

The international association “**PROGRESS**” for the protection of the common interests of the European Union, Ukraine, Russia, Byelorussia and Kazakhstan, in short “Progress”, is established at 1050 Brussels, Avenue Louise 148.

**The purpose** of this association is based on the mutual respect and the will to develop bonds of friendship and co-operation in every field between on the one hand, the European Union and, on the other hand, Ukraine, Russia, Byelorussia and Kazakhstan.

In order to achieve this goal, the association will execute the following missions:

1. Encourage and protect the investments and the developments of direct contacts between companies and financial institutions of the States concerned.
2. Organise international meetings at an adequate level. These meetings concern all the matters of common interest.
3. Promote the regular consultation on current questions as well as the extension of the contacts between the social organisations, the local institutions and organisations and the citizens of the aforementioned powers.
4. Bring about a better knowledge of each other’s legal system as well as promote the co-operation between the legal institutions of the States, namely in the field of mutual legal assistance in civil and penal cases, as well as in the field of co-operation between public institutions.
5. Provide information on each other’s legislation. This information must be correct, deontologically accurate and adapted, so that the informed persons can fully enjoy all the existing possibilities. The information should mainly point out the most important flaws in the legislation.
6. Participate in the training of the counsellors who will fulfil this information mission. This training must supply them with the required knowledge on a permanent basis.
7. Promote an efficient development of the economical and social relations.
8. Promote the youth exchange programmes as well as the education of college graduates and technicians.
9. Promote an important exchange of economical, scientific and technical information, as well as the access to that information for business people and scientists.
10. Develop the humanitarian co-operation by attaching fundamental importance to the respect of democracy and the universal standards of human rights.
11. Promote the co-operation in the field of the fundamental and applied scientific research and the development of direct contacts between scientists and science and research institutions in order to encourage the common use of the acquired knowledge.
12. Research the possibilities to co-operate in the most efficient way in the field of environmental protection.

This list is not restrictive.