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### *In focus:*

#### **Institutions – The Stabilizing Anchor of Democracy**

20 years after independence, seven years after the Orange Revolution, Ukraine continues to face blame, both at home and abroad:

- No protection for private property or fair competition.
- No rule of law, transparency or public participation in decision-making starting at the very top.
- Widespread and blatant corruption that is practiced with impunity.
- An unstable legal system that adds to investment risk.
- Decision-making procedures that allow individual officials to legally block government decisions without accountability.
- No established penalties for violating procedures.

Lessons from Ukraine's transformation:

- The rule of power must lose its institutional basis.
- Political and economic reforms cannot outpace the reform of public institutions.

This incongruence is killing Ukraine to this day. The key challenge is how to transform the rule of power into the rule of law.

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