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## EU-Ukraine Association Agreement: what's new in energy and environment?

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09:00 – 11:00

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1000 Brussels



The discussion will build upon the findings of the annual monitoring report: **“Ukraine and Association Agreement: how to prevent a storm?”** which tracks the progress of energy and environmental reforms in Ukraine in line with the Association Agreement and commitments to the Energy Community. During the event the discussion will focus on the following questions:

- What is the current state of progress in energy and environment sector reforms?
- Which steps can provide incentives to the implementation of the Association Agreement?

This report falls under the frame of the **Project "Increase the civil society influence in monitoring and policy dialogue regarding reforms in the energy and related sectors in accordance with the implementation of the Association Agreement"** co-funded by the EU and International Renaissance Foundation. Several Ukrainian think tanks and NGOs are taking part in its implementation, and their experts are divided into **taskforces** according to their field of expertise.

### PROGRAMME

09:00-09:30 Registration and light breakfast

09:30-10:20 Presentation and discussion of the findings of the annual monitoring report **“Ukraine and Association Agreement: how to prevent a storm?”**

- **Olena Pavlenko**, Manager of the Project
- **Holikova Svitlana**, “Electricity” taskforce
- **Valentyna Beliakova**, “Business climate and investments” taskforce
- **Anton Antonenko**, “Energy efficiency and social questions” taskforce
- **Roman Nitsovych**, “Gas” taskforce
- **Hans Rhein**, International Relations Officer, DG ENER, European Commission

10:20-10:50 Q&A Session

10:50-11:00 Closing remarks by **Roland Freudenstein**, Policy Director, Martens Centre

Moderation by **Olena Prystayko**, Executive Director, Ukrainian Think Tank Liaison Office in Brussels



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**Olena Prystayko** is the Executive Director of Ukrainian Think Tanks Liaison Office in Brussels. Prior to that, she was Project Manager at the Directorate of Internal Oversight of the Council of Europe, Research Fellow at the EU-Russia Centre in Brussels and Assistant Professor at the National Academy of Public Administration in Ukraine. She is a co-author of the chapter on 'Ukraine' in the Freedom House publication 'Nations in Transit' and author of more than 20 publications.



**Hans Rhein** joined the European Commission in 2000 in the field of external relations. Having previously worked for the United Nations. He completed successive postings in Bangladesh, Mauritius and Ukraine before returning to Brussels where he joined the Directorate-General for Energy in 2012, responsible for energy relations with the East.



**Olena Pavlenko** is President of DiXi Group, a Ukrainian think tank focusing on energy policies and energy security issues. She has also founded the website "Ukrainian Energy". She has been working in the energy sector for more than 15 years. Ms. Pavlenko is Deputy Chairman of Multi-Stakeholder Group for implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative in Ukraine, and was Adviser to the Minister of Energy in Ukraine (2015-2016).



**Svitlana Holikova** is Director of TransErgoConsulting, a private consulting firm. Her work is focused on the Ukrainian energy policy and strategy, national electricity market and the EU. Svitlana has 20 years of experience in the development of legal framework for energy markets, energy regulations, and energy efficiency legislation. She also worked as Project Manager and Legal Advisor for various international donors, including WB, USAID, EU and EBRD.



**Valentyna Beliakova** is Director of European-Ukrainian Energy Agency (EUEA). Ms. Beliakova has more than 11 years of experience in the energy sector. Prior to joining EUEA, she worked as Planning Manager for "AES Ukraine", was Technology Representative for Ukraine and Moldova in "Oracle Nederland B.V. Ukraine & Moldova" as well as Site Supervisor on Solar Plants in the Region of Crimea for "AEG Power Solutions Ukraine Company", and worked as Plant manager of Quad-Gen plant. She was also the Director General of "ContourGlobal Solutions Ukraine".



**Anton Antonenko** is Vice President of DiXi Group. He graduated from the National University of Kyiv Mohyla academy, majoring in political science and European studies. He worked as an analyst, expert and advisor in various projects. He participated in the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, as Coordinator of the Energy Security subgroup. Mr. Antonenko currently coordinates the USAID project “Transparent Energy” and assists the coordinator of DiXi Group's EU-funded project aiming at monitoring the implementation of the energy and environment parts of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement.



**Roman Nitsovych** is Program Manager at DiXi Group. He received his double M.A. in Political Science from the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (Ukraine) and the Friedrich Schiller University Jena (Germany) in 2010. He has also completed the Prometheus Program on Transition Studies at the University of Tartu (Estonia). Prior to working at DiXi Group, he was a freelance journalist and civic activist. For almost a decade Mr. Nitsovich's activities focused on the promotion of Ukraine's European integration, market reforms, modern regulation, and higher transparency of the Ukrainian energy sector.



**Roland Freudenstein** is the Policy Director of the Martens Centre. He was previously director of the Warsaw office of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and its Head for Foreign and European Affairs in Berlin. Prior to that, he represented the German city state of Hamburg to the EU. He has contributed to debates and published extensively on international security, European integration and the EU's Eastern and Southern neighbourhoods.



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