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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is closely monitoring the recent developments around corruption allegations in Ukraine's energy and armament sectors. Such cases demonstrate that anti-corruption institutions in Ukraine are delivering on their mandate and building a track record of investigations.

Since then, clear messages were passed to Ukraine reiterating the Commission's unambiguous stance, including with the publication of the recent Enlargement Report¹. The EU maintains a zero-tolerance policy on corruption, and, as a candidate country, Ukraine must uphold this principle. The Commission will continue to address anti-corruption issues in the regular policy dialogue with Ukraine, including in the accession negotiations.

The most recent dialogue on energy took place on 3 December 2025, under the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement², in the Sub-committee on energy, transport, environment, climate and civil protection. The meeting discussed anti-corruption policy and detailed measures in the energy sector that should be taken to address structural issues including those related to the governance of state-owned enterprises and the independence of the regulator. The meeting concluded amongst others with commitments of Ukraine to adopt a strategic framework to prevent and fight corruption in the energy sector, fully aligned with sectoral strategic objectives included in the next Anti-Corruption Strategy 2026-2030 and State Anti-Corruption Programme, as well as a commitment to adopt legislation to strengthen the independence of the energy regulator.

¹ https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/ukraine-report-2025_en.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A22014A0529%2801%29>.