



**Strengthening the role of Parliament  
in implementing Council of Europe standards and policies in Ukraine  
PHASE II**

**Our work**

Through the 18 months cooperation, PACE continued supporting Members of the Verkhovna Rada (VR) and its staff in the evaluation and effective oversight of public policies, in the preparation of draft laws and political measures at parliamentary level, in strengthening the functionality of the Sub-Committee on the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights, as well as in the implementation of the Political Finance Reform.

**Our methods**

- ▶ The Phase II project was implemented under the framework of the Action Plan for Ukraine 2018-2021 which aims to show examples of good practice in other Council of Europe member States and to better apply Council of Europe standards in the reforms of the Ukrainian legislative and institutional standards;
- ▶ PACE engaged in various activities with the parliamentarians and the staff of the VR that included 2 seminars for MPs, 3 for staff and the publication of a handbook;
- ▶ Peer-to-peer dialogue between the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and parliaments of other CoE Member States played a key role in sharing legislative expertise and best practices;
- ▶ In cooperation with the CoE bodies, including the CoE Office in Kyiv, ECtHR, GRECO, Department for the Execution of the ECtHR judgments and European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation, PACE managed to bring and share good expertise;
- ▶ A budget of 400 000 EUR was allocated in order to increase the parliament's oversight, law-making capacity and assist the VR in the implementation of the Political Finance Reform.

**Our achievements**

- ▶ The role of the VR Sub-Committee responsible for oversight over the execution of ECHR judgments was significantly strengthened; it has planned its first hearing of the Government on the implementation of the ECHR;
- ▶ Overall awareness of both lawmakers and the staff about their oversight role as guarantor of human rights was increased in short- and long-run;
- ▶ A handbook for parliamentarians "National Parliaments as Guarantors of Human Rights in Europe" was published in Ukrainian;
- ▶ The adoption of a revised parliamentary Rules of Procedures is under consideration

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### Calendar of implemented activities

Date	Activity	Venue
<b>13-14 December 2018</b>	Capacity building seminar on the role and functioning of parliamentary secretariats	Strasbourg
<b>January 2019</b>	Publication of the handbook in Ukrainian «National parliaments as guarantors of human rights in Europe»	Strasbourg
<b>21-22 March 2019</b>	Seminar on the implementation of the ECHR for the Secretariat of the VR	Strasbourg
<b>20 – 21 May 2019</b>	Seminar on Parliamentary Oversight of Public Policies for Staff of the VR	Budapest
<b>7-8 November 2019</b>	Seminar on execution of the ECHR judgements for MPs	Strasbourg
<b>27-28 February 2020</b>	Seminar on parliamentary integrity, promoting transparency and accountability measures for members of parliament	Helsinki