

What are the roadblocks for e-declarations verification?

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Late October 2016, reformers were celebrating a true anticorruption breakthrough. In spite of some 12 creative attempts to kill electronic system of asset disclosure it was fully launched and all the top officials of the state were forced to submit e-declarations. In fact, it is this specific reform that played a key role in unfreezing visa liberalization process with the EU which had stalled due to the doubts of some member states in genuinity and consistency of the Ukrainian reforms.

But is this reform indeed effective? Almost a year passed, but except comprehensive transparency that uncovered millions of dollars being stored in the houses of lifelong civil servants nothing has really changed. Nobody was brought to justice. And it is fully the responsibility of the National Agency for Corruption Prevention that such a promising and advanced anticorruption tool may end up as a stage requisite that points on the disease but unable to cure it.

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