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Monitoring of Compliance and Enforcement (MC&E) Mechanisms for Corporate Reporting, Audit, and Requirements for Professional Accountants in Ukraine

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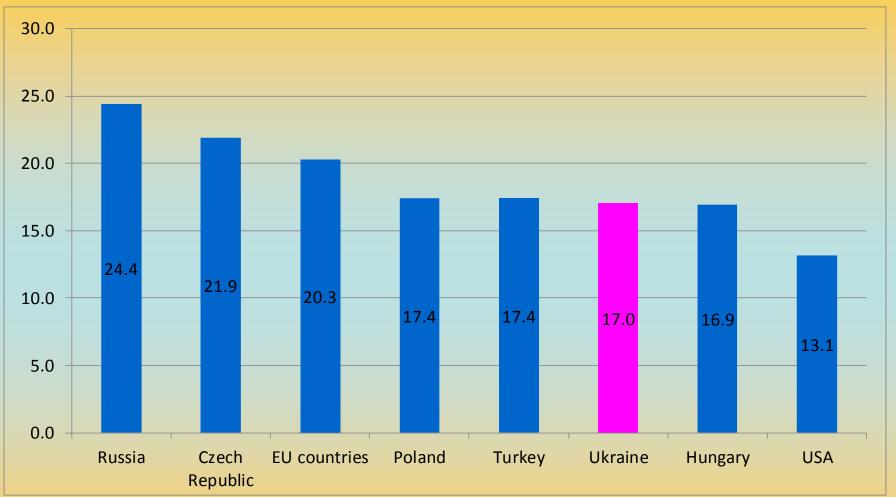
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SUGGESTIONS TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF THE MC&E SYSTEM

- I. Introduction and background
- II. Conceptual Framework for building the MC&E system
- III. Monitoring of compliance and enforcement of corporate reporting requirements
- IV. Monitoring of compliance and enforcement of reporting requirements for public sector entities in accordance with IPSAS
- V. Monitoring of compliance and enforcement of auditing requirements and quality assurance
- VI. Monitoring of compliance and enforcement of requirements for professional accountants

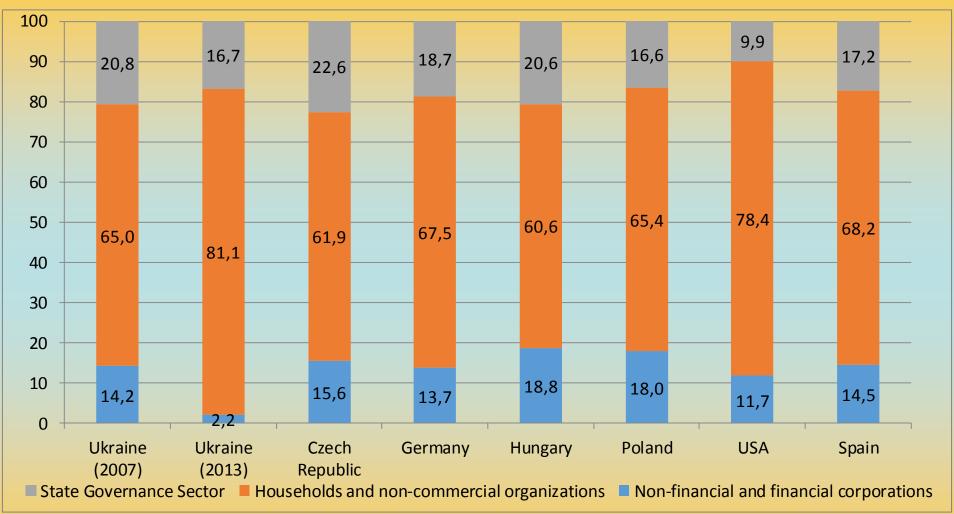
GROSS NATIONAL DISPOSABLE INCOME (GNDI) OF THE STATE GOVERNANCE SECTOR (as % of the official GDP) (2013)



Source:

- 1) OECD National Accounts Statistics: General Government Accounts. Available at: http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/economics/data/general-government-accounts-sna-2008_na-gga08-data-en;jsessionid=2krubtbjoqfjj.x-oecd-live-02
- 2) «Національні рахунки України за 2013 рік» /Держстат: статистичний збірник. Київ, 2015. –164 с.

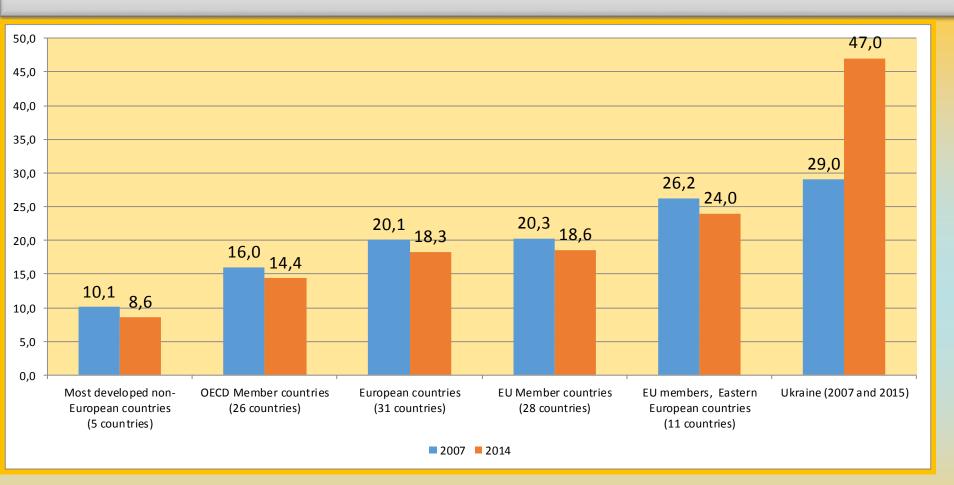
STRUCTURE OF GNDI BY ECONOMIC SECTOR, % (2013)



