

## **MYKHAILO PAVLIUK**

Vice Chair of the Chernivtsi Oblast Legislature (Ukraine) and Deputy Chair of the Chernivtsi Oblast Communities Coordination Council.

Since January 2021 he has served as Vice Chair of the Oblast Legislature. From May 2017 to December 2019 he was First Deputy Governor and then Acting Governor of Chernivtsi Oblast, concurrently Acting Head of the Regional State Administration and Chair of the Regional Development Council. In 2019–2020 he worked as a political analyst and civic activist, co-founding the NGO “Local Actual Initiatives Center.” Between 2006 and 2019 he taught at Chernivtsi Yuriy Fedkovych National University (lecturer, later associate professor; initially full-time, later part-time) and in 2006 served in the university’s International Office.

He holds a B.A. and M.A. in International Relations (2001–2006) and a Master’s in Law (2005–2010) from Chernivtsi Yuriy Fedkovych National University, and a PhD in Political Science (2009; thesis on the political-legal aspects of Ukraine’s NATO integration). He studied on scholarship at Harvard University (summer 2007), attended the IX International American Studies Summer Institute (2008), received a Presidential Scholarship (2008–2009), and was a Fisher Family Summer Fellow at Stanford University (2023).

Awards include a Ministry of Education and Science diploma (All-Ukrainian research competition, 3rd place, 2001) and certificates from the NATO Winter Academy (2006) and NATO Autumn Academy (2008).

Civically, he served as a deputy in the Chernivtsi Oblast Legislature and Chernivtsi Rayon Council (2008–2015); was on the oblast working group on decentralization and local self-government reform (2014–2016); and since 2020 has been vice-chair of the Coordination Council of Heads of Communities, as well as a member of regional bodies on social support for Ukrainian defenders and on internally displaced persons. He sits on the boards of Prosvita (Chernivtsi Oblast) and the NGO “World Embroidery Day,” co-initiated the Annual International Conference of Young Scholars on current issues of Ukraine’s foreign policy, runs a local video blog, and serves on the editorial boards of **Bukovynyan Journal**, the **Newsletter of the Institute of Political and Geopolitical Studies**, and **The Bukovynyan Herald of Civil Service and Local Self-Government**. His scholarly interests include European and Euro-Atlantic integration, Ukraine’s participation in international and regional organizations, decentralization and de-concentration, and public–civil society engagement in policymaking.