

## **UKRAINE AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION: CURRENT STATE AND PROSPECTS**

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European integration is civilized choice of Ukraine, one of the key demands of the Revolution of dignity. In the system of foreign policy priorities of Ukraine it occupies a special place.

For Ukraine, European integration is a way to modernize the economy, overcoming technological backwardness, attracting foreign investments and new technologies, create new jobs, and improve the competitiveness of domestic producers, access to world markets, especially the EU market. As an integral part of Europe Ukraine focuses on operating in western democracies model of socio-economic development.

The political benefits of the integration of Ukraine into the EU related to the creation of reliable mechanisms of political stability, democracy and security. The rapprochement with the EU is a guarantee, and the implementation of its requirements - tool for building democratic institutions in Ukraine. Moreover, EU membership will open the way for collective structures common security of the European Union, ensure effective coordination with European countries in the field of export controls and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction will help to intensify cooperation in combating terrorism, organized crime, smuggling, illegal migration, drug trafficking and so on.

In the process of European integration of each country comes a time when issues of foreign policy, he becomes a series of specific and very complex domestic policy objectives. For Ukraine this point came with the signing of the Association Agreement with the EU in 2014. Since then technical needs, such as the implementation of hundreds of European regulations, became essential in order to make the rules, which operates the public sector, politics and economy in Ukraine to be the same as in Europe.

To establish the work is not so simple: someone has to lead, someone – to control, someone - to implement. Moreover, it is important to do the work twice various departments or, conversely, not threw it at each other.

Unfortunately, in Ukraine, as European and Ukrainian experts emphasize, the association is not going smoothly, the new government doesn't demonstrate rapid reforms in the country exploding corruption scandals - all this is happening against the backdrop of aggression in Donbas and pressure of Russia to destabilize the situation in Ukraine.

The appointment of the deputy prime minister for European integration and the creation of the ministry or the National Agency could improve the situation, however, despite the statements of senior management it has not happened.

But the success of any integration policy is not in the statements and declarations about European choice, but in banal following the principles and objectives of the policy.

The European choice of Ukraine opens new prospects for cooperation with developed countries of the continent, providing opportunities for economic development, strengthening Ukraine's position in the global system of international relations. This is the best way to the realization of national interests.

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