

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

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

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

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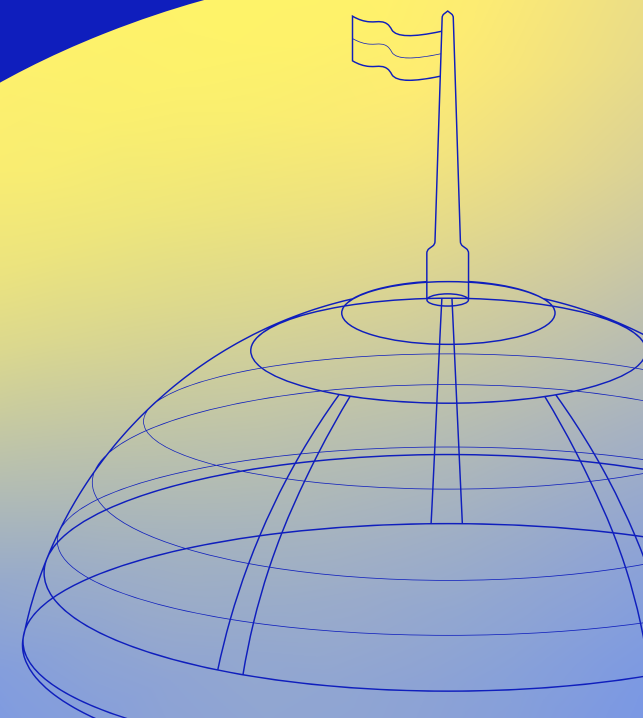


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## USAID RADA: NEXT GENERATION PROGRAM

## PARLIAMENTARY EDUCATION IN UKRAINE



## OUR MISSION

USAID RADA: Next Generation Program with partners, Agency of Education Policy Development (Ukraine) and American Councils for International Education (USA), supports the development of parliamentary education 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 the 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 (VRU)

The Educational Center in Ukraine's Parliament was launched on July 19, 2019. It aims to:

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

Involving Ukrainian citizens and MPs, the Educational Center conducts:

- thematic lessons, interactive events, and quizzes
- simulations of law adoption and parliamentary committees' meetings

The Educational Center actively studies and promotes the international experience of parliamentarism by:

- 📖 various lessons on foreign parliaments' activities and their structures as well as their support for Ukraine during the war
- 📍 study visits to world parliaments to attract the best practices of educational centers (visitor centers)
- 👥 participation in the International Forum of Parliament Visitor Centers.

The concept and launch of VRU's Educational Center was supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Mission in Ukraine. Currently, USAID RADA: Next Generation Program assists the Educational Center in development of its strategy and capacities. In particular, the Program:

- provides technical and organizational support
- assists in educational methodology development
- supports the strategic and operational planning of the Center's activities
- provides additional personnel resources
- conducts trainings and organizes study and contact-making trips abroad for Educational Center employees

**Partner** — American Councils for International Education (USA).



## PARLIAMENTARY EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

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

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

All of these contribute to forming a civil society and strengthening the public's oversight capacity of politicians' activities.

With the Program's assistance, the network of parliamentary education centers has been established in 39 schools and out-of-school education institutions from 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 the updated curricula approbation and trainings for teachers
- provides information and educational materials
- holds extracurricular activities, such as elections simulations

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

\* As of autumn 2022.

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