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2015

REFORM IS  
HAPPENING,  
UKRAINE IS  
CHANGING

## Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine



# 1949

regulations of the Cabinet of  
Ministers of Ukraine adopted in  
2015\*

Including:

# 846

Resolutions of the  
Cabinet of Ministers  
of Ukraine

# 1103

Orders

According to [www.kmu.gov.ua](http://www.kmu.gov.ua),  
\*within 01/01/2015 to 01/11/2015

## Parliament of Ukraine



# 263

the number of Laws of Ukraine  
passed by the Parliament in  
2015

# 2616

Draft Laws under  
consideration at the  
Committees of the  
Parliament of Ukraine

According to [www.rada.gov.ua](http://www.rada.gov.ua)  
\*as of 01/11/2015

# January



Consumer monthly price index (inflation index) According to the State Statistics Service of Ukraine



The official rate of UAH against foreign currencies – USD 100 (average for the period). According to NBU data

The Board of the Business Ombudsman in Ukraine has become functional.

Ukraine's ranking in the World Bank 2016 Doing Business rating improved – 83 rank (out of 189 economies).

The process of the patrol police creation, a fundamentally new law enforcement system for Ukraine, has begun.

The Government has established the Ministry of Information Policy of Ukraine to counter the Russian aggression in the information space.

The process of power decentralization has begun. Local budgets received additional resources: the revenues within the year will increase by over 40% (about UAH 45 bln).

*Besides:*

*The number of staffs at the executive bodies and other state agencies is being reduced by 20%. These and other measures will reduce expenditures on the state employees by nearly UAH 4.5 bln. UAH.*

*The rates of the single social contribution for employers have been decreased 2.5 times.*

*Electronic administration of VAT has been introduced.*

*The Moratorium on inspections of economic entities of all forms of ownership by controlling agencies has been extended (can only be carried out on permission of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine).*

**3.1%**



**15.81**



# February

The ProZorro electronic public procurement system has been put in operation.

The Law of Ukraine on simplification of conditions for business activities was adopted within the framework of the state deregulation policy.

Utility tariff reform has been implemented. Implementation of the plan to bring tariffs to economically substantiated levels has started.

A new system of subsidies has been developed and presented; low-income citizens can benefit from the state aid.

Public contests to fill the positions of top executives at major state-owned companies have begun, which will ensure a professional approach to staff selection. In particular, the Government decision envisages transparent appointment of management at 62 state-owned companies.

The annual target program of cooperation between Ukraine and NATO has been approved. A special Trust Fund, financed by the NATO member countries, was opened for modernization of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.



**5.3%**



**24.48**

## March

The IMF Executive Board approved the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) programme for Ukraine. The decision was taken to allocate USD 17.5 billion for Ukraine. This is a four-year programme in response to the reforms being implemented in Ukraine.

Ukraine has joined the EU Research & Innovation programme "Horizon 2020": Ukraine is integrating into the single research space of the European Union.

The second stage of lustration assessment has begun, extending over top officials of civil Ministries and their deputies.

Register a business, obtain a certificate of title to real estate, a state registration extract, certificates, statements, etc. - this can now be done online.

*Besides:*

*The Government adopted amendments to the Tax Code regarding fair taxation of gas producing companies.*

*The first stage of the budget decentralization has been completed – the revenues to local budgets have increased by a quarter.*

*The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has simplified the registration procedure of real estate title.*

10.8%



23.26



## April

The International Support for Ukraine Conference was held in Kyiv, bringing together 500 distinguished guests from 50 countries.

Conditions for investment have been improved: the Parliament of Ukraine adopted the Law on investors' rights protection.

The Cabinet of electronic services of the Ministry of Justice as well as the Open Unified State Register of enterprises and organizations has become operational.

The Government of Ukraine approved the draft laws on de-Communisation of the country.

*Besides:*

*For further development of agriculture, the Government of Ukraine has allocated USD 300 mln in compensation for the interest rates for small and medium agricultural enterprises.*

*The Reform Offices for effective decentralization have been opened. On the initial stage, they will provide organizational, advisory and information support in the regions in matters of territorial communities' creation.*

*The Government of Ukraine signed a Memorandum to strengthen cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). The document is actually a two-year roadmap of cooperation to support implementing reforms.*



14%



22.71

## May

Ukraine began to integrate into the EU New Computerised Transit System (NCTS). The Action Plan for Ukraine to join the NCTS has been approved.

