

**Annual Report 2018 of Kremenchuk Anti-Corruption Centre NGO.
The Kremenchuk Anti-Corruption Centre Project implemented with the support of the
European Foundation for Democracy and the Embassy of Canada**

1. During 2018 our volunteers analyzed draft resolutions taken at 23 sessions of local councils with a view to the presence of corruption elements.

Over 23 sets of booklets with draft analysis were prepared and distributed among each deputy of the Poltava Regional Council (4 sets), Kremenchuk District Council (5 sets), Kremenchuk City Council (5 sets), Hlobyno Town Council (5 sets), Horyshni Plavni Town Council (4 sets). Generally, the draftsmen abuse the terms of publicizing draft decisions, misinterpret the norms of the Land Code, the Law of Ukraine on Local Self-Government, neglect procurement requirements, etc. In addition to deputies, our booklets were received by media representatives, public activists, and concerned citizens. The booklets for deputies are freely available on the organization's page in the social network "Facebook". <https://www.facebook.com/kremen.antikor/>



2. Meetings of public activists, students, interested citizens with well-known public activists, public and political experts were arranged and held monthly to discuss the issues of citizen self-organization, coordination of public actions, as well as political and gender issues. Public activists from Kyiv, Kharkiv, Poltava, Dnipro and Myrhorod shared their own experiences and were interested in perceiving information about our achievements. Dmytro Hnap motivated to take part in direct actions; Dmytro Drobot told about free access to water; Olha Nemaniezhina and Olena Suslova advocated the need for a gender-based approach to decision-making, Yurii Kravchenko

invited young people to come to work at NABU; Peace Corps volunteer Maxwell Couchner helped with organizational development; Yaroslav Fedoryshyn called on the activists to run for elections at different levels. There were **12 meetings** during the reporting year. Detailed information, photo and video reports of the events are presented on our website <http://www.kac.org.ua/> and on the page in the Facebook social network <https://www.facebook.com/kremen.antikor/>



3. In 2018, in cooperation with colleagues from the NGO Hromads'ke TV of Kremenchuk, we prepared and conducted 11 news broadcasts of the Kremenchuk Antikor program. The head of our organization Oksana Guida worked in the studio. The issues of distribution and use of budget funds, land issues in the city of Kremenchuk, compliance with legislation in the development and decision-making sessions of the city council of Kremenchuk and the Poltava regional council were raised. The largest number of reviews received TV program releases of 07/17/2018 on the inactivity of the city police (more than 6 thousand views) and the story of the distribution of gas-bearing areas by the Poltava regional council, from 09/08/2018. The latter has received more than 15 thousand views. Olena Suslova, Olga Nemanjezhina, Dmitry Hnap and Dmitry Drobot were among the guests invited to the studio. This allowed to significantly expand the audience, as a much narrower circle of participants was invited at a meeting with public activists. December 27, 2010 aired the final release. All TV releases can be found on the site of our organization <http://www.kac.org.ua/> and on YouTube - our organization's channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPyFNqOqZrKfgxoqsdBu1uA/videos>



4. At the end of 2018, we conducted a sociological study "Corruption from the Eyes of Kremenchuk Residents". 600 respondents were interviewed. The error was $\pm 1.87\%$. The volunteers of our organization questioned residents of Kremenchuk in different parts of the city, which allowed us to get a picture of the city as a whole. Age, gender, education, property status of respondents were taken into account.

To the question "Have you ever counted the amount of your taxes?" 47% answered affirmatively; 21% - never; 19% are not interested in this issue; 13% found it difficult to answer. Consequently, almost half of the respondents are interested in the amount of taxes they pay. Unfortunately, citizens perceive corruption as an everyday occurrence, that is, as bribery. 53% of the respondents admitted that they had to give or take bribes. Among the most corrupted spheres of the city's life, the first place went to medicine (54%), protection of public order (38%) and education (35%). Almost 40% of respondents are ready to report about corruption actions of officials today, but 30% will not do it. At the same time, people believed that someone else should fight corruption. Therefore, only 6.5% of respondents see the results of the fight against corruption. 30% of citizens might be engaged in direct actions. The results of the study are published in the form of a press release and within the TV broadcasting of 12/27/2018 "Kremen.Antikor".



5. The press-conferences were held by the lawyer of the organisation, Olena Maryskina, (08/08/2018) and the head of the organization, Oksana Guida (03/22/2018). Oksana Guida was interviewed on the topic of local government 05/25/2018 and 05/25/2018. Videos are posted on the Facebook page and on the YouTube page.



6. In 2018, together with activists of the NGO "Kulturnyi Dialog (Cultural Dialogue)", we held two events: 07/14/2018 (Workshop of Market) and 07/12/2018 (How to arrange street advertising in Kremenchuk?) in order to increase citizens' participation in the development of the city. The issues of the development of a particular area of the city and the state of the advertising market in Kremenchuk were discussed. The lack of order of the latter indicates the presence of corruption elements. The video report on the event "Workshop of Market" scored almost 3 thousand views. The dialogue between the authorities, the public sector and the professional environment about advertising was widely covered by the local media.



