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The Commission is closely monitoring the recent developments around investigations conducted by Ukraine's anti-corruption institutions. Those investigations show that anti-corruption bodies are delivering on their mandate and building a track record of investigations, reflecting progress made under the enlargement framework and through the implementation of the Ukraine Facility.

In line with the EU enlargement methodology and the negotiating framework adopted by the Council on 21 June 2024¹, in May 2025 Ukraine adopted a roadmap for the rule of law, addressing an opening benchmark for Cluster 1 negotiations. The roadmap commits Ukraine to strengthen its capacity to tackle corruption. The importance of implementing these reforms was further highlighted in the Joint Statement between the Commissioner for Enlargement and the Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine, concluded on 11 December 2025 in Lviv and establishing a list of ten important reforms to be implemented as a matter of priority.

The Commission regularly assesses Ukraine's progress and issues recommendations through the annual country reports. In addition, several reforms in the areas of rule of law and anti-corruption are funding conditionalities required and implemented under the Ukraine Facility, and payments can be partially suspended if the required reforms are not implemented.

As a precondition for any payments, the Commission assesses that Ukraine continues to uphold and respect effective democratic mechanisms, including a multi-party parliamentary system and the rule of law. In its latest assessment on 17 November 2025 the Commission concluded that the conditions are in place.

Any financial support from the EU includes anti-fraud measures allowing for controls of funds, with the possibility to take corrective action. The framework and the financing agreement between the Commission and Ukraine on the Ukraine Facility includes a system of audit and controls providing a multilayer mechanism of protection of EU's financial interests. As part of the Ukraine Plan, Ukraine has committed to strengthen its audit and control systems. Finally, an independent Audit Board has been set up.

¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/hzmfw1ji/public-ad00009en24.pdf>.