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## WAYS OF IMPLEMENTING ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICY: THE EXPERIENCE OF UKRAINE AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

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**Abstract:** *The activities of anti-corruption agencies and the methods for implementing anti-corruption policies in Ukraine and European countries have been examined to facilitate the integration of best anti-corruption practices into the domestic public administration system. A comparative analysis of Estonia, Poland, and Denmark's experiences in combating corruption has been conducted, taking into account Corruption Perceptions Index indicators, and further directions for improving Ukraine's anti-corruption policy have been proposed.*

**Key words:** *corruption, anti-corruption policy, anti-corruption bodies, Corruption Perception Index, prevention and counteraction of corruption, public management and administration.*

The article analyzes the problem of corruption in Ukrainian society and its impact on economic development, democracy, and social justice. It is noted that corruption poses a serious threat to trust in government and the country's integration into the European space. The necessity of a comprehensive approach to combating this phenomenon is justified, including reforming anti-corruption bodies, increasing transparency, and engaging citizens. Ways of effectively implementing anti-corruption policies to ensure democracy and the rule of law are considered. The influence of corruption on society is discussed, and achievements in combating this phenomenon, particularly based on the Corruption Perception Index for 2023, are highlighted.

The positive experience of anti-corruption policies in European countries such as Estonia, Poland, and Denmark is analyzed. The importance of political will and reforms in combating corruption, such as digitalization of public administration, reforming the judicial system, and fostering a culture of anti-corruption intolerance, is justified. Anti-corruption measures and the activities of anti-corruption bodies in Ukraine, including the

National Anti-Corruption Bureau, the Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office, and the National Agency for Prevention of Corruption, are examined. The need for deepening anti-corruption reforms to increase transparency and trust in Ukrainian society toward state institutions and further improving mechanisms to combat corruption to achieve sustainable results is emphasized.

To improve anti-corruption policy in Ukraine, it is proposed to enhance the independence and effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies by creating mechanisms for financial and institutional independence, conducting competitive selection of qualified personnel free from political influence; increase transparency and openness in the activities of anti-corruption bodies by providing public access to information on investigations, judicial processes, and decision-making; strengthen control, monitoring, and supervision mechanisms, conduct public hearings, and engage independent experts. The necessity of international support in reforming the anti-corruption system and implementing best practices to achieve sustainable results is justified.

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