

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The USAID RADA: Next Generation Program is a five-year initiative (2021-2026) implemented by Internews-Ukraine and financed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The Program's main goal is to help the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to be a modern, efficient, and open institution for the benefit of Ukraine's democratic development.

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

1. Improve constituent participation in legislative processes and engagement between MPs and their constituents
2. Strengthen the VRU's legislative and analytical capacity
3. Introduce technological and innovative solutions into the Parliament's work ("digital transformation") and communication

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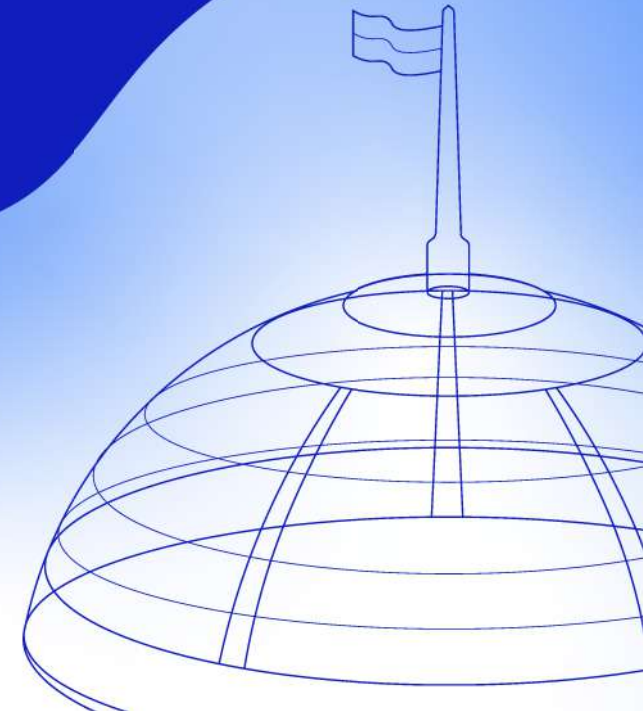


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## USAID RADA: NEXT GENERATION PROGRAM

## STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITIES OF VERKHOVNA RADA'S RESEARCH SERVICE



## OUR MISSION

The USAID RADA: Next Generation Program supports the Research Service of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (RSVRU) in order to:

- 1 strengthen the analytical capacities of Ukraine's parliament
- 2 ensure high-quality professional training of Ukraine's MPs, their assistants, as well as the Verkhovna Rada's Secretariat staff
- 3 develop the RSVRU institutionally using and applying the best experience of the world's parliaments

The Research service of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine was established in August 2022 to provide information and analytical support to MPs, their assistants, and the Verkhovna Rada's Secretariat staff. In particular, the Research Service:

- develops scientific concepts on how to improve the legal regulation of social relations in Ukraine;
- provides consultations to MPs and VRU officials and prepares information and analytical materials for them;
- examines the effectiveness of legislation and provides risk analysis of registered draft laws;
- summarizes the results of the work of Ukraine's parliament;
- organizes workshops, seminars, and other educational activities to improve the qualifications of MPs, their teams, and VRU staff.



## COOPERATION



For many years, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has consistently advocated for the establishment of a parliamentary research service in Ukraine to strengthen the capacities of the Verkhovna Rada. Currently, the USAID RADA: Next Generation Program is providing significant support to the newly-established Research Service in its further institutional development. The Program helps the RSVRU to:

- carry out strategic planning;
- develop and implement a communication strategy;
- establish international and national partnerships;
- exchange experience with foreign parliamentary research services;
- organize and conduct professional workshops.

The Program's cooperation with the RSVRU is based on the Memorandum with the Secretariat of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and the Memorandum with the Research service of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

## PROGRAM PARTNERS WORKING WITH RSVRU INCLUDE:

the Westminster Foundation  
for Democracy (United Kingdom)



the American Councils  
for International Education (USA)



## ACHIEVEMENTS

The USAID RADA: Next Generation Program works with the Research Service of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and has already helped it to\*:

-  develop a strategic plan;
-  establish international cooperation (in particular, with the research services of the parliaments of Georgia, Czechia, and Austria, as well as that of the US Congress);
-  ensure institutional development of the Research Service's Training Center by conducting numerous "Training for Trainers" workshops;
-  design, prepare, and carry out particular workshops for high-quality professional training of Ukrainian MPs, their assistants, and the Verkhovna Rada's Secretariat staff;
-  strengthen the Research Service's analytical capabilities through expert and consulting support and holding strategic sessions;
-  discover and apply international experience (the Program has conducted two studies on the best practices of the foreign parliamentary research services and organized a study trip to the US Congress).

\* As of February 2023

