



**ADVISORY GROUP
OF EXPERTS**

**MINUTES No. 19
of the session of the Advisory Group of Experts**

*The session has been held in remote mode using electronic
video-conferencing*

18 November 2025

Start of session: 3:31 p.m.

End of session: 3:43 p.m.

Those present at the session of the members of the Advisory Group of Experts:

Oksana Vasylchenko, Aleš Zalar, Vasyl Shakun, Maureen O'Connor, Yaroslav Romaniuk.

Deputy members of the Advisory Group of Experts present at the session:

Marek Zubik, Thomas Griffith, Vitaly Makhinchuk.

Suggested agenda:

- 1. On self-recusal from participating in the vote on the request to the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission).**
- 2. On the request to the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission).**

Voted:

- Oksana Vasylchenko: “FOR”
- Aleš Zalar: “FOR”
- Vasyl Shakun: “FOR”
- Maureen O'Connor: “FOR”
- Yaroslav Romaniuk: “FOR”

Total: “FOR” – 5 votes, “AGAINST” – 0 votes.

Decided: the suggested agenda is approved.

Consideration of agenda items:



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1. On self-recusal from participating in the vote on the request to the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission).

Heard:

Oksana Vasylychenko, who informed the members of the Advisory Group that Hanna Suchocka has submitted a self-recusal application regarding participation in the consideration of the request to the Venice Commission, because she is the Honorary President of the European Commission for Democracy through Law, and that the members of the Advisory Group had the opportunity to review the application before the session. Since there were no additional questions regarding this application, Oksana Vasylychenko proposed to vote for approval of the application for self-recusal of Hanna Suchocka, a member of the Advisory Group of Experts, from participation in the consideration of the request to the Venice Commission.

Voted:

- Oksana Vasylychenko: “FOR”
- Aleš Zalar: “FOR”
- Vasyl Shakun: “FOR”
- Maureen O’Connor: “FOR”
- Yaroslav Romaniuk: “FOR”

Total: “FOR” – 5 votes, “AGAINST” – 0 votes

Decided: approve the recusal request of AGE member Ms. Hanna Suchocka regarding the consideration of the request to the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission).

2. 2. On the request to the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission).

Heard:

Oksana Vasylychenko, who reported that at the end of October, the Parliament registered draft laws on amendments to the Law of Ukraine “On the Constitutional Court of Ukraine” and “On the Rules of Procedure of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine” in the part concerning the activities of the Advisory Group of Experts. In view of this, the Advisory Group of Experts is considering the possibility of appealing to the Venice Commission for an assessment of these draft laws and the changes proposed by the members of parliament, since the new transparent procedure for selecting and evaluating candidates for the positions of judges of the Constitutional Court with



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the participation of the Advisory Group of Experts is an important component of the constitutional reform.

Voted:

- Oksana Vasylchenko: “FOR”
- Aleš Zalar: “FOR”
- Vasyl Shakun: “FOR”
- Maureen O’Connor: “FOR”
- Yaroslav Romaniuk: “FOR”

Total: “FOR” – 5 votes, “AGAINST” – 0 votes

Decided: to submit a request for an urgent opinion from the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) on draft laws No. 14149 of 24 October 2025 and №14149-1 of 27 October 2025.

Oksana Vasylchenko informed that all issues on the agenda were considered.

**Chair of the Advisory Group of
Experts**

Oksana Vasylchenko

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