data on Research Reporting by Higher Education Institutions and Research Organisations in the Ukrainian Research Information System (URIS)

At present, information on the research activities of higher education institutions and research organisations in Ukraine remains insufficiently transparent and accessible, making it difficult to carry out an objective assessment of the state of the research sector, reducing the effectiveness of management decisions and creating information barriers for a wide range of users. The public requires reliable information on the state of education and science; prospective students and their parents need analytical data to help them choose an educational institution; students and young researchers need guidance to support their development within the scientific community; employers and businesses need data to forecast human resource potential and identify potential partners; international partners require up-to-date information to make decisions on cooperation; and public authorities need information to support effective policymaking in the fields of education and science. The lack of clear, structured and accessible analytical information limits the opportunities available to citizens, investors and researchers, complicates choices about educational pathways and undermines confidence in the national science and education system.

In 2020, the Ministry of Education and Science initiated the development of the Ukrainian Research Information System (hereinafter referred to as URIS) and launched a centralised collection of data on the research activities of higher education institutions and research organisations as part of competitive selection processes, state accreditation, reporting campaigns, etc. URIS collates information on institutions, researchers, research teams, publications, participation in national and international projects, research findings and other indicators of scientific performance. At the initial stage, the core functionality for entering and searching for information was developed, the database structure was established, and procedures for collecting reports from higher education institutions and research organisations were put in place.

To further develop URIS, it is planned to introduce public dashboards that will provide a clear visual representation of key indicators of scientific performance at higher education institutions and research organisations and display this information on an interactive map of Ukraine. The interactive dashboards will feature graphs, charts, GIS tools and other visualisation options, enabling users to track trends over time, carry out comparative analyses of the activities of different institutions, and filter data according to specific criteria, such as field of science, region, funding levels or publication activity.

Implementing this task is in line with the principles of open science, which require research findings to be made public and data to be made available for analysis and reuse, subject to any applicable restrictions.

Creating public dashboards and an interactive map within URIS will help to increase the transparency of research activities by making key indicators available in an open format to all stakeholders, thereby facilitating convenient analysis and supporting informed decision-making by public authorities, society, the business sector and international partners. Spatial analysis of data displayed on the map will make it possible to assess the regional distribution of the country's scientific potential, which is particularly important in the context of the wartime and post-war relocation of institutions.

The expected outcomes of these measures are:

information on scientific activities is open, well-structured and understandable to a wide range of users;

the quality of reporting and reliability of data from higher education institutions and research organisations have been improved;

quick access to key indicators and the ability to independently compare the performance of relevant institutions are provided through public dashboards and an interactive map.

Steps	Responsible agency	Completion time/period	Partners	Delivery indication
1. Review of national and international experience in the development of interactive maps and public dashboards, and drafting technical specifications	Ministry of Education and Science State Scientific and Technical Library (subject to consent)	June – August 2026	civil society organisations (subject to consent) international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	The technical specifications for the development of public dashboards and an interactive map have been drawn up and approved
2. Development and configuration of an interactive map of Ukrainian higher education institutions and research organisations within URIS	Ministry of Education and Science State Scientific and Technical Library (subject to consent)	July – December 2026	higher education institutions (subject to consent) academic institutions (subject to consent)	An interactive map has been developed, tested and put into trial operation

			expert organisations (subject to consent)	
			civil society organisations (subject to consent)	
			international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	
3. Development and configuration of public dashboards within URIS	Ministry of Education and Science State Scientific and Technical Library (subject to consent)	January – June 2027	higher education institutions (subject to consent) research organisations (subject to consent) expert organisations (subject to consent) civil society organisations (subject to consent) international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	Public dashboards have been developed, tested and put into trial operation
4. Training various user groups on how to use the interactive map and	Ministry of Education and Science	July – December 2027	civil society organisations (subject to consent) international organisations,	Training activities (webinars, online training sessions, etc.) have been held, and user

public dashboards in URIS	State Scientific and Technical Library (subject to consent)	development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	guides have been prepared
5. Ensuring the publication as open data of the 'Scientific reporting indicators for higher education institutions and research organisations under the remit of the Ministry of Education and Science, stored in the Ukrainian Research Information System (URIS)' dataset.	Ministry of Education and Science State Scientific and Technical Library (subject to consent)	September 2026 – September 2027	A dataset has been published as open data on the Unified State Open Data Web Portal.

