

UBTA Legal & Policy Team

Russia's war against Ukraine marks an abrupt and violent watershed in the European and global history of the XXI century, as it destroys lives, disrupts social and economic livelihoods, uproots economic, social and humanitarian links across the country, Europe and around the world.

In this tragic and unpredictable environment, an understanding of the situation on the ground, cool-headed judgement and competent advice matter.

The [Ukrainian Business and Trade Association \(UBTA\)](#) has been a non-profit association representing Ukrainian exporters at the EU institutions and European governments, serving as a single voice of the Ukrainian business in Europe through its offices in Brussels and Berlin.

Now as the war rages on, the UBTA experts stand at the ready to share analysis on latest developments in Ukraine in the context of ongoing Russian hostilities, coordinate support and assistance of the international community to Ukrainian business and society, provide advice to international business on risks emanating from the conflict.

The **UBTA Legal & Policy Team** brings together experts with a legal, economic and policy background and experience with Ukrainian and European legislative advocacy. The team is open to collaboration with the EU and international organizations, companies and business associations.

WHAT'S ON OFFER:

- ❖ tracking and analysis of current and potential sanctions proposals versus Russia, political and legal prospects for their adoption;
- ❖ analysis of political and legislative developments in Ukraine and Russia affecting conflict dynamics;
- ❖ analysis of Ukraine's dialogue and cooperation with the EU and individual member states;
- ❖ sector-specific analysis and local liaison with key economic sectors, including agriculture, food-processing, pharmaceuticals, steelmaking, power generation and manufacturing;
- ❖ Advising on business continuity and location/relocation (including temporary relocation of economic activities and staff).

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Nazar Bobitski, UBTA Legal & Policy Team leader

Nazar Bobitski is a former Ukrainian diplomat with more than twenty years of experience in the fields of EU-Ukraine relations and trade diplomacy.

In the course of his diplomatic career, Nazar was involved in Ukraine-Netherlands bilateral cooperation at the Ukrainian Embassy in the Hague, EU-Ukraine political as well as trade and economic relations at the Ukrainian Mission to the EU in Brussels. He was a chief of staff to Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and led the division of trade and sectoral cooperation at EU Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Nazar Bobitski was a member of the Ukrainian team in negotiations on the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement and subsequently contributed to Agreement's implementation as regards European economic legislation. Prior to resigning from the Ukrainian Diplomatic Service in 2019, he held a position of Deputy Head of Mission - chief of trade and economic section at the Mission of Ukraine to the EU in Brussels.

Nazar is graduate in international relations from Lviv National University, with Master's degree in international relations from the University of Amsterdam, and LL.M degree from King's College, University of London.



Oleksandra Avramenko, economic expert

Oleksandra Avramenko is an economist and agricultural market analyst with more than five years of experience in the private and public sectors specializing in agricultural markets, various aspects of foreign trade and international relations, with a particular focus on the EU and the UK.

Oleksandra is a graduate from Glasgow Caledonian University with Master in International Banking, Finance and Risk Management, and Aalborg University with Masters in international business.

Oleksandra's career included positions of responsibility at leading international agricultural companies in Ukraine and the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine. In the latter position Oleksandra covered Ukraine-EU economic sectoral cooperation, negotiations to conclude Ukraine-UK free trade and cooperation agreement and negotiations to update the trade part of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement (DCFTA).



Anastasia Danylyuk, legal and advocacy expert

A qualified Ukrainian lawyer with more than a decade of professional experience. She is a graduate of the Institute of International Relations at Kyiv National University, specializing in the EU law and international law. Her career included positions in the Ministry of Justice, assistantships to Members of Parliament of Ukraine and an adviser role to Minister of Agrarian Policy. Anastasia has extensive experience with advocacy projects with the Parliament and executive branch agencies, and legislative drafting.

Yana Kazmina, legal and advocacy expert



A qualified Ukrainian lawyer with more than 10 years of professional experience. She is a graduate of the Institute of International Relations at Kyiv National University, specializing in the EU law, private international law, agricultural law and policy. Yana's career encompasses private legal practice, service as assistant to Members of Parliament of Ukraine, adviser to Minister of Agrarian Policy and a World Bank expert on agriculture. In the course of her career Yana co-authored legislative initiatives on agricultural policies, advised on legislative approximation to the EU legislation in agriculture and food safety and served as a World Bank expert on agricultural reforms.

Olena Volkova, PhD, legal and advocacy expert



A qualified Ukrainian lawyer with more than a decade of professional experience. Olena is a graduate of Kharkiv Yaroslav the Wise Law University and holds a PhD degree from Kyiv Koretsky Institute of State and Law. Olena's career includes assistantship positions with Members of Parliament advisory roles in parliamentary committees on entrepreneurship, transport, environment and anti-corruption and parliamentary working groups. Olena is the co-author of 30 legislative acts and policy proposals on environmental regulation and taxation, industrial pollution, waste management. A member of national delegation to COP25 ministerial conference on climate change in Madrid in 2019.