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IMF's benchmarks and soft commitments

Candidate implicated in corruption case shortlisted to lead Ukraine's gas grid operator

Oksana Kryvenko, Director of Regulation at GTSOU and a former head of Ukraine's energy regulator, became one of seven finalists in the selection process for CEO of the Gas Transmission System Operator of Ukraine (GTSOU).

In 2024 she was appointed as advisor to the current Energy Minister Herman Halushchenko.

She is also a defendant in the Rotterdam+ case, a high-profile investigation by NABU currently under trial.

Source: Iaroslav Zhelezniak

Obligations to the EU

Ukraine falls short on reform targets, risks €1.5B in EU support

Ukraine has completed only 3 of 11 reform benchmarks due by the end of Q2, according to monitoring report of RRR4U, a consortium of Ukrainian top think tanks. Three missed structural milestones from Q1 – reform of ARMA, expanding the High Anti-Corruption Court's staff, and restructuring territorial executive governance – could cost the country up to €1.5 billion in EU funding under the Ukraine Facility program.

Source: RRR4U

Ukraine Parliament to consider EU-linked biills, including ARMA reform

Ukraine's parliament Verkhovna Rada is set to review a series of legislative initiatives this week tied to the country's commitments under the Ukraine Facility program.

On Wednesday, June18, lawmakers are expected to vote in final reading draft law #12374-d, which aims to restart Ukraine's Asset Recovery and Management Agency (ARMA). The president's alternative proposal, draft law #13268, is also on the agenda.

There are also several other bills on the agenda, including:

- draft law #12377 on the fundamentals of housing policy;
- presidential draft law #13302 on establishing a Specialized Administrative Court and an Appellate Administrative Court;
- draft law #9363 on the digitalization of enforcement proceedings;
- draft law #13202-1 aligning Ukraine's agricultural support mechanisms with EU standards.

Source: Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Other key economic issues

Ukraine appoints youngest Prosecutor General in country's history

Ukraine's Parliament on June 17 appointed **Ruslan Kravchenko** as Prosecutor General, ending a seven-month vacancy. Kravchenko, 35, most recently headed the State Tax Service and previously served as governor of the Kyiv region. His appointment makes him the youngest Prosecutor General in Ukraine's history, having just reached the minimum age threshold for the role in March.

Source: Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Ukraine expects Cabinet shake-up, with Svyrydenko tipped as new Prime Minister

The Presidential Office plans to replace Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, with a decision reportedly finalized over the weekend, according to several sources of Iaroslav Zhelezniak. First Deputy Prime Minister Yuliia Svyrydenko is expected to be nominated as his successor. Svyrydenko seems to be the only candidate under consideration.

Before proceeding, Parliament is likely to amend Article 10 of the Law on Martial Law, which currently prohibits dismissing the Cabinet during wartime. Once passed, Shmyhal is expected to resign voluntarily, clearing the way for the formation of a new government.

Source: Iaroslav Zhelezniak

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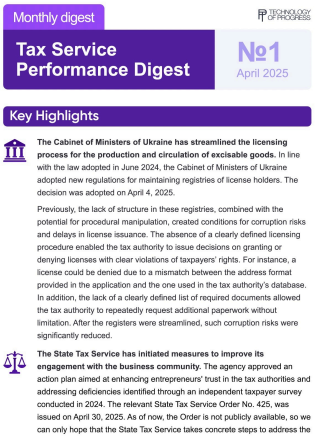
Monthly digest

Tax Service Performance Digest

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Key Highlights

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has streamlined the licensing process for the production and circulation of excisable goods. In line with the law adopted in June 2024, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted new regulations for maintaining registries of license holders. The decision was adopted on April 4, 2025.

Previously, the lack of structure in these registries, combined with the potential for procedural manipulation, created conditions for corruption risks and delays in license issuance. The absence of a clearly defined licensing procedure enabled the tax authority to issue decisions on granting or denying licenses with clear violations of taxpayers' rights. For instance, a license could be denied due to a mismatch between the address format provided in the application and the one used in the tax authority's database. In addition, the lack of a clearly defined list of required documents allowed the tax authority to repeatedly request additional paperwork without limitation. After the registers were streamlined, such corruption risks were significantly reduced.

The State Tax Service has initiated measures to improve its engagement with the business community. The agency approved an action plan aimed at enhancing entrepreneurs' trust in the tax authorities and addressing deficiencies identified through an independent taxpayer survey conducted in 2024. The relevant State Tax Service Order No. 425, was issued on April 30, 2025. As of now, the Order is not publicly available, so we can only hope that the State Tax Service takes concrete steps to address the

The NGO Technology of Progress is launching a new monthly analytical product – the **Tax Digest** – aimed at providing a comprehensive overview of Ukraine's State Tax Service (STS) performance.

The digest offers in-depth analysis of:

- progress on anti-corruption and EU integration efforts in tax administration;
- key STS performance indicators;
- shifts in the shadow economy.

The first edition, now available, covers the Tax Service's performance in April 2025.

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