Establishment of a National Research Data Repository

At present, Ukraine lacks a mechanism for the centralised storage, verification, cataloguing and provision of open access to research data. This challenge affects the entire research community in Ukraine, including researchers, academics, postgraduate students, postdoctoral researchers and doctoral candidates at higher education institutions and research organisations, as well as representatives of the business sector, the general public and international partners cooperating with Ukrainian research organisations.

The lack of an effective mechanism for managing research data leads to the potential loss of research findings, duplication of research activities, inefficient use of budget funds and the isolation of Ukrainian science from the European research space. Only a small proportion of Ukrainian academic institutions have their own institutional repositories, and the majority of research is published without disclosure of the underlying raw data. In terms of the openness of research data, Ukraine lags significantly behind European countries. In particular, the absence of a practice of assigning digital object identifiers (DOIs) to datasets prevents their reliable and consistent citation and hinders the recognition of data as an independent object of scientific activity subject to automated tracking. Furthermore, a significant proportion of the data is published in non-machine-readable formats (in particular as scanned copies of documents), which makes it impossible to process, aggregate and reuse them automatically. The aforementioned problem is systemic in nature, and has

a direct impact on the international visibility and citation rates of Ukrainian research and its competitiveness, as well as on Ukraine's ability to attract external funding and participate in joint research initiatives.

Ukraine continues to promote a culture of open science, particularly as part of the Open Government Partnership Initiative. In 2022, [the National Plan for Open Science](#) was adopted by Order No. 892 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 8 October 2022, which provides for the establishment of the relevant infrastructure. To date, individual elements of the digital research ecosystem have been established, including the Ukrainian Research Information System (URIS), the Open Ukrainian Citation Index (OUCI), the National Repository of Academic Texts, institutional repositories at leading universities, and pilot projects for a preprint archive and a research data repository within the National Academy of Sciences system.

At the same time, most existing initiatives focus on text-based publications rather than on raw research data. Therefore, there is no unified integrated system that complies with international standards and the FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable), which define proper research data management as a key element of open science. Adherence to the FAIR principles entails publishing such data in open, machine-readable formats with standardised metadata.

In this regard, there are plans to establish a National Research Data Repository that will cover the full research data management cycle—from data deposit and cataloguing to ensuring long-term access and reuse.

The key features of the National Research Data Repository include: the mandatory deposit of research data generated by projects funded from the government budget, in open, non-proprietary, machine-readable formats suitable for automated processing and reuse; the assignment of digital object identifiers (DOIs) to datasets; the use of controlled vocabularies and standardised metadata; integration with European research platforms; the creation of an application programming interface (API) for interaction with external systems; the provision of training for specialists; and the launch of a beta version of the repository.

The implementation of this activity will help to prevent the loss of research data, increase the accessibility of Ukrainian scientific outputs to the international community, and foster a culture of open science.

The expected outcomes of these measures are:

- a functional digital platform ensuring the long-term storage and management of, and open access to, research data for the Ukrainian and international scientific communities has been established;

- research data in open, machine-readable formats enabling their automated processing and reuse have been published;

- transparency in research, scientific and technical activities, the development of interdisciplinary and international cooperation, and integration with European scientific platforms have been ensured;

- increased visibility of Ukrainian research findings in global databases.

Steps	Responsible agency	Completion time/period	Partners	Delivery indication
1. Development of the regulation on the National Research Data Repository	Ministry of Education and Science State Scientific and Technical Library (subject to consent)	June – September 2026	civil society organisations (subject to consent) international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	The regulation on the National Research Data Repository has been developed
2. Deployment of the beta version of the National Research Data Repository	Ministry of Education and Science State Scientific and Technical Library (subject to consent)	June – July 2026	Committee on Data for Science and Technology of the International Science Council (subject to consent) civil society organisations (subject to consent) international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	Access to the beta version of the National Research Data Repository has been granted
3. Functionality testing of the National Research Data Repository	Ministry of Education and Science State Scientific and Technical	July – December 2026	higher education institutions (subject to consent) research institutions (subject to consent) civil society	Functionality for depositing datasets with assigned DOIs has been provided; access to statistical metrics on dataset

