

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM



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

The Program's main goal is to advance "next generation" reforms that will enable the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to be a modern, effective, and accountable institution for Ukraine's democratic development.

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

1. Increase constituent participation in the legislative process, particularly with improved and systematic interaction between MPs and voters.
2. Strengthen the Verkhovna Rada's analytical and oversight capacities and ensure an end-to-end legislative process.
3. Introduce innovative digital and communication solutions into the Verkhovna Rada's work.

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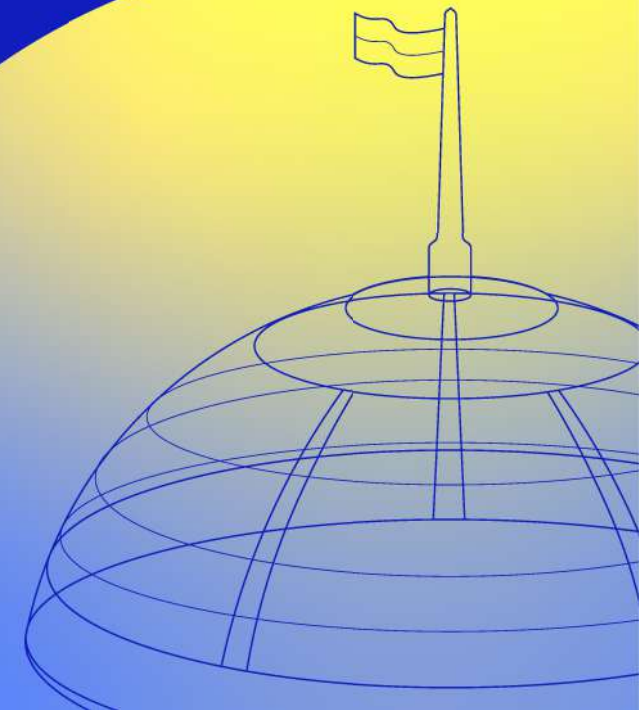


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## USAID RADA: NEXT GENERATION PROGRAM

# PARLIAMENTARY EDUCATION IN UKRAINE



## OUR MISSION

USAID RADA: Next Generation Program with partners, American Councils for International Education (the United States) and Agency of Education Policy Development (Ukraine), supports the development of parliamentary education in order to:

- 1 raise citizens' awareness of Parliament's role and functions in a democratic society;
- 2 promote the Ukrainian parliament's openness and citizens' better understanding of the legislative process and means to participate in the decision-making process;
- 3 strengthen public trust in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (VRU) through clear procedures for citizens' participation in the legislative process and political life.



## EDUCATIONAL CENTER OF THE VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE

The Educational Center in Ukraine's Parliament was launched on July 19, 2019. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) consistently supported its establishment. The Educational Center conducts thematic lessons and interactive events to involve Ukrainian citizens and MPs and aims to:

1. raise public awareness of VRU's activities, functions, powers, and role in the system of state authority;
2. thus, promote Parliament's openness, intensify interactions with citizens, and strengthen public trust in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

USAID RADA: Next Generation Program assists the Educational Center in developing its strategy and capacities. In particular, the Program:

- provides technical and organizational support;
- supports to develop effective educational methodologies;
- assists in the strategic and operational planning of the Center's activities;
- provides additional personnel resources and conducts training for the professional growth of the Center's staff;
- helps learn the best experience of educational centers of foreign parliaments and implement their practices in parliamentary education in Ukraine.



## PARLIAMENTARY EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

USAID RADA: Next Generation Program promotes parliamentary education in Ukrainian schools and out-of-school education institutions. Program's initiatives help Ukrainian pupils:

- ✓ be well-informed about the activities of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine;
- ✓ better understand the political decision-making process in the country;
- ✓ be able to use civil tools to make an impact on policy.

All of these contribute to forming civic competencies among children and youth and developing civil society in Ukraine.

With Program's assistance, the network of parliamentary education centers has been established in 40 schools and out-of-school education institutions in 14 Ukrainian regions\*. Supporting pupils and teachers, the Program:

- provided an expert analysis of school curricula;
- developed educational program and methodological recommendations for the course "Our Parliament: Explore, Understand, Influence";
- conducts training for teachers and approbation of the updated curricula;
- provides information and educational materials;
- holds extracurricular activities, such as elections simulations.

The Program also involves Ukrainian MPs in parliamentary education initiatives to improve their interaction with young people.

Partners of the USAID RADA: Next Generation Program in developing parliamentary education:

1. American Councils for International Education (develop the institutional capacity of the Educational Center of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine based on the best international experience);
2. Agency of Education Policy Development (develops a system of parliamentary civic education in the regions of Ukraine and the parliamentary network at Ukrainian schools and out-of-school educational institutions).

\* As of August 2023.