7. 09/27/2018 activists of the organization took part in direct action - a public meeting in the city of Poltava, which was dedicated to the distribution of gas-bearing land areas by the Poltava Regional Council without an auction. The head of the organization, Oksana Guida, spoke at the meeting, where she announced the appeals of our organization to the court about the annulment of the draft resolutions of the Poltava Regional Council concerning the distribution of gas-bearing areas of land without an auction. The video of the speech can be found on the organization's Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/kremen.antikor/videos/603128626749929/>

8. During 2018, our investigative journalist and lawyer analyzed 25 public procurements. They analyzed procurements in the field of medicine, school food, culture, sports, beautification of the city, etc. All investigations are posted on our Facebook page with links to open sources. Special thanks for cooperation to information and analytical platform YouControl. Because of the procurements' oddness, we were forced to release TV digests "TOP-5 strange purchases" twice - 02/27 and 03/31/2018 (together with Hromads'ke TV). <https://www.facebook.com/kremen.antikor/videos/1854532964844431/>

9. In 2018, the Kharkiv Court of Appeal confirmed our position regarding the illegality of the construction of gas filling stations in the residential quarter (03/13/2018), obliging Kremenchukteploenergo to provide information and comply with the requirements of the Law "On Access to Public Information". Also, in December 2018, we filed a lawsuit in the Poltava Regional Administrative Court regarding the distribution of the gas-bearing land areas without auctions.

10. All the facts of violation of the Law of Ukraine "On Access to Public Information", were reported to the office of the Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine with timely responses. During 2018 in response to our appeals, the Parliament Commissioner's office opened four legal proceedings, resulting in penalties, which were paid to the budget by local officials.



11. In 2018 activists of the "Kremenchuk anti-corruption center" prepared and published in Kremenchuk newspapers five features on anti-corruption issues. The excessive credit burden on the city budget, the outside state executive committees (in comparison with other cities), the work of utility companies and other crucial issues were covered for public mind.



12. 05/22/2018 Larysa Kalinichenko conducted a motivational workshop for students of Kremenchuk National University. Issues of youth participation in public life, as well as the use of civil society resources for personal and professional development, were raised.



II. Project “The Kremenchug Communal: Steps towards Transparency Project”, implemented with the support of Transparency International Ukraine

1. The briefing regarding the start of the project was held on 04/05/2018. The media got information about the project's launch. The head of the organization, Oksana Guida, prioritized the transparency of work of municipal enterprises of the city, the establishment of supervisory

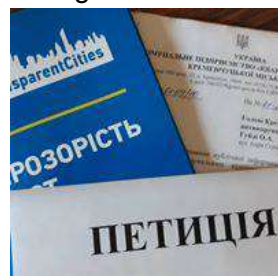
councils, housing policy and open accountancy of the communal enterprises as the main objectives of the project.



2. A photo shoot session was made in order to make a layout for billboards, which was released on 06/30/2018. It imaged some residents of our city. The social themes of the posters drew attention to the opaque work of the Communal Party "Kvartyrne Upravlinnia (Housing Management)" in the city of Kremenchuk. Thanks to the cooperation with representatives of socially responsible business, posters were posted. Representatives of the city authorities pressured on the activists of our organization and on the private entrepreneur, who posted the bulletin, in every possible way.



3. 5 petitions were written and registered on the site of the city mayor of Kremenchuk and on the site of the President of Ukraine. They focused on the formation of the electronic housing queue, the establishment of supervisory councils to monitor communal enterprises, the introduction of transparency in the work of the communal enterprises. Even after the project finish, the authorities of Kremenchuk continue to introduce changes in the work of the communal enterprises.



4. The articles "Will the housing issue spoil Kremenchuk residents?" and "Transparency, accountability and lack of corruption in the authorities make the city attractive for investment " were published.

«ВАРТИРНЕ ПИТАННЯ В КРЕМЕНЧУКА?»

Влада Кременчука планує вжити заходи щодо покращення якості життєвих умов мешканців міста. Зокрема, це стосується питань прозорості та відповідальності влади. У статті розглядаються питання про те, чи будуть ці заходи сприяти розвитку міста та чи будуть вони ефективними. Автор статті зазначає, що прозорість та відповідальність влади є важливими факторами, які впливають на привабливість міста для інвестицій. Він також зазначає, що ці заходи будуть сприяти покращенню якості життєвих умов мешканців міста та зроблять місто більш привабливим для інвестицій.

5. In order to establish public control over the activities of communal enterprises, the draft resolutions (with annexes) on the establishment of supervisory councils monitoring communal enterprises were developed and submitted to the deputies of the city council. The draft resolutions are posted on the Facebook page.

6. The head of the NGO, Oksana Guida, spoke at the city council session on 05/30/2018. Oksana Guida drew the deputies' attention to the complaints from residents of Kremenchuk and difficulties with signing petitions on the site of the city council.



7. 06.30.2018 we held the action "Open City". The action was held in the format of "open microphone". Participants had the opportunity to share their thoughts regarding the transparency of their hometown. We posted a video about the event on Facebook from July 2, 2017.

