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### **E-declarations in Ukraine: The Sword of Damocles for Corrupted Public Servants**

The mechanism of e-declarations among the anti-corruption measures in Ukraine was introduced in 2015 and e-register contains hundreds of thousands of e-declarations submitted by public servants of different levels during 2015-2017 (two waves of e-declarations submission).

On the one hand, the rich data of this e-register is the rich source of information about elected politicians and appointed bureaucrats that might be used when voting for particular candidate during local elections or for majoritarian candidates in parliamentary elections. On the other hand, despite relatively high awareness of the e-register among the general population, considerable regional differences in awareness and usage of e-register among the potential voters can be observed.

The paper contains research results in three components:

- 1) the results of nationally representative population poll allowing for comparing awareness of the e-register and the usage of e-declarations for learning more about public servants and local elected politicians, perception of this anti-corruption mechanism depending on the region and existence of relative ties with public servant(s), as a ground for making conscious voting choice;
- 2) the survey results of public servants in all regions compared with the population poll results by region, including the perception of e-declarations as an obligatory measure as well as a potential threat of disclosure of personal information;
- 3) the results of the analysis of e-register data through the network perspective providing an example of a case study for public usage, varied by region and revealing the declarants and their affiliations with for-profit and non-profit entities.