	Library (subject to consent)		organisations (subject to consent)	usage has been granted;
			international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	tests to verify compliance with the FAIR principles have been carried out; research data have been made publicly available in open, machine-readable formats.
4. Development of user guidelines for the National Research Data Repository	Ministry of Education and Science State Scientific and Technical Library (subject to consent)	October 2026 – April 2027	higher education institutions (subject to consent) research institutions (subject to consent) civil society organisations (subject to consent) international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	User and administrator guides have been developed
5. Training various user groups on how to use the National Research Data Repository	Ministry of Education and Science State Scientific and Technical Library (subject to consent)	May – December 2027	higher education institutions (subject to consent) research institutions (subject to consent) civil society organisations (subject to consent)	Training sessions have been held for various user groups of the National Research Data Repository

			international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	
6. Introduction of monitoring for the National Research Data Repository	Ministry of Education and Science State Scientific and Technical Library (subject to consent)	July – December 2027	civil society organisations (subject to consent) international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	A report on the activities of the National Research Data Repository is published on the official website of the State Scientific and Technical Library of Ukraine every six months

Development of the National Strategy for Promoting the Development of Civil Society in Ukraine for 2027–2032

Civil society plays a key role in democratic transformation, human rights protection and the development of social responsibility. Public authorities and local self-government bodies must create favourable conditions for the establishment and operation of civil society organisations, civic participation and cross-sectoral cooperation, in accordance with national legislation and with due regard to international standards.

From 2021 to 2026, Ukraine has been implementing [the National Strategy for Promoting the Development of Civil Society](#), approved by Presidential Decree No. 487 dated 7 September 2021. As part of the implementation of this Strategy, it has been possible, in particular, to improve the legal framework governing civic participation mechanisms (legislation on public consultations and popular sovereignty at the local self-government level); introduce and promote new tools for such participation (school budgets, public assemblies, etc.); simplify the procedure for registering civil society organisations and enable them to operate under a model statute; improve procedures for organising competitions to provide financial support for programmes (projects and events) implemented by civil society organisations; expand opportunities for involving civil society organisations in the provision of social services; and improve conditions for the development of civic education and volunteering.

At the same time, as a result of the Russian Federation's armed aggression against Ukraine and in the context of European integration, the state and society are facing new challenges that affect the development of civil society. To address these challenges, it is important to take additional measures to safeguard civic space and strengthen the capacity of civil society organisations, as well as to

implement updated legislation on civic participation and promote cross-sectoral partnerships for tackling issues of public importance. In this regard, there is a need to further develop and implement a consistent, comprehensive and coherent state policy to promote the development of civil society.

Given that the implementation period of [the National Strategy for Promoting the Development of Civil Society in Ukraine for 2021–2026](#), approved by Presidential Decree No. 487 of 7 September 2021, comes to an end in 2026, it is planned to organise, in collaboration with civil society organisations and experts, the drafting of the National Strategy for Promoting the Development of Civil Society in Ukraine for 2027–2032. The new Strategy will update the objectives of public policy in this area for the coming years, in line with European Commission Recommendation C(2023) 8627 of 12 December 2023 on promoting the engagement and effective participation of citizens and civil society organisations in public policy-making processes, insofar as it encourages states to adopt specific action plans or similar initiatives to maintain a safe and enabling civic space and ensure the effective participation of civil society organisations. Furthermore, the drafting of the National Strategy for Promoting the Development of Civil Society in Ukraine for 2027–2032 is envisaged by [the Roadmap on the Functioning of Democratic Institutions](#), approved by Order No. 475 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 14 May 2025.

The implementation of this activity will contribute to the development and implementation of a consistent, comprehensive and coherent state policy to promote the development of civil society, aimed at strengthening the institutional capacity of civil society organisations and their contribution to socio-economic life, expanding opportunities for civic participation, and developing cross-sectoral partnerships.

The expected outcomes of these measures are:

cooperation with civil society organisations, experts and other stakeholders has been established to discuss issues affecting the development of civil society in Ukraine and ways of addressing them;

the priority objectives of state policy to promote the development of civil society in Ukraine have been identified;

effective implementation of the European Commission's recommendations and the objectives of the Roadmap on the Functioning of Democratic Institutions has been ensured.

