

Olena Halushka: Ukrainian society, West will have to push even harder for reform in 2018

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There is little chance that the political environment will improve in 2018 for strong reform and a strong fight against corruption, as politicians are becoming consumed by the 2019 presidential and parliamentary elections.

At the same time, in the next two years, Ukraine will need to repay more than \$3 billion in debt to the International Monetary Fund, a circumstance that will hopefully increase the leverage of Western partners to ensure that Ukraine's leaders wage a genuine fight against corruption.

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