<https://www.facebook.com/kremen.antikor/videos/1902123653418695/>

8. On 08/29/2018 we held a round table "Kremenchuk communal: steps towards transparency". The subject of the meeting: qualitative changes in the housing and communal policies of the city. The discussion was attended by city deputies, public activists, media representatives and members of public organizations of the city. V. Kurchenko-Hai, deputy of the Department of Housing and Utilities of the Executive Committee of the Kremenchuk City Council, who was present at the event, said that 80% of the necessary information in the sphere of housing policy (according to the Methodology of Rating of Transparency of Cities) should be made public. Video report about the event: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTI2QsTaCqk&t=14s>



9. During the project "Communal Kremenchug: Steps to Transparency", 18 requests for public information were written to the officials of Kremenchuk.

III. The project "Monitoring the transparency and integrity of the road repair in the Poltava region" supported by UNDP and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark

During October and November 2018, a visual inspection of the planned sections of the repaired roads in the Poltava region was carried out. During this survey, photographs were taken to identify the defects of the road surface, road infrastructure, and so on. The detected defects were described, numbered, classified in the working records during the examination in order to draw up the necessary documents on the results of monitoring (certificates, defective acts, photo reports, etc.). Joint visits with the project engineer were carried out on 10/10/2018 and 10/11/2018. On the 10th of October, 2018 the section of the classified road - M-22 Poltava-Olexandria - was surveyed. On the 11th of October, 2018 we supervised the sections of the classified roads T - 17 Khorol - Semenivka - Kremenchuk and the local roads O1722324 Andriivka - Novyi Bairak - Kutorzhykha, O1722362 Khorol - Vishneve, O1717361 Orzhitsya - Khorol, O1703047 Pustoviitovove - Oboznivka - Maiborodivka).

Independent trips on the project were carried out by representatives of our organization on 10/30/2018, 11/11/2018 and 12/11/2018. More sections of roads were surveyed further: the section of the local road O1711150 Horyshni Plavni - Salivka - Ozera (30/10/ 2018); the sections of local roads O1707097 Holoborodkivske - / P-11 /, O1707094 Karlivka-Fedorivka-Novoselivka, O1707093 Karlivka-Lanna (11/11/2018); the sections of the local road O1714197, Seleshchyna - Nekhvoroshcha - Livoberezhna Sokilka - Svitlohirske (11/12/2018). The influence of external factors and defects in the areas of highways that were monitored by photographs and notes (previous records) was identified and documented. The photographs and preliminary entries

made on the results of the trips are the basis for the further formation of the materials based on the results of monitoring of roads (certificates, defective acts, photo reports etc.).



2. During November 2018, an analysis was conducted of the procurements of the relevant repair facilities and a report was drawn up with the conclusions of the analysis. In the analysis, the following issues were considered: whether there are customers correlating to each other; the terms of the contract; increase / decrease of the contract amount; increase in terms of work; whether the price fell during the bidding and to what extent; if there is a condition on the control of certain works (marking, quality, etc.) specifically defined by the organization in the contract; compliance with the amount of work actually completed; warranty period. A complete, reasonable and detailed report was drawn up with the conclusions of the analysis of monitored procurements - roads of state and local classification in the Poltava region.

3. In November, a joint visit was made with a representative of the Poltava Regional State Administration. The defects of the road surface of the repaired section were detected. In order to effectively respond to the identified violations and eliminate defects, the results of road monitoring were sent to the authorities with a request to conduct a survey of the relevant sections and take measures to eliminate the detected defects.

4. On November 19, 2018, a press conference was held on the results of the project "Repair of Poltava roads: integrity and transparency" in order to highlight the results of our organization's participation in this project. It highlighted the problematic issues that were identified during the implementation of the project on monitoring the roads in the media and forming ways of solving problems. The number of articles on the results of the press conference - 6, for the TV news - 2.

IV Strengthening the organizational capacity of the NGO and personal professional growth of the NGO members.

1. August 9, 2018, the lawyer of the NGO "Kremenchug anti-corruption center" Olena Maryskina was certified as National Preventive Mechanism monitor by L. Denisova, the Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. In 2018 the group of monitors with the participation of Olena Maryskina conducted the most resonant monitoring of Barvenkov Psychiatric Hospital No 2 (Kharkiv region), the results of which became the basis for the stories of the central mass media and TV channels.



2. Oksana Guida, Olena Maryskina and Larysa Kalinichenko were trained to be the coaches on gender mainstreaming. The training was supported by # NDI and #USAID from October 23 to October 25 in Kyiv. The participants examined methods of enhancing women's activity in social and political processes, learned how to counteract sexist manifestations, and shape public opinion.



3. The investigating journalist, Danylo Sinelnikov, passed a series of training on working with digital media and series of master classes "Control budgets, monitor procurements " conducted by the project team of Transparent cities.



4. Oksana Guida, the head of the organization, took part in the round table of the mission of the EUAM Ukraine in Poltava (April 18, 2018). The ways of cooperation between the police and the civil sector were discussed.



5. Totally, 9 seminars and training were attended during the year.
See you in 2019!