History of Partnership

The House Democracy Partnership (HDP) approved a legislative strengthening partnership with the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in November 2006. Through this partnership, HDP has worked with the Ukrainian parliament in the areas of committee oversight, parliamentary transparency, ethics, and legislative research and analysis. HDP has also encouraged institutional development through Congressional visits to Ukraine and training seminars in the U.S. for visiting members of parliament (MPs) and parliamentary staff.

HDP Engagement with Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

- **MP and Regional Seminars**: Ukrainian MPs have participated in seminars focused on citizen engagement and parliamentary research, parliamentary ethics, digital outreach and parliamentary openness, gender mainstreaming, legislative responses to COVID-19, cybersecurity, combatting disinformation, democratic resilience, and e-governance.
  - In August 2021, parliamentarians from Ukraine participated in a multilateral exchange focused on democratic resilience in the face of COVID-19 hosted by HDP in Garmisch, Germany.

- **Staff Delegations and Technical Assistance Consultancies (TACs)**: HDP has conducted TACs and staff delegations with a focus on ethics oversight, committee capacities, and the organizational structure of MP offices.

- **Staff Seminars**: HDP has conducted staff seminars focused on library and research services, openness and transparency, caucus operations and cross-party collaboration, committee processes, and parliamentary budgeting.

HDP Congressional Delegations (CODELs)

- HDP has organized seven congressional delegation visits to Ukraine.
  - April 2007
  - March 2008
  - June 2011
  - July 2015
  - May 2016
  - February 2018
  - April 2019

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1 At the time the partnership was initiated, the House Democracy Partnership was known as the House Democracy Assistance Commission (HDAC). The name was subsequently changed to reflect the nature of HDP as a partnership with partner countries.