

## Changes in regulation of architecture and construction activity

By the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 747 dated 26 August 2015 the Regulation on preparatory works and the Regulation on construction works were united in asingle legislative act, namely the Regulation on preparatory and construction works, which became effective upon its official publication on 9 October 2015. The Regulation on preparatory and construction works is another regulatory act adopted following the amendments made into the legislative framework in relation to regulation of architecture and construction activities.

As of now, the notification on commencement of preparatory or construction works can be sent to the appropriate state architecture and construction control authority at the place of the construction object via the electronic system of construction declaration procedures. This electronic system has started to function on 12 October 2015, but it is only available for use for the applicants with the digital signature.

Pursuant to the Regulation on preparatory and construction works, powers regarding issuance, return or annulment of documents for performance of preparatory and construction works are performed by the executive bodies on state architecture and construction control of village, settlement, city councils, and also structural departments of Kyiv and Sevastopol city administrations. In certain cases, in particular in relation to objects of V (the highest) category of complexity, which are located outside the urban areas or on the territory of several administrative-territorial units, such powers are executed by the State Architecture and Construction Inspection of Ukraine.

Documents, which grant the right to perform preparatory works, are valid until procurement of the right to perform construction works; documents, which grant the right to perform construction works, are valid until completion of construction.