It is envisaged that this activity will be submitted for the Open Gov Challenge organised by the international OGP Initiative. The activity aims to identify public policy priorities for promoting the development of civil society in the context of martial law, recovery and European integration through the drafting, in collaboration with civil society organisations, of the National Strategy for Promoting the Development of Civil Society in Ukraine for 2027–2032. The draft of this Strategy will be based on the results of the implementation of the National Strategy for Promoting the Development of Civil Society for 2021–2026, while taking into account the new challenges arising from the Russian Federation's armed aggression, the needs of post-war recovery, and Ukraine's aspiration to join the European Union. The main thematic area of the Open Gov Challenge addressed by the activity is civic space, as the activity aims to identify public policy priorities for promoting the sustainable functioning and strengthening the capacity of civil society organisations. An additional thematic area is civic participation, given the envisaged joint development of priorities, practical implementation of improved legislation on civic participation, and dissemination of tools for engaging the public in the development and implementation of public policy.

Steps	Responsible agency	Completion time/period	Partners	Delivery indication
1. Organisation of public consultations to collect proposals for the draft National Strategy for Promoting the Development of Civil Society in Ukraine for 2027–2032	Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine Ministry of Justice relevant executive authorities	June – September 2026	Initiative Center to Support Social Action “Ednannia” (subject to consent) Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (subject to consent) Centre for Democracy and Rule of Law (subject to consent) other civil society organisations (subject to consent) OSCE Support Programme for Ukraine (subject to consent) International Renaissance Foundation (subject to consent) United Nations Development Programme (subject to consent) other international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent) local self-government bodies (subject to consent)	At least five events involving representatives of civil society organisations, international organisations, local self-government bodies, academic institutions and experts have been held

			academic institutions, experts (subject to consent)	
2. Preparation of the draft National Strategy for Promoting the Development of Civil Society in Ukraine for 2027–2032, taking into account proposals received through public consultations	Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine relevant executive authorities	August – November 2026	Initiative Center to Support Social Action “Ednannia” (subject to consent) Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (subject to consent) Centre for Democracy and Rule of Law (subject to consent) other civil society organisations (subject to consent) OSCE Support Programme for Ukraine (subject to consent) International Renaissance Foundation (subject to consent) United Nations Development Programme (subject to consent) other international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	A draft National Strategy has been drawn up

			local self-government bodies (subject to consent)	
			academic institutions, experts (subject to consent)	
3. Public consultations on the draft act on the adoption of the National Strategy for Promoting the Development of Civil Society in Ukraine for 2027–2032 and its coordination with the relevant executive authorities	Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine relevant executive authorities	November – December 2026	Initiative Center to Support Social Action “Ednannia” (subject to consent) Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (subject to consent) Centre for Democracy and Rule of Law (subject to consent) other civil society organisations (subject to consent) OSCE Support Programme for Ukraine (subject to consent) International Renaissance Foundation (subject to consent) United Nations Development Programme (subject to consent) other international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	The draft act has been published for public consultation, revised in the light of the feedback received, and coordinated with the relevant executive authorities.

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institutions, experts
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4. Submission of a draft act on the approval of the National Strategy for Promoting the Development of Civil Society in Ukraine for 2027–2032 to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.	Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine	February 2027	The National Strategy for Promoting the Development of Civil Society in Ukraine for 2027–2032 has been approved.
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Implementation of Plain Language Principles in Communications between the State and Citizens to Ensure Equal Access to Public Information

Access to official information in Ukraine can be challenging for various groups of citizens due to the way such information is presented and the channels through which it is distributed, particularly for people with disabilities, older people and people with reduced mobility. This highlights the need to ensure that such information is accessible and understandable to all. The problem has become particularly acute in the context of the Russian Federation’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

The most common challenges include difficulties in understanding official documents, an overly bureaucratic writing style, a lack of clear explanations and visual aids, and insufficient adaptation to the needs of different population groups. Official government websites, official announcements, information on public services and other information of public interest often fail to meet accessibility standards (for example, they may lack alternative text for images or plain-language versions of texts, etc.). People with visual, hearing or cognitive impairments face daily barriers to accessing vital public information, participating in public debates and understanding their legal obligations.

The problem becomes more acute during crises, such as armed conflicts, natural disasters or emergencies, when receiving clear information in a timely manner is a matter of safety and survival. During such periods, vulnerable groups find themselves in a state of even greater isolation due to the inaccessibility or excessive complexity of official communications.

