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Institutional Reform—a condition for undertaking the future Association Agreement



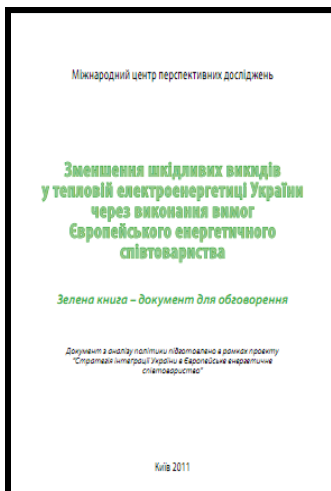
The new agreement with the EU will ensure Ukraine political association and economic integration with the Union. For this, Ukraine must:

- institute the rules and standards that govern in the EU,
- and make sure that they function properly.

The weakest spot in our reforms is the way they are organized as public, mass-scale social events.

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One of the most difficult commitments that Ukraine has taken on in joining the European Energy Community is meeting Directive 2001/80/EC, which requires that the country reduce its emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and dust from its thermo-electric stations (TESs) within a fairly short timeframe.

The need for major capital investment in modernizing Ukraine's TESs—experts estimate between US \$5 and 17 billion—and a slew of technical limitations have spurred power companies to call for an extension on the deadline for meeting the requirements of the Directive. Still, given the mass scale of cross-border pollution, the EU is against extending the timeframe for Ukraine to come through on its commitments.

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Local development depends on the decisions and actions of the central government, but the key role is actually played by the stakeholders themselves in the local community: local government offices, local business and local society, that is, the people who belong to these local communities.

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