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OUR PROJECTS

1. WIKIPERMIT – a website based on Wikipedia engine that will have complete data on every permission document (license, registration, certificate) for businesses and people, and allow users to share information about corruption and difficulties associated with their issuance.

There are a total of around 1,100 of such permits in Ukraine on central government level and another 600+ in municipalities.

We will show statistics of how often each permission document is issued, what is its cost, refusal rate, procedure, duration of issuance etc. People and businesses will be able to rate each permit in terms of corruption levels associated with them. Currently we have gathered statistics on just around half of all permits. We have already registered the domain names of wikipermit.org and wikilicence.org.

2. TAXPAYER INFORMATION PROTECTION LAW. Currently private individuals in Ukraine are not being shown how much taxes they are paying while purchasing products or receiving salary. This results a very low popularity of movements against government waste, as people, in vast majority, do not know how much taxes they pay.

Thus we are drafting the law that will mandate government to tell taxpayers how much taxes they are paying. Specifically, we want mandatory information about taxes paid from salary and when buying consumer products.

3. TAXPAYER PROTECTION PLEDGE. We are preparing to launch the pledge among members of Parliament that prevents them from voting against raising tax revenues in relation to GDP. The idea is based on Americans for Tax Reform Taxpayer pledge. We are currently in the process of designing the relevant website and negotiating with MPs: <http://stoptax.org.ua/>

4. TAXPAYER'S DAY AND SOCIAL QUIZ. We have conducted quiz among Ukrainians regarding their knowledge about how much taxes they pay and what tax rate people consider most fair. We will present the result of the study at the beginning of June on what we will present as Taxpayers' Day. This will be the analogue to US Tax Freedom Day.

5. DATABASE ON GOVERNMENT EXPENSE. Currently journalists in Ukraine have very little to no knowledge on how to analyze tons of data on government expense. Journalists mainly rely on press-releases and expert quotes. We want to improve the capacity of local journalists to search and find information on government expense. Our analyst and outsource IT professional will compile a database on years of government expense. We will provide this analytical tool for free to journalists. We have already signed an agreement with the most popular economics website in Ukraine: <http://www.epravda.com.ua/>. Under terms of agreement we will provide a database tool for free and train journalists how to use it. As for now, we are currently sponsoring caricatures using economist.com "Kal's cartoon" as an inspiration.