

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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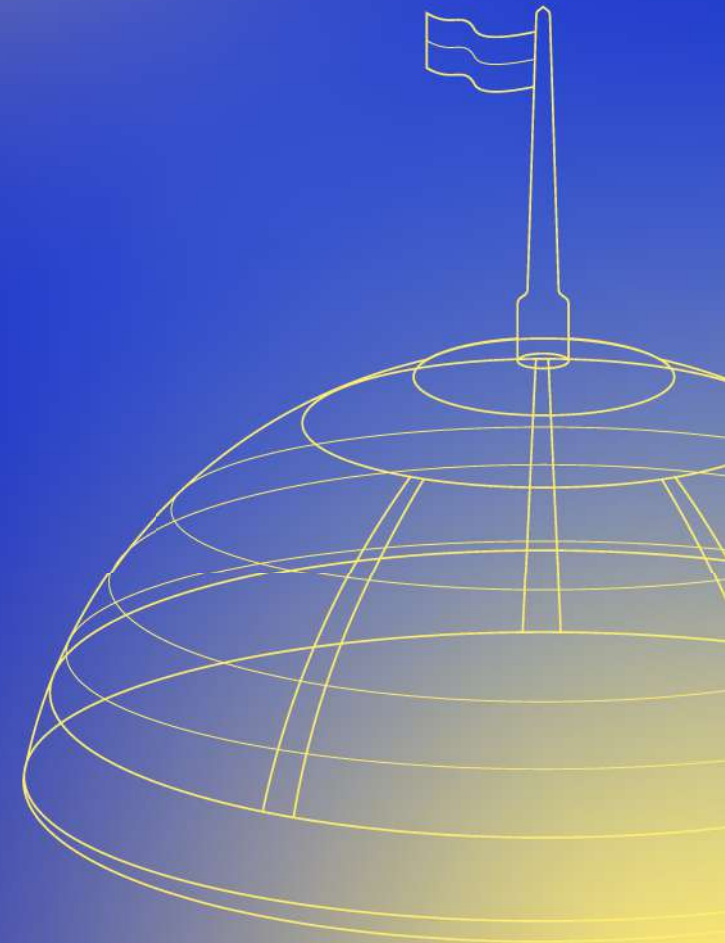
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## OBJECTIVE 1

**Increase constituent participation in the legislative process, particularly with improved and systematic interaction between MPs and voters.**

### MAIN TASKS:

- develop and test different models of MP communications and interaction with voters, in particular taking into account the challenges of the new electoral system and wartime circumstances;
- implement and improve online tools for voter interaction;
- develop models of interaction with communities to address regional issues at the parliamentary level;
- provide the VRU Secretariat with organizational, advisory, and information support to ensure MPs can work effectively in constituencies;
- support the development of the Code of Parliamentary Ethics;
- develop parliamentary civic education and the VRU's Education Center.

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## OBJECTIVE 2

**Strengthen the Verkhovna Rada's analytical and oversight capacities and ensure an end-to-end legislative process.**



### MAIN TASKS:

- develop the VRU Research Service as a modern parliamentary think tank;
- strengthen the Training Unit of the VRU Research Service to provide high-quality professional education for MPs, their assistants, and VRU staff;
- establish a law-drafting office as a unit of the VRU Secretariat to assist MPs in the high-quality preparation of draft laws;
- strengthen the expert capacity and oversight functions of parliamentary committees;
- develop and test a standardized methodology of post-legislative scrutiny as part of parliamentary procedures;
- establish a coordination platform to improve communication and interaction between the Parliament and the government.

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## OBJECTIVE 3

**Introduce innovative digital and communication solutions into the Verkhovna Rada's work.**

### MAIN TASKS:

- upgrade Ukraine's E-Parliament Strategy;
- develop new digital solutions for the work of MPs and the VRU Secretariat, including the digitization of VRU documents and processes, and integrate all electronic tools into a single ecosystem;
- establish cybersecurity procedures for the Parliament's operations and conduct cybersecurity training sessions for the staff of VRU's Directorate of Computerized systems, MPs, and their aides;
- provide expert assistance in developing the Communication Strategy of the Verkhovna Rada;
- support the VRU in planning and implementing strategic parliamentary communications.

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