



EASTERN PARTNERSHIP Civil Society Forum

Memorandum on Establishment of the Ukrainian National Platform for the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum

We, representatives of Ukraine's civil society, gathered in Kyiv on 29 January 2011 and set up the National Platform for the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum.

We share European values and aim our efforts at the comprehensive development of democracy in Ukraine, observation of human rights and freedom of speech. We strive for Ukraine's European future.

We have decided that the National Platform should be based on the principles of partner cooperation, social dialogue, mutual support, exchange of information and communication. Our will to promote Ukraine's European integration should be the uniting force behind the platform, alongside with the objectives to Europeanise our public institutions and the state, and to upgrade of the country.

We wish to support the development of the Ukrainian society through dissemination of democratic values, respect of human rights, rule of law, principles of sustainable development, public participation, Ukraine's involvement in the common European political, economic, social, cultural, and information processes, as well as environmental initiatives.

We see the Eastern Partnership policy as an additional possibility for Ukraine to develop bilateral, multilateral, and regional cooperation with the European Union and its Member States, as well as regional partners. We are convinced that this policy can help Ukraine's civil society to fulfil its potential to influence national reforms, the policy of Ukraine's relations with the EU, enhancing the level of cooperation in the Eastern partnership region.

The National Platform aims to raise efficiently the awareness of the Ukrainian citizens, representatives of the civil society, politicians, civil servants, and businessmen of the Eastern Partnership programme, as well as of the monitoring and analysis of the key policies from the perspective of the modernisation potential of the reforms associated with the processes of the European integration. Our objective is to strengthen the institutional capacity of the civil society organisations to influence the agenda and the international policies of Ukraine.

We stand up for:

- Intensive cooperation between Ukraine and all European institutions;
- The necessity to establish a public authority in charge of the European integration or to commission an already existing one with the relevant tasks; and
- Constituent achievement of the European integration as the public policy basis and priority.

We call on the President, the Government, and the Parliament to do everything necessary to fulfil all commitments undertaken by Ukraine in relation to the Council of Europe for the quickest possible lifting of its monitoring and more efficient use of Ukraine's membership in this organisation for the development of free and tolerant European society and constitutional democracy.

We call on the President, the Government, and the Parliament to do speed up fulfilment of all commitments undertaken by Ukraine in relation to the EU for the implementation of the Association Agenda, Visa Liberalisation Action Plan, and accession to the Energy Community.

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