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EUROSCOPE DIGEST METHODOLOGY

Euroscope Digest is a monthly monitoring publication based on the assessment of the recent legislation approximation: laws, decrees, critical norms and regulations performed by the Ukrainian Parliament, Cabinet of Ministers, Presidential Office, and other state authorities responsible for the aligning with the EU acquis and the implementation of the Ukraine-EU Association Agreement.

Trust factor: Ukraine-EU cooperation is strengthened by mutual political trust and shared economic interests and increased competitiveness. Therefore, we analyze approximation and key multilateral events between Ukraine, EU, and its member states in the context of the AA Preamble key statement:

“Political association and economic integration of Ukraine with the European Union will depend on progress in the implementation of this Agreement as well as Ukraine's track record in ensuring respect for common values, and progress in achieving convergence with the EU in political, economic and legal areas.”

EUROSCOPE Digest Structure and Content:

- 1) **Executive Summary:** General overview of the recent trends and attitudes based on the key EU-Ukraine cooperation events and legislation approximation public discussions.
- 2) **Trends Table:** List of the legislative initiatives analyzed in the digest issue with the indication of their positive (like) or negative (dislike) impact on approximation as assessed from media coverage and direct expert interviews.
- 3) **Introduction:** Brief overview of the EU acquis Chapters covered in the digest issue with references to any comparative analysis based on previous digest issues.
- 4) **Main Analysis:** Legislation approximation developments in Ukraine across Chapters of the EU acquis based on adopted laws and regulations, as well as new agreements signed. Respective EU Regulations and Directives should be provided as references of approximation. Key requirements of the EU acquis equivalents should be highlighted. At least 10-15 Chapters per digest get analyzed; with a continuous focus on the Chapters with highest impact and most dynamic approximation activities. Per Chapters reviews highlight the most recent Commission's assessment (currently available for reference on the euroscope.org.ua website for all Chapter) and compare to the actual changes, suggesting assessment status update using the grading and colors

used in the project (<https://euroscope.org.ua/en/methodology/>). Further priority changes and/or potential implementation risks suggested.

- 5) **Conclusions:** List of the top priorities in legislation approximation and public events required to foster Trust-based advancement of the EU-Ukraine cooperation.
- 6) Team and contact details. Disclaimer.

The scope of analysis per Chapter of acquis

The Digest covers: 1) new laws, decrees, norms, and regulations directly advancing the approximation and deriving from the implementation of the AA — been adopted, issued or initiated (draft law) during the period (month) analyzed in the digest; 2) newly registered or adopted laws negatively affecting the implementation of the AA; 3) European and international cooperation agreements signed and professional organizations memberships obtained that align Ukraine's status and obligations with those of other EU member states.

Background information per Chapter

Brief introduction to provide a better understanding of the context and, whenever applicable, a comparative analysis of the progress or downgrading of the Chapter approximation implementation.

Sources (hyperlinks)

Original sources should be used for exceptional accuracy. Only proven and fact-checked media sources (hyperlinks) should be used for credibility.

Manner of writing

Writing style should incorporate coherent logic, structured composition, and short, comprehensive sentences. The information has to be presented in a clear, concise, and organized manner that is easy to understand and follow. Effectively summarize the main points and arguments of the source material while also providing your own unbiased insights and analysis. It is important to keep the target audience in mind and to use language that is accessible and engaging to them. Highlighting **important** information is highly recommended.

General focus

Subject: Ukraine's political association and economic integration monitoring

Categories: Legislation approximation, EU-Ukraine cooperation towards accession

Methods: Assessment, Civil Society stakeholders coordination, Advocacy public and media events, European studies support

Outputs: Monthly digests of approximation assessment; bi-weekly Media and Events

Monitoring reports; Analytical reports and articles on approximation priorities and current EU-Ukraine cooperation emergencies; Euroscope website

Target audience: think tanks and civil society activists, industry experts, policy makers, politicians, journalists.

Period: Year of 2023

Euroscope's approximation monitoring analyzes the bigger picture of Ukraine's developments towards European Union accession.

EU acquis: Laws and regulations

Approximation Monitoring through the analysis of the ongoing adaptation of laws, decrees, norms, and critical regulations performed by the Ukrainian Parliament, Cabinet of Ministers, Presidential Office, and other state authorities responsible for the aligning and implementation of the legal basis within the **EU acquis** framework and in accordance with the Ukraine-EU **Association Agreement**.

We assess the impact of the changes in Ukraine's legislation base from law indicated as "EU accession determined" ("євроінтеграційні") but also any potential threats to the AA implementation that can be resulted by the new legislative initiatives.

Trust factor.

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Outputs of the Approximation Monitoring are produced in the formats of Monthly Digests and bi-weekly Media Monitoring Reports, and accompanied by Analytical articles. The structure of the Association Agreement's Clusters is applied in all reporting for the purpose of quick reference and coherence of the monitoring.

The EUROSCOPE website serves as an aggregation portal for structuring general information about the EU acquis in their common sequence from Chapter 1 through Chapter 35. Accumulative analysis provided on the website is based on the Assessments produced by the European Commission, Ukrainian government, and Civil Society Organizations.

Color schemes and infographics enhance visualization of the monitoring stages and each of the EU acquis' actual status of implementation based on the accumulative assessments and analysis.