



# ДЕРЖАВНЕ АГЕНТСТВО З ПИТАНЬ ЕЛЕКТРОННОГО УРЯДУВАННЯ УКРАЇНИ

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## International Open Data Charter

*On participation of Ukraine in  
International Open Data Charter*

With all respect we thank you for supporting the development of open data throughout the world.

Establishment of the International Open Data Charter (hereinafter – the Charter), aimed at encouraging the development of open data throughout the world, developing common approaches and quality standards for open data synthesis and dissemination of best international practices, is essential for an open transparent and efficient government activity in modern terms, efficient involvement of citizens in the governance, promotion of economic development and innovative business.

The year 2015 was the time of birth for open data in Ukraine: in April, the Parliament of Ukraine adopted a special law on open data, and in November, the Cabinet of Ukraine approved the priority state datasets to be opened in the first place. In January 2016, we launched the first version of the single state open data portal [data.gov.ua](http://data.gov.ua). In fact, the number of visitors double every week. Today, more than 700 governmental authorities are registered at the “portal”, which has already made about 6 500 datasets public.

We clearly understand that the development of open data is not only their publication. Therefore, we developed the roadmap of open data development in Ukraine for 2016 with active participation of the public to ensure comprehensive development of open data.

Joining the Charter is considered to be the following important step in the development of open data in Ukraine. During 2016 the Government of Ukraine took the necessary organizational and technical measures to initiate Ukraine's accession to the Charter in accordance with the requirements specified at <http://opendatacharter.net/adopt-the-charter/>, namely:

1. Institutions seeking to adopt the Open Data Charter should release a high-level public statement (issued by the Head of State, Minister, Secretary, Deputy

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Secretary, or other appropriate official) that articulates the adoption of the Open Data Charter.

Government of Ukraine has adopted a Decree “On some issues of Ukraine's accession to the International Open Data Charter” (annexed). The Government of Ukraine hereby announces the readiness and desire to join the Charter.

2. Appointment of a key ministry, department, or agency, including a direct individual, to serve as point of contact responsible for implementing the Open Data Charter's principles.

According to the Government Decree “On some issues of Ukraine's accession to the International Open Data Charter” State Agency for e-Governance is appointed responsible for organizing the accession to the Charter and implementation of Charter's principles in Ukraine.

### 3. Implementation.

3.1. Delivery mechanism(s) through which the Open Data Charter will be operationalized by the institution. The specific activities, methodologies, tools, and processes of the mechanism(s) that will be used to deliver the Open Data Charter should be defined.

3.2. Time-bound actions that outline specific, realistic deadlines by which progress toward implementation can be demonstrated.

3.3. Means of verification of the specific actions that will be taken by the institution to track the progress of the Charter's implementation.

Ensuring the implementation of the Charter's principles in Ukraine will be carried out through the following policies and tools.

Today the development of open data is considered to be one of the objectives of the Priority Action Plan of the Government for 2016, the most politically important document in the country. This document defines specific goals of open data development for 2016 and the medium term (annexed, [http://www.kmu.gov.ua/kmu/control/en/publish/article?showHidden=1&art\\_id=249140106&cat\\_id=244314967&ctime=1466762597090](http://www.kmu.gov.ua/kmu/control/en/publish/article?showHidden=1&art_id=249140106&cat_id=244314967&ctime=1466762597090)). When developing Priority Action Plan of the Government for 2017, the objectives of open data development will be provided considering the Charter's principles.

In order to ensure the comprehensive development of open data in Ukraine the state authorities have developed a Roadmap of open data in 2016. The Roadmap, which was approved in February 2016, contains 41 tasks that are structured within the following five areas:

- increasing the accessibility and quality of open data;
- building the capacity of governmental authorities to disclose open data;
- formation of political will as it is crucial for opening key registers;
- regulatory support;

development of demand and ability of target audiences to use open data. We pay special attention to the latter, because we believe that success in the whole depends upon the development of social and commercial projects based on public data (annexed).

Each objective of the Roadmap has a specific term of implementation and expected results.

In developing the Roadmap of open data for 2017, the objectives of open data development will be provided considering the Charter's principles.

Given the above, we are asking to consider Ukraine's accession to the International Open Data Charter.

With hope for further effective cooperation!

Regards,

The Head

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'O. Ryzhenko', written in a cursive style.

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