Source:

- 1) National Accounts at a Glance 2013, OECD. Available at: http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/economics/national-accounts-at-a-glance-2013/disposable-income_na_glance-2013-8-en
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SHADOW ECONOMY (as % of the official GDP)



Source:

- 1) Size and Development of the Shadow Economy of 31 European and 5 other OECD Countries from 2003 to 2015: Different Developments. Available at:
- http://www.econ.jku.at/members/Schneider/files/publications/2015/ShadEcEurope31.pdf
- 2) Тенденції тіньової економіки в Україні: І квартал 2015 року / Мінекономрозвитку. [Електронний ресурс]. Режим доступу: http://www.me.gov.ua/Documents/List?lang=uk-UA&id=e384c5a7-6533-4ab6-b56f-50e5243eb15a&tag=TendentsiiTinovoiEkonomiki

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POTENTIAL RISKS THAT DETERMINE THE ASYMMETRY FOR INFORMATIONAL ENVIRONMENT OF A PUBLIC SECTOR ENTITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH COSO: INTERNAL CONTROL — INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK

EXTERNAL RISKS

- Economic, social and political threats;
- Increased competition and changes in market conditions;
- Fiscal risks;
- Legal and regulatory changes;
- IT changes;
- Litigations and fraud;
- Risks associated with inefficient activities of Oversight Bodies.

INTERNAL RISKS

- Noncompliance with regulatory requirements;
- Deficiencies in internal control systems;
- Unethical and unprofessional conduct of managers of all levels and employees;
- Failures of computer information systems;
- Possible errors caused by wrong managerial decisions.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MONITORING OF COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF STANDARDS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

- •In most countries, state expenditures represent one third of GDP.
- •Public services undergo rapid changes and, accordingly, requirements for public services increase along with taxes.
- •In certain western countries the public debt exceeds GDP;
- •Public expectations regarding the quality of public services are growing.
- There is a growing need for continuous improvement of accountability and transparency of public funds;
- Other challenges (population ageing, social services reform, environment and climate changes, military expenditures, costs of fighting terrorism and crime, etc.).

Stabilization

These tools have been used to develop the following bills:

- > Draft Law of Ukraine on Amendments to the Law of Ukraine on Accounting and Financial Reporting in Ukraine (24.04.2015);
- > Draft Law of Ukraine on an Audit of Financial Statements and Auditing (17.08.2015);
- > Draft Law of Ukraine on Internal Audit (07.07.2015).

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE DRAFT GUIDANCE (MC&E)

- 1. In the area of coordination of the work on issues of strengthening corporate and public transparency and accounting:
- -Ensure the quality of maintaining accounting records and preparing financial statements in the public sector when the scope of the MC&E system is defined (for example, by the following criteria, such as relevance, faithful representation, understandability, comparability, timeliness etc.) paragraph 12;
- -Resolve issues of monitoring of compliance with the reporting standards by public sector entities *paragraph 13*.
- 2. In the area of coordination of the work on monitoring of compliance and enforcement of requirements for corporate reporting:
- Expand the scope of MC&E to cover institutions included in the public sector: general government, government-owned corporations, budget-funded entities *paragraph 41*.

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE DRAFT GUIDANCE (MC&E) (cont.)

- 3. In the area of coordination of the work on monitoring of compliance and enforcement of requirements for audit and quality assurance:
- -Specify the Oversight Bodies that supervise and control the compliance with accounting standards by public sector entities paragraph 51;
- -Disclose institutional mechanisms of internal monitoring, such as the appointment of internal auditors in government entities; organizational and financial independence of internal government auditors, their official subordination and accountability; professional and social protection, etc. paragraph 52;
- -Disclose the criteria applied by national regulators to reform national accounting and audit systems, in particular, the best global and European standards paragraphs 61-62;
- -Initiate the inclusion of specific provisions regarding the need for post-audit support services and strengthening the responsibility of a government corporation's management for the use of the auditor's report and implementation of recommendations made by the auditor paragraph 60-60¹;

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE DRAFT GUIDANCE (MC&E) (cont.)

- 4. In the area of coordination of work on monitoring of compliance and enforcement of requirements for professional accountants:
- To the MC&E Guidance, add the provisions for training potential workforce for public sector entities involved in providing public services – paragraph 85;
- In the scope of impact assessment, include requirements for public disclosures in the area of disciplinary proceedings and imposition of differentiated (violation-based) sanctions against auditors, audit firms, and professional accountants paragraph 89.

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