



Office of Inspector General
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UKRAINE RESPONSE OVERSIGHT PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

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**Audit of Department of State Anti-Corruption
Programs and Activities in Eastern Europe**

The Ukraine related activities of the Department of State (Department) are a top oversight priority for the Office of Inspector General (OIG). The objective of this audit is to determine whether the Department implemented and monitored anti-corruption assistance programs and activities in Eastern European countries in accordance with federal and Department requirements.

Corruption is an ongoing threat in Eastern Europe; according to Transparency International, years of inaction against corruption in Eastern Europe has undermined democratic processes, restricted civic space, and weakened public institutions—fueling violence, conflict, and instability. Several bureaus and offices within the Department have supported longstanding anti-corruption efforts in these countries. In 2022, the Secretary of State established the Coordinator of Global Anti-Corruption to strengthen U.S. government anti-corruption issues alignment, work closely with international partners to advance U.S. anti-corruption policies, and lead the Department’s implementation of the United States Strategy on Countering Corruption.

Based on the unique challenges facing the region in the wake of Russia’s February 2022 full-scale invasion of Ukraine, as well as other factors, OIG will review Department anti-corruption programs and activities active in Hungary, Moldova, Poland, and Ukraine from FY 2018 through FY 2023. OIG will determine whether the associated goals and objectives align with applicable post, bureau, Department, and federal strategic guidance; how anti-corruption programs and activities have been modified in response to Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine; and how Department personnel monitor and evaluate anti-corruption programs and activities to ensure they achieve the intended results.

OIG has ongoing projects related to Ukraine and will be announcing additional projects in coming months. Visit OIG’s [Ukraine Response Oversight](#) page to follow our work in this area and contact us at publicaffairs@stateoig.gov for additional information.

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