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On 20 September 2016 Parliament approved the Draft Act On Electronic Trust Services that should replace the effective Draft Act On Amendments to the Act of Ukraine On Electronic Digital Signature Act of Ukraine. How will these changes affect cross-border certification services?

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine has approved the Draft Act *On Electronic Trust Services* which is proposed to replace the Draft *On Amendments to the Act of Ukraine On Electronic Digital Signature* drafted earlier with a view to making the provisions of this Act as close as possible to the provisions of Regulations (EU) No.910/2014 of the European Parliament and European Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market, as well as repealing Directive 1999/93/EU.

Respective changes will make it possible to adapt Ukrainian legislation to the requirements of the European Union, which will have a positive impact on the development of cross-border certification services and will ease Ukraine's entering the digital market of the European Union.

The Draft envisages unification of the key components of cross-border digital services, introduction of unified terminology and the taking of measures to provide compatibility of electronic services with European services.

The adoption of the given Act will undoubtedly have a positive influence on the current situation, though it should also be taken into account that Ukraine is not quite ready "morally" for such changes. It is very difficult for us to leave Soviet customs and focus on computerization. Therefore, it will be necessary to make tremendous efforts that will not be limited only to adoption of the respective law but will also be directed at preparing society for new trends and changes.

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Date	Conference Name	Organizer	Location
3-5 October	Global Investors Summit 2016	Marcus Evans Conferences	Montreux, Switzerland
6 October	International Forum on Enforcement Proceedings	Yuridicheskaya Praktika Publishing	Kiev, Ukraine
4-6 October	Legal Week Strategic Technology Forum USA 2016	Legal Week	Phoenix, USA
7 October	Vilnius Arbitration Day 2016	Vilnius Court of Commercial Arbitration	Vilnius, Lithuania
10-11 October	Legal Risk and Compliance	Marcus Evans Conferences	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
12 October	IV In-House Counsel Forum	Yuridicheskaya Praktika Publishing	Kiev, Ukraine
11-12 October	International Trade Disputes	C-5 Conferences	Brussels, Belgium
13-14 October	Chief Procurement Officer Summit Fall 2016	Marcus Evans Conferences	Las Vegas, USA
13-14 October	CEE Private Equity Forum	C-5 Conferences	London, United Kingdom
14-15 October	20th Annual Competition Conference	International Bar Association	Florence, Italy
17 October	Evolution or Revolution – growth and international expansion of law firms in Asia	International Bar Association	Tokyo, Japan
18 October	8th Annual Mergers and Acquisitions in Russia and CIS Conference	International Bar Association	Moscow, Russia
18-19 October	Anti-Corruption – Spain	C-5 Conferences	Madrid, Spain
20-22 October	Minsk Legal Forum 2016	MINSK LEGAL FORUM	Minsk, Belarus
24-25 October	InvestPro Azerbaijan Baku 2016	BOSCO Conferences	Baku, Azerbaijan
27-28 October	2nd Annual M&A in the Technology Sector Conference 2016	International Bar Association	Tel Aviv, Israel
27-29 October	Psychological Mediation and Mediation Advocacy Course, with opportunity of IMI Advocacy certification	International Bar Association	London, England