The “European Rampart” Project: the Government started the equipping the border between Ukraine and Russia with modern security systems.

The Governmental laws on energy efficiency have been passed and aimed at attracting private investors to the wide-scale energy systems modernization in hospitals, kindergartens, schools and other budget-financed institutions.

More steps to simplify the subsidies system have been undertaken: there are only 15 questions (instead of 90) in the subsidy application; specifying the income amount is not required; mailing is permitted.

*Besides:  
The Government has deregulated the tariff setting in intercity passenger transportation, which will improve its quality and safety.*

2.2%



20.92



## June

New rules for the Ukrainian airlines operation have come into effect: conditions reduced, clear procedures, compliance with the international practice.

The Ministry of Defence has fully transferred procurement of clothing, medical, food and fuel provisions for the Army to electronic trading platforms – in the first month alone the savings reached 11%.

For the first time ever in the country, the regional development investment projects were held on the basis of open contests.

The Council for reform of state enterprises has been established in Ukraine, which will monitor the reforms progress and quality.

The Venice Commission confirmed the compliance of the Law of Ukraine “On Cleansing of the Power” with international standards and resolutions of the Council of Europe.



0.4%



21.23

## July

The first-annual U.S.-Ukraine Business Forum was held and attended by over 150 representatives of the major U.S. companies, as well as by the Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatsenyuk, the U.S. Vice President Joseph Biden, the U. S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker and other distinguished guests.

Reform of the Ministry of Interior: the first class of the new Ukrainian police began patrolling the capital city.

Modern centres for free secondary legal aid to the citizens have started operating in Ukraine.

The Open Skies principle has been implemented at the Lviv and Odessa airports. The Open Skies Agreement was signed between the Governments of Ukraine and the U.S. Government.

*Besides:*

*Ukraine and Canada have successfully completed negotiations on free trade between two countries. The Free Trade Agreement (CUFTA) will open 98% of Canadian market for Ukrainian exporters.*

*Ukrainian companies found opportunities for duty-free exports of about 5,000 commodity items to the United States. Such opportunities opened for Ukraine under the resumption of the US General System of Preferences (GSP) programme, which will continue until 2018.*

-1%



21.76



## August

Up to 50% of regulatory procedures in the agricultural sector of Ukraine have been simplified.

Ukraine opens new markets – China, the USA, Egypt and Israel – for exports of agricultural products. Russia is no longer crucial for the agricultural sector.

Ukraine has created more favourable conditions for business: the UNDP launched a joint project to strengthen associations of small and medium enterprises.

Ukraine and the Creditors Special Committee agreed on tentative conditions for restructuring of Governmental and Government guaranteed bonds. Completion of the bond exchange procedures means the debt amount lowering by USD 3 bln, and will enable Ukraine to avoid paying a debt of USD 8.5 bln over the next four years.

Reputable international and national organizations were engaged in the election of public representatives to the tender commission for appointment the candidates to the members of the National Agency for Prevention of corruption.

*Besides:*

*Ukraine implements an Action Plan to liberalize the visa regime with the EU: the country has joined the Interpol databases.*



-0.8%



21.63

## September

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine raised social standards and the state aid amount for the most vulnerable people by 13% on the average.

New and simplified procedures for vessels and cargo registration in ports began to operate in Ukraine.

The Government of Ukraine has launched the single web portal for public funds use.

Agricultural sector reform: deregulation of the industry has benefited by a record volume of grain exports.

The National Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education has been established, to develop regulations on accreditation of educational programmes as well as to conduct licensing expert studies, etc.

*Besides:*

*Reform of public procurement: the Parliament has approved a Governmental draft law that opens access to information on public tenders.*

*Approval for subsoil use in Ukraine is now provided by a new transparent procedure.*

*Ukraine is implementing energy efficiency measures in the housing sector by European standards: one thousand new boilers have switched to alternative energy sources.*

**2.3%**



**21.78**



## October

Since October 15, 2015 it takes one day to register a business in Ukraine.

Information about the land owners throughout Ukraine, as well as about property owners in the country, has been opened.

The Ministry of Health has signed contracts for the medicines procurement through international organizations – the UNDP and the UNICEF, and later – Crown Agents company.

The terms and conditions for restructuring have been approved for 13 series of outstanding state and state-guaranteed Eurobonds. The terms and conditions have not been approved only by Russia for the series of foreign state bonds in the amount of USD 3 bln.

Ukraine has been elected as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council.

