



## **Monitoring Committee of the Congress of Local and Municipal Authorities Meeting**

Mayor Deputy, the Secretary of Kyiv City Council Mr. Volodymyr Prokopiv conducted a working visit to the city of Athens with the purpose to participate in the meeting of the monitoring committee.

The meeting agenda covered the following issues:

- Human rights on local and regional level.
- Monitoring missions of the elections during the period of 2010-2016.
- Fact-finding mission in Turkey.
- Migration in Europe.
- Local and regional democracy in Europe.
- European charter on local self-governance.

Ukrainian delegation participated in the work of the committee and expressed concern over human rights protection in occupied Crimea, especially regarding the adoption of UN General Assembly Resolution on “Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine)”, which specifies Russian Federation as the occupying power and condemn human rights violation.

Another vital point of the agenda was the discussion of migrant crises in Europe. The draft project of the resolution was revised and supposed to be adopted during the next session of the Congress. Ukrainian delegation proposed to amend para.3 on the definition of the refugee categories including the definition of “Internally displaced persons”. It should be noted that alongside with refugee crises, the issue of internally displaced persons because of the armed conflict in the East of Ukraine and occupied Crimea is of paramount importance. That is not only Ukraine`s problem but of the whole European community just as human rights are the main all-around values and priorities. Ukraine`s proposal was taken into account and after the procession, it should be discussed during the march session of the Congress.

Within the framework of the visit, Mr. Volodymyr Prokopiv participated in the working meeting with Secretary General of the Congress Mr. Andreas Kiefer. During the meeting, both parties expressed the assurances of the fostering the cooperation with Ukraine and support of democratic processes accentuated on the strengthening of local authorities jurisdiction.