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The Commission is closely monitoring the developments around corruption allegations and the investigation in the energy sector conducted by Ukraine's anti-corruption institutions. This investigation shows that the anti-corruption bodies are in place and functioning in Ukraine. There are no confirmed cases of EU funding being misappropriated in Ukraine. The Commission established an independent Audit Board under the Ukraine Facility¹, which supports the Commission by conducting regular audit checks on the ground and liaising with Ukrainian authorities.

EU financial support to Ukraine comes with clear rules, conditions, and obligations. The Commission is equipped with a system of audit and controls providing a multilayer mechanism to ensure the protection of the EU's financial interests. The Commission makes available any payment under the precondition that Ukraine continues to respect the rule of law, including the fight against corruption. If the Commission finds that the precondition is not met, or is no longer met, the Commission itself shall propose suspending the payments until the precondition is again met. In addition, disbursements under the Ukraine Facility are linked to the implementation of clearly defined reform steps, including those related to governance, transparency, judicial reform and anti-corruption measures.

The fight against corruption is a central element for continuous EU support and for EU accession. The reforms under the Ukraine Plan² and within the EU accession process reinforce the anti-corruption agencies and strengthen the legal framework to increase the effectiveness of the state's anti-corruption policy. 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 Lviv³ and establishing a list of ten important reforms to be implemented as a matter of priority.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/792/oj/eng>.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/2157/oj.

³ https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/news/joint-statement-between-commissioner-marta-kos-and-deputy-prime-minister-ukraine-taras-kachka-2025-12-11_en.