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Valeria Koval (Tkach) and ‘Diya’. Who is awarded government IT contracts?

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Valeria Koval (Tkach), Liquio and two PlayCity contracts with Kitsoft worth 69.14 million hryvnias. What Prozorro, declarations and the foundation’s register reveal.



An editorial collage based on two portraits of Valeria Koval (Tkach) provided.

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Two PlayCity tenders, one contractor, 69.14 million UAH under the contracts. This figure is derived from two Prozorro entries relating to the online gambling monitoring system. The winner is Computer Information Technologies LLC, operating under the Kitsoft brand. This company's technologies are also used on the 'Diya' portal, the development of whose e-services falls within the remit of the Ministry of Digital Transformation. In November, Fraza raised the issue of the possible influence of Oleg Koval, the husband of First Deputy Minister Valeria Koval, on state IT contracts. The specific links between the individuals, companies and funds can be verified by examining the relevant documents. Article by Fraza, Prozorro data on the first phase and Data on the second phase .

Valeria Koval and Valeria Tkach are one and the same official

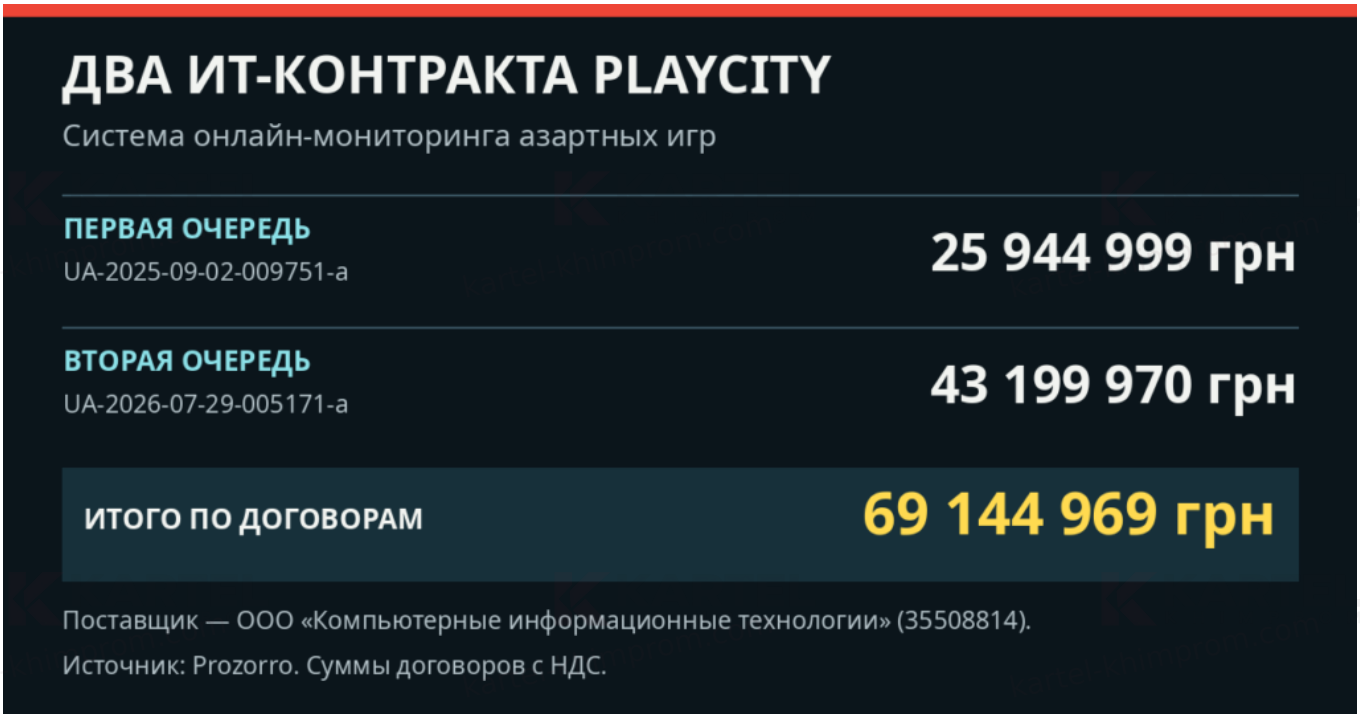
Full name in the NACP register — **Valeria Sergeyevna Koval** (Ukrainian: Valeriya Serhiivna Koval). In her annual declaration for 2024, she listed her previous surname as — **Tkach**On 23 July 2025, the Cabinet of Ministers appointed her as Deputy Minister for Digital Transformation, and on 17 September 2026, as First Deputy Minister. Oleg Petrovich Koval is listed in her declaration as her husband and, in the public records of the State Employment Centre, as deputy director. These institutions have different powers. Declaration under her previous surname, Decree for 2025, Order No. 915-r and the management of the State Employment Service.

