



# Enhancement of the parliamentary capacity in aligning Ukrainian legislation to the European standards

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In our course, aimed at the full return of Ukraine into the united Europe, we do not need alternatives

**President Yushchenko at the XVI Summit of Central and East European Heads of States (June 19, 2009)**

# Background

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Ukraine's policy towards integration into the European structures has provided with powerful impetus for legal reform

To enhance the process of the European integration in 2004 the Parliament adopted the National Programme of Approximation of Ukrainian Legislation to that of the EU



The parliamentary process of aligning Ukrainian legislation with the EU law, European standards and international commitments of Ukraine is still handicapped with a number of problems

# Persisting Problems

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- lack of clear and efficient thresholds and methodology for legislative review of bills;
- lack of established procedures for efficient engagement of experts, legal professionals and civil society;
- lack of efficient cooperation and interaction between the Committee and other parliamentary committees and the Government;
- lack of clear strategy for the Committee's capacity building and enhancing its role in the legislative process.



# Objectives

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- Enhancement of methodological and institutional capacity of the Parliamentary Committee for European Integration and of its Advisory Board;
- Establishment of procedures for efficient engagement of experts, legal professionals and civil society
- Review and enhancement of the role and function of the Parliamentary Committee for European Integration and of its Advisory Board in the legislative process.



# Outcomes

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- The proposed legislation is in line with the EU law, international commitments and other international standards and best international practices;



- The Advisory Board of the Committee is efficiently involved in the legislative process in the Committee and secures proper engagement of the civil society in the process of approximation of Ukrainian legislation to the EU law, European standards and international obligations; and
- Efficient framework of interaction, coordination, cooperation and liaisons between the Parliamentary Committee of European Integration and other parliamentary structures and the Government is in place; the role and function of the Parliamentary Committee and, accordingly of its Advisory Board, are enhanced and extended

**The European project has not been completed as yet. It has not been completed because there is no full-fledged participation of Ukraine. We envy Poland, but we believe that Ukraine will be in the European Union.**

PM Tymoshenko during celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the fall of communism in Poland (June 4, 2009)

