

NEWSLETTER

June 2021

Dear friends, colleagues and partners,

Similarly to June 2021, the number of business complaints concerning state bodies' malpractice addressed to the Business Ombudsman Council continued to grow – we received 44% more appeals compared to June 2021.

During our meeting, a newly appointed First Deputy Prime Minister Oleksii Lyubchenko supported the need to adopt a law on the Business Ombudsman Institution. The day before that, the law was supported by the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Economic Development and is currently awaiting consideration at the plenary meeting.

I participated in a round table discussion devoted to corporate governance principles implementation in state-owned Ukrainian enterprises. The Ministry of Economy, in cooperation with the EBRD, prepared a new version of the law on state enterprises management fully applying OECD principles. I hope the Verkhovna Rada adopts this law. Adoption of the law will give an opportunity to implement the world's best practices in this area.

Marcin Święcicki

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The First Deputy Prime Minister Oleksiy Lyubchenko supports the draft law on the Business Ombudsman Institution at the meeting with the Business Ombudsman



Marcin Swiecicki speaks on importance of implementing corporate governance principles for state-owned enterprises at the OECD Round Table



Marcia Swigaide

Tetyana Korotka on implementation of BOC systemic recommendations for improving public procurement system in the field of infrastructure at the OECD presentation



laroslav Gregirchak on positive aspects of customs reform during IER Round Table



Tetyana Korotka speaks on the problem of gender equality in the field of corporate governance during Gender Equality Index presentation in post-Soviet countries



Volodymyr Zabudskyi on the BOC tax issues practice at Kharkiv Legal Tax Forum

SYSTEMIC WINS

Since May 2015, the BOC has prepared 17 systemic reports with respective recommendations to state bodies. In Q2 2021, the Verkhovna Rada adopted a <u>law</u> regulating the issue of further functioning/liquidation of respective district councils, the boundaries of which completely coincide with the boundaries of the united territorial communities.

JUNE 2021 STATISTICS

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

186

+22%

+44%

as compared to May 2021

as compared to June 2020

complaints rejected as not meeting the BOC's eligibility criteria



COMPLETED INVESTIGATION

-4%

-24%

as compared to May 2021

as compared to June 2020

26 cases closed successfully

cases closed with recommendations subject to monitoring

cases closed without success

In June 2021, we helped businesses return and save

UAH 13,2 MN

EXPERT GROUPS MEETINGS WITH STATE BODIES

Since 2015, under Memoranda of Cooperation with state bodies, joint expert groups for considering the most complex complaints of entrepreneurs have been set up.



IN JUNE 2021

4 expert group meetings were held,

38 cases were considered.

SELECTED SUCCESSFUL INVESTIGATIONS



State forestry performs contract terms



The first step made to solve Odesa seaport driveway problem



Gas station network "AMIC" avoids ungrounded financial sanctions worth over UAH 22 mn

More cases here