In order to address the aforementioned issues, the Government of Ukraine has taken a number of important measures. Thus, in 2023, pursuant to Order No. 1046 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 17 November 2023, [the Recommendations on the Presentation of Information by Public Authorities in Formats That Ensure Its Accessibility](#) were approved. In addition, [the Communication Strategy for the Creation of a Barrier-Free Environment in Ukraine for the Period up to 2030](#) was

approved by Resolution No. 1301 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 20 December 2024, together with [an Operational Action Plan for 2025–2026](#) for its implementation, approved by Resolution No. 649 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 2 July 2025.

In May 2025, the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine presented the educational series ‘Plain Language for Complex Topics’, and in June 2025, a nationwide communication campaign for social change, ‘Barrier-Free Means You Can’, was launched. In March 2026, the Ministry of Culture, in collaboration with the National Agency on Civil Service, launched a general short-term professional development programme entitled ‘Communicating Accessibility in the Civil Service’ for civil servants holding **Category ‘B’** and **“C”** positions and local self-government officials in Categories III–VII. Training under the programme was provided.

To address this issue systematically in the future, there are plans to develop and implement a methodology for self-assessing the accessibility of official information published by public authorities. The methodology will be based on international standards, comply with the requirements of Ukrainian legislation, be piloted and subsequently rolled out across central executive bodies. It is also envisaged that annual audits will be conducted and their results will be made publicly available.

These solutions are designed to address systemic gaps in the field of communications (policies, tools and standards) and strengthen human capacity, thereby ensuring long-term institutional change.

The expected outcomes of these measures are:

a national methodology for auditing communications in plain language has been introduced;

the institutional capacity of public authorities has been strengthened, and civil servants’ awareness of inclusive communication, the use of plain language and the need to ensure the accessibility of information has been raised, helping to improve the quality of communication with citizens;

annual accessibility audits have been introduced, with their results made publicly available.

Steps	Responsible agency	Completion time/period	Partners	Delivery indication
1. Development of a methodology for self-assessment of the accessibility of official information published by public authorities	Ministry of Culture	May – June 2026	civil society organisations (subject to consent) local self-government bodies (subject to consent) United Nations Development Programme in Ukraine (subject to consent) other international organisations,	A methodology for self-assessment of the accessibility of official information published by public authorities has been developed.

			development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	
2. Development of training materials for civil servants on the use of the methodology for self-assessment of the accessibility of official information published by public authorities	Ministry of Culture	June – August 2026	civil society organisations (subject to consent) local self-government bodies (subject to consent) United Nations Development Programme in Ukraine (subject to consent) other international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	Training materials for civil servants on the use of the methodology for self-assessment of the accessibility of official information published by public authorities have been developed.
3. Training of civil servants in the use of the methodology for self-assessment of the accessibility of official information published by public authorities	Ministry of Culture	June – December 2026	civil society organisations (subject to consent) local self-government bodies (subject to consent) United Nations Development Programme in Ukraine (subject to consent) other international organisations,	At least 50 civil servants have been trained in the use of the methodology for self-assessment of the accessibility of official information published by public authorities.

			development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	
4. Audit of plain language communication and the accessibility of official websites of central executive authorities	Ministry of Culture	January – June 2027	civil society organisations (subject to consent) United Nations Development Programme in Ukraine (subject to consent) other international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	An audit of plain language communication and the accessibility of official websites of central executive authorities has been carried out.
5. Preparation of a report on the findings of the audit of plain language communication and the accessibility of official websites of central executive authorities	Ministry of Culture	June – December 2027	civil society organisations (subject to consent) United Nations Development Programme in Ukraine (subject to consent) other international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	A report on the audit findings has been prepared and published on the Ministry of Culture's official website.

Strengthening Civic Participation through the Introduction of Deliberative Democracy Mechanisms

Civic participation is an important component of democratic processes in Ukraine, including during martial law. In particular, during 2022–2025, as part of the implementation of the Open Government Partnership Initiative and [the National Strategy for Promoting the Development of Civil Society in Ukraine for 2021–2026](#), approved by Presidential Decree No. 487 dated 7 September 2021, legislation on civic participation at the level of local communities, as well as legislation on public consultations during the development and implementation of public policies and the resolution of issues of local importance, has been improved.

At the same time, to further develop democratic processes, it is important to expand the range of mechanisms and tools for civic participation and to study and implement the standards and best practices of international organisations, the European Union and its Member States.