*Besides:*

*The UA|TV Multimedia platform for international broadcasting was launched to deliver truth about events in the country in seven languages.*

*The Government has approved a friendly mechanism for use of the social quota of gas consumption and further simplified the procedures for granting subsidies.*

*In October, Ukrainians received loans for housing energy efficiency measures to the record-breaking UAH 227.8 mln under the Governmental support programme for the population.*

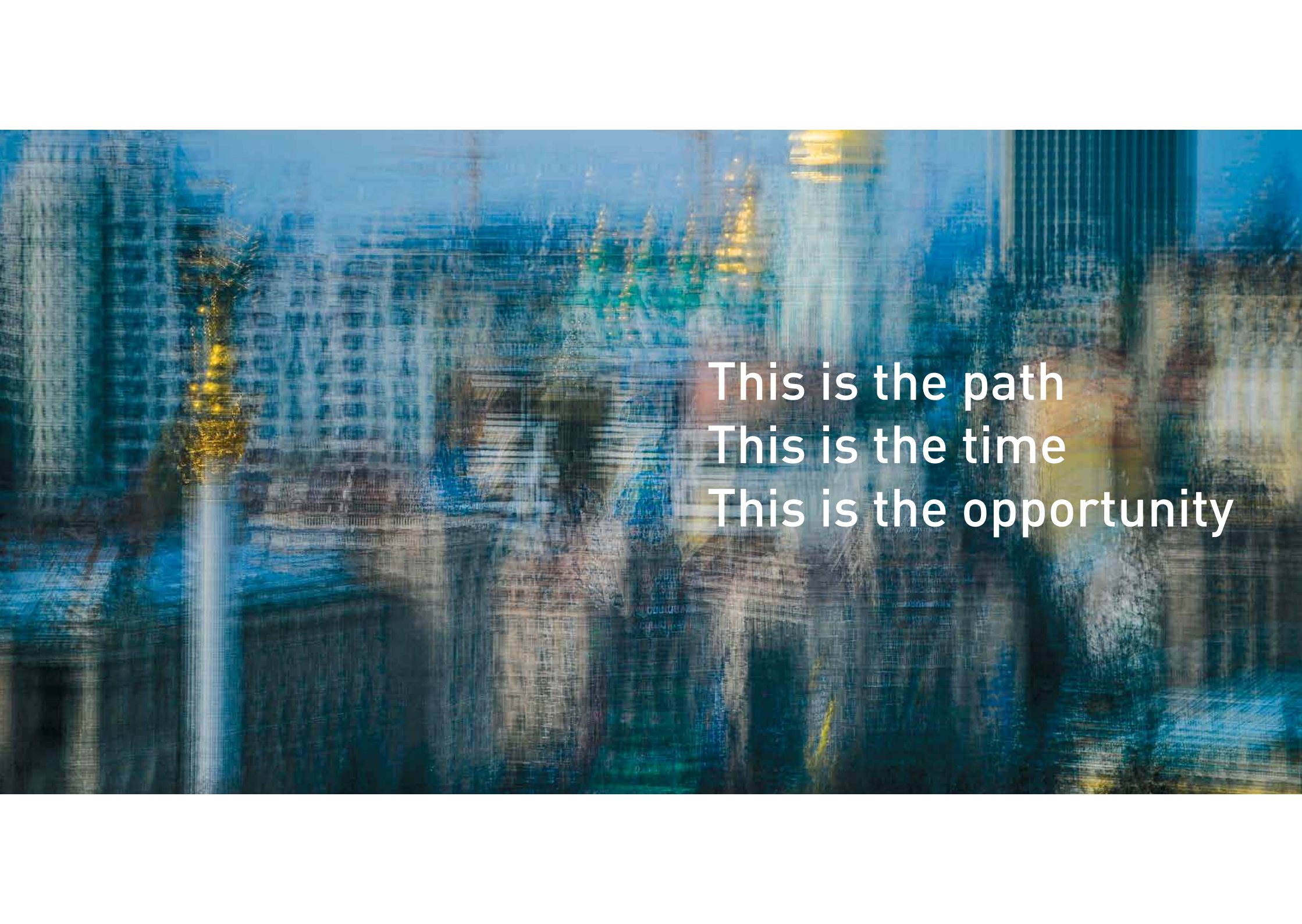
*The Government begins the information infrastructure development in Ukraine: over 300 registers and data sets are being opened.*



**-1.3%**



**21.88**



This is the path  
This is the time  
This is the opportunity