



### Ukraine



- Location: Eastern Europe, bordering the Black Sea; between Poland, Romania, and Moldova in the West, and Russia in the East
- Area: Total - 603,700 sq.km; land - 603,700 sq.km; water - 0 sq.km
- Natural resources: Iron ore, coal, natural gas, oil, salt, sulfur, timber, mercury, etc.
- Population: 46,710,816 (July 2006)
- Languages: Ukrainian (official) 67%, Russian 24%; small Romanian, Polish, and Hungarian minorities
- Government Type: Republic
- Legal system: Based on a civil law system; judicial review of legislative acts
- Executive branch: Chief of State - President Viktor Yuschenko; Head of Government - Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich; First Deputy Prime Minister - Mykola Azarov
- Political parties: Our Ukraine (Viktor Yuschenko), Fatherland Party (Yuliya Tymoshenko), Communist Party of Ukraine or CPU (Petro Symonenko)
- National elections: Parliamentary elections 2010, President elections 2009

### Challenges

- NATO membership is a sensitive issue that can cause further political turmoil, divide the country, and worsen bilateral relations with Russia.
- The main market of organized crime is economic crime, of which tax evasion is the most common. Organized crime groups are traditionally well established and have operations in Dnepropetrovsk, Zaporozhe, Lugansk, Kharkiv, Odessa, Crimea and Kiev.
- Corruption is widespread in the economic sector and in the judicial, executive and legislative branches of government. For example, special relationships exist between some corporations and state officials. Many times, favoured corporations are provided with VAT reimbursements, while less favoured corporations are not.
- The International Chamber of Commerce Global Survey on Counterfeiting and Piracy 2007 ranked Ukraine in the bottom ten of the list, as one of the world's least favourable IP environments. In addition, throughout 2007, Ukraine remained on the United States 301 Priority Watch list.

HIGH  
**Challenges: Medium** MEDIUM  
LOW

### Actions:

- CIN offers services that identify bureaucratic adversities and local decision-makers well in advance, saving both time and finances.
- CIN has previously identified state officials with a senior rank and clean record.