

Legal Committee Priorities for 2016

I. Legal Committee

Mission of the Committee: To address systemic legal issues through proactive development of legislative proposals, improving enforcement practices and awareness rising on best practices among the judges and other stakeholders.

Strategic priorities:

1. Engagement in judicial reform, according to strategy
2. Improvement of the law enforcement procedures, decreasing possibilities for unlawful pressure from side of law enforcement bodies (in particular, in regard of application of plea agreements)
3. Improvement of procedures for pre-trial investigations
4. Development of alternative disputes resolution mechanisms
5. Cross-committee issues, related to justice or law enforcement bodies
6. Optimization of legal regulation of economic activities (like participating in the working group on cancellation of Commercial Code of Ukraine).

Key activities:

1. Meetings with relevant stakeholders on current issues
2. Developing legislative proposals
3. Participating in relevant Working Groups under Ministries and other relevant bodies
4. Holding follow-up meetings with relevant stakeholders, aimed at building Committee's institutional capacity
5. Conducting surveys on current issues

Proposal on organization of day to day work:

- *To set a day for weekly Committee updates (for example, Monday), including all developments during the week; other requests are sent only if the issue is urgent.*
- *To set up regular monthly meetings on certain day of month and time – other meetings can be hold if necessary.*
- *To include progress reports on certain issues in regular Committee updates*

II. Anti-Corruption Working Group

Our main objective is fighting corruption and decreasing its negative impact on the business climate in Ukraine which we believe will result in improving conditions for doing business as well as increasing investment attractiveness of the country.

Envisaged priority activities:

1. Monitoring and analysis of:
 - Activity of the Ukrainian Governmental Bodies aimed at fighting corruption;
 - Corruption risks that Chamber Member Companies face;
 - International best practices in the sphere of preventing corruption.

2. Informing on:

- New anti-corruption legislative acts and their possible impact on business;
- Enforcement practice of anti-corruption legislation.

3. Promotion of:

- Active involvement of business representatives in fighting corruption;
- Cooperation with relevant Governmental Bodies and public organizations aimed at fighting corruption.

4. Development and lobbying of:

- Legislative amendments which affect liability of legal entities;
- Clarification on problematic provisions of anti-corruption legislation.

Planned activities:

1. Conducting presentation of the Chamber Anti-Corruption Survey for relevant state officials
2. Conducting annual survey among members on corruption
3. Meetings with relevant stakeholders
4. Continuous cooperation with Ministry of Justice, Verkhovna Rada Committee on Anti-Corruption issues, National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine, Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office, National Anti-Corruption Agency
5. Analyzing draft and current legislation, identifying risks for businesses and developing proposals, aimed at resolving problematic issues.
6. Regular Working Group meetings.
7. Awareness raising activities.
8. Engage international donors for launching new joint projects.

III. Antimonopoly Working Group

Key Priorities:

- Improvement of legislation, aimed at protection of the economic competition;
- Setting transparent rules for calculating amount of fines for violation of legislation on economic competition;
- Strengthening cooperation with Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine and other relevant stakeholders;
- Implementation of reforms, envisaged by EU-Ukraine Association Agreement
- Analyzing draft and current legislation and prepare proposals.

Envisaged activities:

- Regular working group meetings;
- Ad-hoc meetings with representatives of the Antimonopoly Committee and other relevant stakeholders.

IV. Anti-Raiding and Corporate Legislation Working Group

Due to lack of activities during last year and absence of interest from member companies, Anti-Raiding and Corporate Legislation Working Group activities is suspended.

V. Compliance Club

Key priorities:

1. Promoting best practices in compliance;
2. Informing Chamber members on the latest developments in relevant legislation;
3. Creating a platform for sharing experience in compliance.
4. Discussing current issues in compliance and ways to overcome them.
5. Launching new projects:
 - Public-Private Partnership on Integrity and Compliance
 - Research on Transparency of Corporate Reporting.

Key activities:

1. Regular Compliance Club meetings;
2. Awareness raising campaigns.