In accordance with Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)4 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to Member States on deliberative democracy of 21 March 2018, the governments of Member States are recommended to recognise that deliberative processes, when properly conducted, can complement representative democracy and help expand opportunities for citizens to contribute to the development of policies and legislation. At the European Union level, the importance of deliberative discussions is recognised, in particular, in European Commission Recommendation C(2023) 8627 of 12 December 2023 on promoting the engagement and effective participation of citizens and civil society organisations in public policy-making processes. Furthermore, the promotion and implementation of deliberative democracy tools are envisaged by [the Roadmap on the Functioning of Democratic Institutions](#), approved by Order No. 475 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 14 May 2025.

Executive authorities and local self-government bodies in Ukraine have certain experience in using deliberative tools to organise public consultations involving specific procedures to ensure informed participation, the exchange of views, consideration of different perspectives, and consensus-building. In particular, in 2024–2025, with the support of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine and the BRIDGE project, public assemblies were held in Zviahel, Slavutych and Zhytomyr, while, with the support of the International Renaissance Foundation, a citizens' panel was held in Konotop. Additionally, certain deliberative tools are used during facilitated public consultations organised by the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and various executive authorities.

However, such experience is sporadic, and most executive authorities and local self-government bodies lack the knowledge and skills needed to implement deliberative democracy mechanisms.

In view of the above, it is planned to continue piloting deliberative discussions in Ukraine and, taking into account the findings of an analysis of relevant experience, to organise training on the use of deliberative tools for representatives of executive authorities, local self-government bodies and relevant civil society organisations.

The expected outcomes of these measures are:

- further public consultations using deliberative democracy tools in Ukraine have been organised;
- the dissemination of knowledge and guidance on deliberative democracy among civil servants, local self-government officials and members of the public has been ensured;
- proper conditions for the implementation of international standards and best practices in deliberative democracy in Ukraine, as well as the relevant recommendations of the European

Commission and the Council of Europe and the objectives set out in the Roadmap on the Functioning of Democratic Institutions, have been created.

Steps	Responsible agency	Completion time/period	Partners	Delivery indication
1. Holding a pilot public assembly at local level	Lviv City Council (subject to consent) other local self-government bodies (subject to consent)	during 2026	all-Ukrainian associations of local self-government bodies (subject to consent) Council of Europe Office in Ukraine (subject to consent) other international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent) educational institutions (subject to consent) civil society organisations (subject to consent)	A public assembly has been held
2. Organising information and training events aimed at raising awareness of deliberative democracy tools, in particular domestic and international experience in conducting public assemblies	Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine	during 2026—2027	Council of Europe Office in Ukraine (subject to consent) BRIDGE project, implemented by Kyiv School of Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam, University of Tartu, Technical University of	An awareness-raising event was held for representatives of central executive authorities and regional and Kyiv City state (military) administrations; awareness-raising and training events were held for

			Berlin and the Center for Innovation Development (subject to consent) other international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent)	representatives of civil society organisations, experts and other stakeholders.
			educational institutions (subject to consent)	
			civil society organisations (subject to consent)	
3. Organising information and training events in the regions aimed at raising awareness of deliberative democracy tools, in particular domestic and international experience in conducting public assemblies	Oblasts and Kyiv City state (military) administrations	during 2027	All-Ukrainian associations of local self-government bodies (subject to consent) Council of Europe Office in Ukraine (subject to consent) BRIDGE project, implemented by Kyiv School of Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam, University of Tartu, Technical University of Berlin and the	At least one awareness-raising and training event (presentation, meeting, webinar, seminar, etc.) has been held in each region for representatives of local self-government bodies and civil society organisations

			Development (subject to consent) other international organisations, development partners engaged in international technical assistance projects (programmes) (subject to consent) educational institutions (subject to consent) civil society organisations (subject to consent)	
4. Development of an online course on deliberative democracy	Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service Ministry of Digital Transformation	December 2027	High School of Public Governance (subject to consent) The international charitable organisation East Europe Foundation (subject to consent) Council of Europe Office in Ukraine (subject to consent) BRIDGE project, implemented by Kyiv School of Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam, University of Tartu, Technical University of Berlin and the Center for Innovation	An online course on deliberative democracy and relevant European and domestic experience, aimed at civil servants, local self-government officials, representatives of civil society organisations and citizens, has been developed.

Development
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institutions (subject
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civil society
organisations
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