



**DELEGATION TO THE
EU-UKRAINE PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**

STATEMENT

by

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Brussels, 28 February 2018. Today's delegation meeting was an excellent illustration of how fruitful it is to bring together stakeholders from different backgrounds to discuss strategic issues. I believe we should take today's discussions first of all as an encouragement to continue and even intensify our policy dialogue with Ukrainian partners and our actions targeted at enhancing the capacities of the Ukrainian Parliament, in order to achieve a smooth implementation of already agreed reforms and a good oversight over how legislation is implemented. The joint roadmap on implementation of Association Agreement, which will be presented this week by the Prime Minister and the Speaker of the Ukrainian Parliament, is a truly welcome step and responds to a long-standing suggestion of the EU.

As much as it is crucial for the Ukrainian side to deliver on agreed reforms, it is also necessary to look "beyond the horizon" and identify areas in which Ukraine could integrate even more with EU policies and programmes, provided it brings indeed additional benefits to Ukrainian citizens. There are certainly areas – some quoted the digital market or the energy sector – in which Ukrainian and the EU can develop new projects together, with Ukraine bringing its own, specific experience. The possibilities offered by, for example, the new EU External Investment Plan, should be also fully explored. Looking into all these avenues, including through a transatlantic angle, will certainly be one of our main tasks for the months ahead.

Today's meeting showed that Ukraine's destiny must be connected to Europe and founded on its European aspirations. The European Parliament will support our Eastern Partner on the path of reforms, which – at the end of the day – are made not to please the EU or international organisations, but to, first and foremost, benefit Ukrainian citizens themselves."

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