

ABOUT PROGRAM

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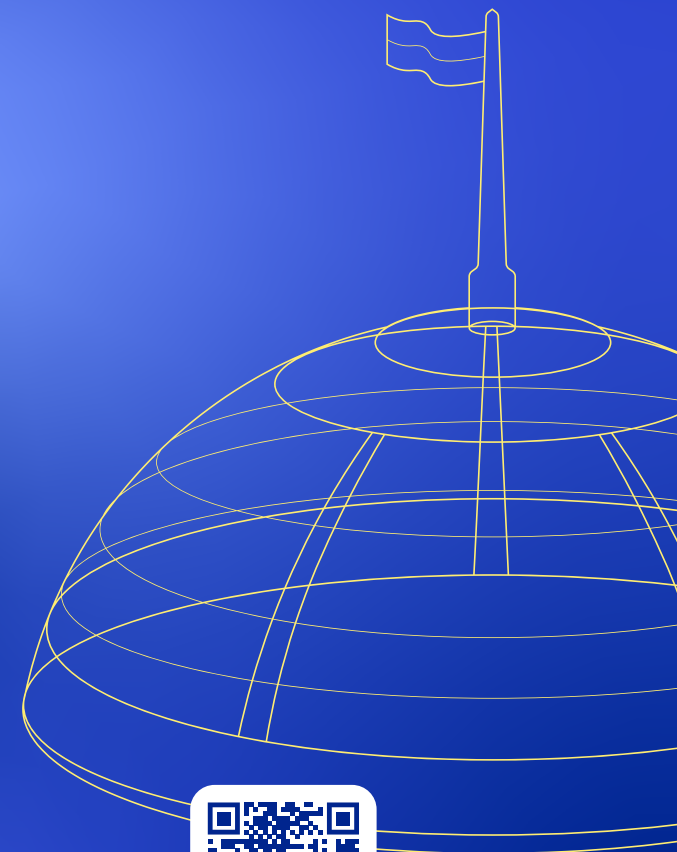
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OBJECTIVE 1

Increase constituent participation in the legislative process through systematic interaction between members of the Parliament (MPs) and voters.

MAIN TASKS:

- test different models of MP target communications with voters, taking into account the challenges of the new electoral system and wartime conditions;
- implement and improve online tools for voter interaction;
- develop models of interaction with local communities to address regional issues at the parliamentary level;
- provide the Secretariat of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (VRU) with organizational, advisory, and information support to ensure MPs can work effectively in constituencies;
- strengthen the capacity of civil society organizations that cooperate with the Parliament and support their initiatives;
- support the development of the Code of Parliamentary Ethics;
- promote parliamentary civic education and the VRU Education Center.

Objective lead:

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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 think tank of the Parliament;
- strengthen the Training Unit of the VRU Research Service to provide high-quality professional education for MPs, their assistants, and VRU Secretariat staff;
- promote the establishment of a law-drafting office as a unit of the VRU Secretariat to assist MPs in high-quality preparation of draft laws;
- strengthen the oversight function of parliamentary committees;
- develop and test a standardized methodology of post-legislative scrutiny as part of parliamentary procedures;
- establish a coordination platform to improve 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 VRU Communication Strategy;
- support the VRU in planning and implementing strategic parliamentary communications and improve the professional skills of communication unit staffers.

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OBJECTIVE 4

Support the Verkhovna Rada on war-related activities, preparations for peace, and the post-war environment.

MAIN TASKS:

- increase the VRU capacity to conduct public outreach, communications, and public diplomacy under martial law;
- assist the Ukrainian Parliament in implementing wartime reforms and exercising legislative and oversight functions effectively;
- facilitate the VRU to get involved in developing and carrying out the National Recovery Plan;
- enhance the cybersecurity of the Parliament and strengthen its critical ICT infrastructure.