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OPORA grew out of **student activist** group aimed at combating **electoral fraud**.

17 years ago, we embarked on the path of struggle for increasing public participation in the political life and governance systems of Ukraine.

Today, OPORA is a **network** that has unique expertise at local, national and international levels.



“**Trust in OPORA** as a non-party advocate of electoral reform was the driving force behind the adoption of long-awaited legislative amendments, as evidenced by the enhanced support from members of parliament and key stakeholders of domestic observation of elections and political processes. Involvement of non-party representatives of OPORA (in particular, long-term and short-term observers) in the election observation process (for example, parallel vote tabulation [PVT]) strengthened **stakeholders’ confidence in the official election results**”.

According to final report prepared by DOPP, The Cloudburst Group

The **choice and elections** — real competition of ideas and political participation, while the election campaign is only a tool for peaceful transfer of power.

The **choice** is also a struggle for values and principles that requires professional work with the parliament, partners and civil society.



We've been performing systemic work in the following areas:

- monitoring of compliance with applicable laws and international democratic practices during the election process
- monitoring the activities of parliament and the openness of self-government
- involvement of consumers in the process of management of joint property
- introduction of external independent testing and providing talented children with access to higher education
- implementation of the principle of open data
- reform of political sector
- education and mobilization of citizens

We are human rights defenders that monitor the observance of electoral and political rights of citizens.

On October 27, 2022, the UN special rapporteurs on the situation of human rights defenders, on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association issued a [statement that explicitly recognized civic and international election observers as **human rights defenders**](#).



Since 2014, all **national elections** in Ukraine have been recognized as **free, fair and democratic**.

According to the 2021 edition of the Economist Intelligence Unit's Democracy Index, Ukraine was **awarded 8.25 points in the "Electoral process and pluralism" category**. This means that "the level of electoral democracy in Ukraine is on a par with that of the EU countries".

The formula of Ukraine's resilience in February 2022:



We are still dreaming of a common future in a modern, successful and free state of Ukraine.

Some of us joined the ranks of the Defense Forces and fight for democratic Ukraine on the frontline, while others serve the interests of Ukrainian society in the role of civilians. There is only one true answer to the difficult existential question “Why are we doing this?”:

**WE ACT
ON THE
GOOD
SIDE!**

PARTICIPATION — SECURITY — JUSTICE

That's what we thought before the full-scale invasion:

“The exercise of voting rights means **PARTICIPATION** in the development of democracy in Ukraine. The ability to choose freely and feel confident about adequate protection of electoral choice gives us, Ukrainians, a sense of **SECURITY** and predictability of our political system.

And the principle of **JUSTICE** is implemented through the application of legislation that ensures the inevitability of punishment”.

And now, in response to the challenges of war, **we've added the following:**

“Political **SECURITY** — resilience to disinformation activities, transition to a civilian system of governance in the post-war period and stable peace, which is impossible to achieve without providing institutional security guarantees to Ukraine and putting an end to Russian influence on social, political, economic processes in our country. Social security also calls for investing in human capital and reducing conflicts between different groups of Ukrainians. **JUSTICE** — punishment of war criminals, special tribunal for Putin, gradual reintegration of the military and civilians, who survived the Russian occupation, into socio-political life of Ukraine. **PARTICIPATION** — involvement of citizens in socio-political processes and post-war reconstruction of our country”.

As of today, we've branched out into new areas of activities:

- reform of political institutions
- preparation for the first post-war elections
- security and sustainable peace
- global advocacy for Ukraine's national interests
- establishment of a Special tribunal and documentation of war crimes committed by Russians
- analysis of Russia's influence on political processes in Ukraine
- research on Russian disinformation activities
- challenges in the development of local communities, transition of power to civil system in the post-war period
- research and prediction of migration processes
- data, OSINT and a new level of quality of analytics



