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ABOUT ME

My considerable 15+ years' experience includes conducting research, teaching and advising on national legislation and international standards in the access to information sphere. I significantly contributed to improving access to information legislation and administrative practices by collecting information from a wide range of sources at both central and local levels, transforming it into recommendations and passing them on to the policymakers. I actively advise the main stakeholders of access to information sphere in Ukraine (Ombudsperson, Council of Europe, UNDP, representatives of official authorities, Supreme Court of Ukraine and NGOs) and share my expertise via numerous training.

In 2022 I was elected as a member and a Vice-Chair of the Group of Specialists on Access to Official Documents (under the *Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents*).

WORK EXPERIENCE

Vice-Chair, Member, Access Info Group under Council of Europe Tromsø Convention

Council of Europe [01/04/2022 – Current]

City: Strasbourg

Country: France

- Reporting on the adequacy of the measures in law and practice taken by the Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents (Tromsø Convention) Parties to give effect to the provisions set out in the Convention,
- Making proposals to facilitate or improve the effective use and implementation of the Tromsø Convention,
- Making proposals to the Consultation of Parties for the amendment of the Tromsø Convention

Guest researcher

Centre for Advanced Internet Studies [01/05/2022 – Current]

City: Bochum

Country: Germany

Researching in digitalisation in access to official information, preparing articles, conducting colloquium and contributing to the research centre activities.

Council of Europe consultant

Project: EU and Council of Europe working together to support freedom of media in Ukraine [28/04/2020 – 28/02/2022]

City: Kyiv

Country: Ukraine

- Providing expert support on access to information and open data legislation as well as implementation issues to the Ombudsperson. Leading the *Expert Board on Access to Information* under the Ombudsperson Office, namely: analysing draft laws in the access to information sphere and providing expert opinions on legislative collisions. Developing analytical papers, namely the official "Recommendations of the

Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights of Ukraine on the observance of the constitutional right of to access information”, 2020.

- Developing 3 MOOCs on access to information standards for responsible officials and Journalists. Conducting training sessions for judges, representatives of responsible central authorities and the Ombudsperson's Office on the legislative provisions on access to information (ATI) and open data legislation.
- Preparing recommendations on the *Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents* and its implementation for responsible authorities.

UNDP Ukraine expert on access to information and open data

UNDP Ukraine [31/03/2019 – Current]

Address: Kyiv (Ukraine)

City: Kyiv

Country: Ukraine

- Conducting 3 cycles of assessment on Sustainable Development Goal Indicator 16.10.2 (countries that adopt and implement guarantees for public access to information) in Ukraine as a part of global monitoring, preparing reports and presenting them during the Global OGP Summit in Ottawa, 2019.
- Developing policy papers on SDG 16.10.2 implementation, namely the Policy paper *“Progress on the SDG indicator 16.10.2 in Ukraine: What do the results of international assessments show?”*, 2021 (in English, see the list of publications added)
- Elaborating analytical materials: policy papers, study course materials, recommendations, handbooks on access to information and open data legislation, conducting 3 cycles of annual monitoring for the Ombudsperson's Office on the implementation of the legislation on access to public information and open data by regional authorities in all regions of Ukraine.

Guest researcher

University of Alberta [01/06/2022 – Current]

City: Alberta

Country: Canada

Conducting research "SDG 16 implementation and access to official documents: How true information influences strong institutions, decision-making processes, and social justice before and during the time of war in Ukraine," with a grant from the *Ihor Roman Bukowsky Sustainable Development Endowment Fund*

Practicing attorney

Ukrainian National Bar Association [18/05/2017 – 30/12/2021]

City: Kyiv

Country: Ukraine

- Conducting litigation on access to information and public data in national courts and before the ECtHR;
- Acting as a member of Committee on Media and Information Legislation under Ukrainian National Bar Association;
- Conducting training for the members of the Ukrainian National Bar Association on access to information and open data legislation and court practice.

Lawyer, Deputy Director, Co-founder

Centre for Democracy and Rule of Law, NGO (former Media Law Institute) [31/08/2008 – 30/07/2018]

City: Kyiv

Country: Ukraine

- Advising and representing in courts strategic litigation cases on protection of the right of access to information at the national level and before the European Court of Human Rights,
- Coordinating the Network of ATI defenders in all regions of Ukraine (more than 150 members), conducting monitoring on the implementation of ATI legislation,

- Conducting training sessions for activists and responsible officials on access to information regulations, consulting civil society activists on questions of access to information, preparing handbooks, recommendations and expert opinions on the topic.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Specialist Diploma in Law (Masters equivalent)

National Law Academy of Ukraine [31/08/1992 – 29/06/1997]

Address: Kharkiv (Ukraine)

Certificate on Data-Based Policy Writing and Visualization

Ukrainian Catholic University [30/09/2018 – 29/03/2019]

Address: Lviv (Ukraine)

Litigating Article 10 cases in the ECHR

ISLP [04/05/2015 – 14/05/2015]

Address: Strasbourg (France)

Training seminar “Making Effective Rule 9 Submissions to Advance Implementation of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights”

European Implementation Network [20/06/2018 – 21/06/2018]

Address: Strasbourg (France)

Training on International Human Rights Law

Centre de la Protection Internationale [14/04/2018 – 21/04/2018]

Address: Strasbourg (France)

Advocate licence

Ukrainian National Bar Association [18/10/2016 – Current]

Address: (Ukraine)

Training on drafting and filing applications on third party interventions to the European Court of Human Rights

ISLP [23/03/2017 – 29/03/2017]

Address: London (United Kingdom)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **Ukrainian**

Other language(s):

Russian

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2

English

LISTENING C1 READING C1 WRITING C1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C1 SPOKEN INTERACTION C1

PUBLICATIONS

[Policy brief "Access to public information in Ukraine: achievements and challenges since the adoption of the law to date" \(in English\)](#)

[2019]

This policy brief is intended to provide a general overview of the current state of implementation of legislation on access to public information, as well as to identify the challenges in the field and make recommendations. In summary, we can say that there has been tangible progress in improving access to public information between 2011 and 2018, and that this has had a powerful impact on strengthening activities against corruption and

processes that contribute to building transparent and democratic governance. However, several challenges still need to be addressed in order to transform ad hoc success into sustainable achievement. The progress of previous years should be formalized in relevant state policies, further developed with support and coordination from state authorities at all levels and backed up by effective oversight.

[Policy paper “Progress on the SDG indicator 16.10.2 in Ukraine: What do the results of international assessments show?” \(in English\)](#)

[2021]

Overview: This document aims to analyze the key findings of the three assessment cycles of the SDG indicator 16.10.2 in Ukraine and to substantiate the recommendations for improvement. The assessment was conducted in accordance with the methodology developed by the Freedom of Information Advocates Network - an international network that brings together organizations and individual experts in access to information sphere. In general, Ukraine demonstrates a high level of implementation of this indicator, however at the same time, the results of the evaluation clearly outline the key shortcomings of legislation and administrative practice in access to information sphere.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Communication and interpersonal skills

- excellent communication skills gained through my experience as a manager of educational and human rights protection projects
- excellent contact skills with official of national and regional level gained through building cooperative partnerships
- excellent contact skills with journalists and civic activists gained through experience in building grass-root regional network