Ukraine held parliamentary elections on October 26, electing a new legislature that has a pro-European constitutional majority. After more than twenty years of economic mismanagement and high levels of corruption, as witnessed by the four-year violent kleptocracy of Viktor Yanukovych’s presidency, the country strongly needs to adopt reforms and energize its fight against corruption that will boost growth and dramatically reduce high-level abuse of office and corruption. However, it is not clear whether the new leadership has the political will to pursue these goals, without which European integration will fail. At the same time, the Kyiv government must cope with a Russia-backed insurgency in the Donbas that held internationally unrecognized “elections” on November 2. This presentation will integrate Ukraine’s election results within the broader post-Euromaidan environment in Ukraine and identify different future scenarios.

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