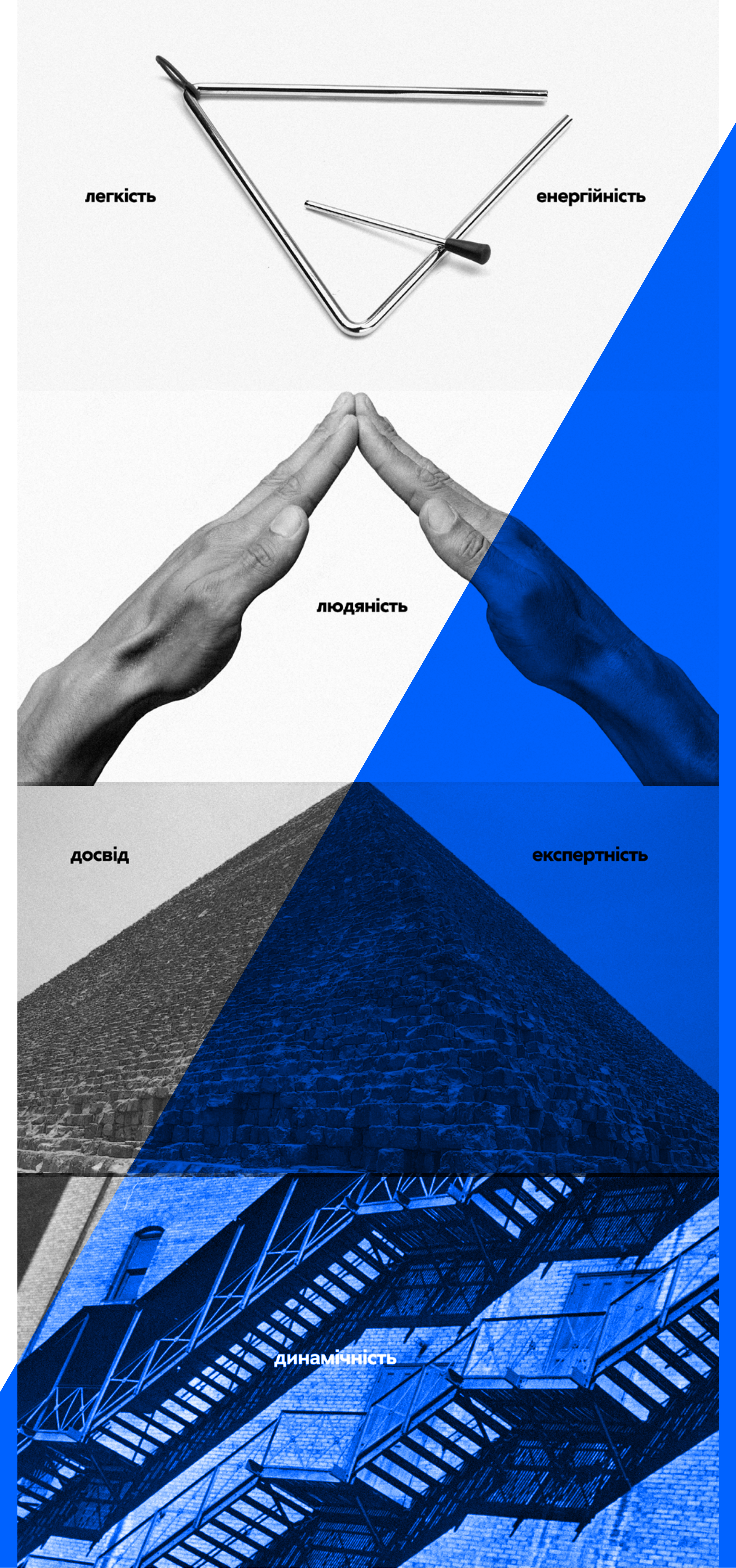
We employ innovative work approaches and process a large amount of open **data** obtained through the use of unique tools and **cooperation**.

We conduct investigations and research studies, in which we reveal the origins and primary sources, **interrelations and influences**.

We analyze the **public opinion** on a permanent basis to compare our decisions with the public demands.

We have undergone transformation on the outside as well.

The main goal of our rebranding is to emphasize the high level of **expertise and experience** gained over the years of our existence, as well as deep **integration into the modern life** of Ukraine and thorough understanding of current processes.



Our motto: **“We act on the good side!”**

Our mission: developing the practice of taking responsible decisions and actions in our society by advocating for the adoption of fair rules to facilitate the formation of secure and democratic state of Ukraine.

Our greatest strength: **our people that have a reputation for being true experts.**

