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In focus:

Ukraine & Reforms in 2011: An assessment by ICPS analysts

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Larion Lozoviy: Environmental protection

reforms continue to stagnate, while some changes to environmental policy can only be interpreted as a major rollback.

Oleksandr Zholud: Tax reforms largely came down to combining existing laws into a single document

Maksym Boroda: Pension reform as such has not happened—just some preparations for it have taken place.

Ihor Shevliakov: In terms of technical regulation, a number of steps were taken that should bring Ukraine's system more in line with European ones.

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The World in 2012. ICPS contributes to special Ukrainian version of The Economist's annual report prepared by Ukrainian Week



Economic reforms have so far yielded little and have done nothing to reduce business risks in Ukraine. Maintaining the balance of payments through foreign borrowings is also a dead end. If the country's economy gets into a vicious cycle of dependence on foreign markets, even the most successful branches will find themselves slowly starving to death.

The openness of the economy can only be balanced by increasing the GDP share of the domestic market.

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ICPS prepares a concept for a Public Platform for carrying out land reform for Dnipropetrovsk Oblast



A large portion of Ukrainian voters is against lifting the moratorium on the sale of agricultural land.

Ukraine needs an instrument for minimizing the risks connected to land reform. This could take the shape of a Public Land Reform Platform that would provide a feedback mechanism for the oblast's government and make it possible for all interest groups to be heard.

ICPS has begun to put together a Public Platform in Dnipropetrovsk Oblast under a project funded by the International Renaissance Foundation.

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