



New roles of CSOs for Inclusive Development

Civil society against corruption in Ukraine

The research project 'Civil society against corruption in Ukraine: political roles, advocacy strategies and impact' explores the success and failure of anti-corruption activism in Ukraine. Civic activism has continued since the Maidan Revolution and is perceived as crucial for fighting corruption in Ukraine. The study will look at the entire spectrum of anti-corruption activism, including both professional and informal types of activism, nationwide and local activism, and activism by both small and large organizations. This will be done through eight case studies from geographically-diverse regions in Ukraine with a significant degree of anti-corruption activism.

Main questions

- What explains the success and failure of anti-corruption activism in Ukraine?
- Which political roles and advocacy strategies of anti-corruption civil society organizations (CSOs) in Ukraine are most likely to generate effects?
- What type(s) of anti-corruption CSOs should be supported for the purpose of changing power relations?
- What kind of support (i.e. capacity building, funding, diplomacy) do these organizations need to fulfil their specific political roles?

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Country focus

Ukraine

Planned activities

- Conduct a literature review on the involvement of CSOs in anti-corruption efforts around the world, with a focus on the impact of CSOs in such efforts
- Compile a comprehensive database of CSOs working on issues related to good governance and identify their organizational type and form
- Conduct empirical research using semi-structured interviews, focus groups and participatory observation
- Strengthen research capacity of Leiden University and Anti-Corruption Research and Education Centre of the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy through staff exchange
- Organize workshops with relevant stakeholders
- Write two academic working papers
- Develop a policy brief with findings from the research about effective advocacy strategies for CSOs, as well as a policy brief on effective donor interventions in the area of anti-corruption
- Write a book that collates the findings from the empirical research

