PATRIOT'S HOMESTAIL PROJECT
(PDP AND PDP II)

Indiana University's Parliamentary Development Project (PDP) for Ukraine was an international project implementing the USAID (United States Agency for International Development) Democratic Parliamentary Strengthening Program in Ukraine. 2003-2008 PDP provided technical and consulting support to the Ukrainian Parliament - the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine - to promote democratic changes in the Ukrainian community. It was a project following on to a previous USAID Parliamentary Development Project (PDP) also implemented by the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs 1994-2003.

PDP cooperated with Parliamentary Factions, Committees, Secretariat and supporting services thus contributing to more efficient democratic changes inside the Parliament, improving the legislative and executive branches’ interaction, encouraging more open public access to lawmaking processes and stimulating the citizens and the Verkhovna Rada communication process.

Building on PDP’s 14 years of experience, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) extended the project in September 2008 as “PDP II” implemented by The Ohio State University John Glenn School for Public Affairs under sub-agreement with Indiana University. Within that project framework, PDP II continues to provide technical assistance to the parliament and extended assistance also to the Presidential Administration, the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and individual ministries. PDP II focuses on efficient mechanisms of legislative policy development and respective capacity building of the legislative and executive branches. In 2009, PDP II initiated cooperation with the Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (VR ARC). In May 2011 USAID extended PDP II through July 2013.

Through consultations, development of analytical materials, training, and other activities, the PDP II seeks to contribute to these objectives:

- Consultative, transparent legislative processes render executive and legislative policy making more accountable to Ukrainian citizens;
- Ukrainian institutions have the capacity and technical skills necessary to support effective, transparent legislative policy making within the legislative and executive branches;
- Ukrainian civil society organizations play an expanded role in the consideration, development and monitoring of legislative and policy making processes;
- The Verkhovna Rada of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea enhances its capacity for intergovernmental dialogue and civic engagement.

Throughout both PDP and PDP II various publications have been issued in Ukrainian, often jointly authored by Ukrainian and international specialists. Below is a presentation of these publications available in Ukrainian on the project website pdp.org.ua (in Ukrainian). Materials about Ukrainian parliament institutions, translations of Ukrainian laws and draft laws into English have also been produced during the course of the projects. These have been posted on the project website iupdp.org (in English).
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