



Kyiv Follows Berlin in Implementation of the Municipal Ombudsman Institution

One of the foremost criteria for the legal state and developed democracy is adherence to the constitution and respect the human rights and citizen rights. “Nowadays, Ukraine is in the situation when such rights should be guaranteed. Kyiv authorities decided to follow up the best European practices and establish the municipal ombudsman institution”, noted the Mayor Deputy, the Secretary of Kyiv City Council Mr. Prokopiv. He stated that ombudsman would meet citizens individually and study the facts of violation of the counter corruption legislation for further submission of such cases to the court.

Mr. Prokopiv emphasized that Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights is the sole one ombudsman in our state. This situation has to be changed. Firstly, we should raise Human Rights protection locally. Ombudsman is the attorney of trust and works directly with the local citizens. Mr. Prokopiv is sure that implementation of such practice will help to tune up the communication with citizens and raise the level of trust to the city authorities and also provide a great tool for combating the corruption in the city of Kyiv.

The Secretary of the Kyiv City Council believes that experience of the Federative Republic of Germany institution of legal counsel of trust would be of the highest esteem. In order to get acquainted with the operating mechanism of Berlin ombudsman, it was decided to invite Attorney at Law Dr. C. J. Partsch.

Mr. Prokopiv mentioned, “Dr. Partsch is highly interested and happily share his experience in this field. It should be noted that such institution was established in 2011 and fulfilled all expectations. Nowadays we have a great opportunity to study, analyze and sum up the experience of Germany and later on create our own system, specially tailored to the city of Kyiv.

Dr. Partsch will present the functioning model at the end of May.