From the 'Diya' portal to PlayCity's contracts

The 'Diya' portal runs on a low-code platform **Liquio**, developed by Kitsoft. This is confirmed by both the company itself and the industry portal Digital State. The platform forms the basis of the services, whilst individual tasks — ranging from the creation of new features to maintenance — may be procured under different contracts. In February 2026, Kitsoft open-sourced the Liquio Community Edition. This allows the platform to be explored and enables other teams to assess its suitability for their work. The terms of access to the source code of deployed systems, documentation and data are determined on a project-by-project basis. Digital State on the architecture of 'Diya.AI' and Kitsoft's announcement regarding the release of the source code.

In the gambling regulator's procurement, the figures can be traced back to the contract. In the first phase, the Prozorro Public Procurement System indicates **25,944,999 UAH including VAT**. Another bidder's tender, worth 19.9 million UAH, was rejected. According to NV, the contracting

authority cited the lack of a tender guarantee as the reason. For the second phase, the price is listed in the register **43,199,970 UAH including VAT** and separately, the price excluding VAT is 35,999,975 UAH. In both records, the supplier is listed under a single EGRPOU code — **35508814**. The total value of the contracts is **69,144,969 UAH including VAT**. Separate treasury data is required to calculate the actual payments. First procurement, NV on the rejection of the proposal and Second procurement.



The values of the current contracts for the two phases of the DSOM, according to Prozorro, including VAT.

The client for both phases was **PlayCity**. There were two bidders in the second tender. The minutes of 12 August state that the regulator rejected the cheaper bid from Kody Ukraine LLC for **35,626,000 UAH excluding VAT**, as the participant failed to rectify the identified discrepancies in the documents. According to PlayCity, the first phase was launched for trial operation in April 2026. Fraza's assessment in **over 400 million UAH** This relates to the total value of government contracts awarded to several companies. The two contracts cited relate to a single supplier and a single PlayCity project. Statement from the contracting authority, Report of discrepancies in Prozorro data and Fraza's assessment.

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The ‘Ukrainian Sense’ Foundation. What’s missing from the lobbying narrative

Oleg Koval’s links to a civil society organisation are being verified through documents. In his 2024 declaration, he listed himself as the head of the ‘Ukrainian Sense’ foundation (EGRPOU 45227419). According to Opendatabot’s records, he was replaced by Svetlana Kalaydova on 5 May 2025. Anastasia Dzvonyk later became the director. The foundation publicly describes its work as providing consultancy on digital transformation for government bodies and local authorities. Oleg Koval’s declaration, History of the foundation’s management and the organisation’s website.

Fraza reports on the foundation’s memorandum with Kitsoft and recounts the version of events regarding possible lobbying. To verify this, we need the memorandum itself, a list of projects and recommendations sent to specific clients, and then a comparison of these with the technical specifications and tender decisions. Publicly available documents confirm Oleg Koval’s position at the foundation and the supplier’s success in the PlayCity tenders. The role of the couple in decision-making regarding these procurements remains a matter for investigation. Fraza’s account of the story and PlayCity’s explanation of the procedure.

A plot of land for 7.76 million UAH and a car for 3.287 million UAH

In a notification to the National Agency for Corruption Prevention (NACP) dated 31 October 2026, Valeria Koval reported the purchase on 22 October of a plot of land worth **7,759,351 UAH**. ‘Tikhyi Irpen’ LLC is named as the source of ownership. In his notification, submitted on the same day, Oleg Koval listed a separate expense **2.6 million UAH** regarding the property sale and purchase transaction dated 22 October. The entry describes the subject matter as property. Contracts are required to establish all the terms and conditions of the transactions. Notice from Valeria Koval and Oleg Koval’s notification.

In another notification, dated 3 June, Oleg Koval listed a 2026 Hyundai Palisade worth **3,287,000 UAH**. The same document contains entries regarding the sale of foreign currency and expenditure on a loan for a vehicle amounting to **1,643,500 UAH**. Thus, information on the financing, as declared by the buyer themselves, can be added to the published price of the car. Oleg Koval’s notification dated 3 June.

By the figures **$38,000** The phrase needs the full context. In Valeria Koval's annual declaration for 2025, this is her own cash. The same section lists her husband's cash — **$319,000 and 4 million UAH**. Valeria Koval's salary at the Ministry of Digital Transformation is also reflected in the declaration — **1,405,209 UAH** Over the course of a year. Cash balances, annual income and purchase prices relate to different financial indicators. The source of funds for a specific transaction is determined on the basis of documents detailing the movement of funds. Annual declaration for 2025.

Specific questions remain for the Ministry of Digital Transformation and PlayCity. Who drew up the system requirements and accepted the results of the work? Can other contractors maintain and develop the solutions that have already been implemented? The foundation and Kitsoft could clarify the contents of the memorandum and disclose the government projects on which they collaborated. 'Kartel Khimprom' is prepared to publish the responses from officials, clients and companies.

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