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6 July 2023 (Thursday), Palais de l'Europe, Room 9	
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OPENING SESSION	
Chairperson: Frédéric DOLT , Head of Department for the Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Cooperation Standards, Council of Europe (CoE)	
09.00–09.30	Online connection/Welcoming coffee
09.30–10.10	Welcoming addresses <i>Ambassador Jānis KĀRKLINŠ, Chair of the Ministers' Deputies, Permanent Representative of Latvia before the Council of Europe</i> <i>Christophe POIREL, Director of Human Rights, CoE</i> <i>Vesna BATISTIĆ KOS, Ambassador, Head of the EU Delegation to the CoE</i>
10.10–10.30	HELP highlights <i>Eva PASTRANA, Head of Justice and Human Rights Training Division, CoE</i>
10.30–11.00	Group photo and coffee break
The Council of Europe's response to the war in Ukraine	
Chairperson: Frédéric DOLT	
11.00–11.15	Stock-taking of the initiatives and steps for the future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HELP in Ukraine project <i>Olga KOSTENKO, Project Coordinator, Justice and Human Rights Training Division, CoE</i>
11.15–11.35	Partners' perspective and relevant adaptations of HELP courses for Ukraine <i>Olesia OTRADNOVA, Director of the Prosecutors Training Center of Ukraine</i> <i>Nataliia ALIUSHYNA, Head of the National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service (online)</i>
11.35–12.00	Training needs and the CoE HELP response – new relevant courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights (under development) – <i>Mykola GNATOVSKY, Judge at the ECtHR</i> Prohibition of Ill-treatment during Armed Conflict – <i>Kresimir KAMBER, Senior Lawyer, Registry of the ECtHR</i> Transitional Justice – <i>Andrew FORDE, Visiting fellow, Irish Centre for Human Rights, co-author of the course update</i>
12.00–12.15	Conclusions
Trends in European training of legal professionals	
Chairperson: Frédéric DOLT	
12.15–12.45	Judicial training - EU perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HELP courses as a tool to bridge/enhance EU-CoE cooperation <i>Wojciech POSTULSKI, Team leader, European judicial training, DG JUST, European Commission</i> <i>Sanja JOVICIC, Project Manager, Institutional Cooperation and Networks Unit, EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) (online)</i>
12.45–14.00	Lunch break
HELP news and achievements	
Chairperson: Eva PASTRANA	
14.00–15.00	Geographical focus HELP in EU: <i>Oana GIRLESCU, EU-CoE HELP in the EU III Project Coordinator</i> HELP in Western Balkans: <i>Jasminka PERUNICIC ALLEN, HELP in WB Project Coordinator</i> HELP in Eastern Partnership: <i>Ana-Maria TELBIS, Deputy Head, Justice and Human Rights Training Division</i> HELP in South Mediterranean: <i>Pilar MORALES, Coordinator of Neighbourhood Policy with the South Mediterranean, CoE (online)</i>

	<p>Integration of HELP in CoE cooperation projects – <i>Elena JOVANOVSKA-BREZOSKA, Head of Unit, Cooperation Programmes Division, CoE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview • HELP in Türkiye – <i>Alper Hakkı YAZICI, Deputy Head of the Human Rights Department of the Ministry of Justice of Türkiye</i> • HELP in Central Asia – <i>Krystyna KHOKHLOVA, Project Coordinator, Cooperation Programmes Division, CoE</i>
15.00–15.30	<p>New courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECHR-EU Charter Interplay – <i>Sanja JOVICIC, Project Manager, Institutional Cooperation and Networks Unit, FRA (online)</i> • Child-friendly Justice - <i>Andriana KOSTOPOULOU, former Chair of CDENF, course co-author</i> • LGBTI Persons in Asylum Procedures - <i>Evgenia GIAKOMOPOULOU, Head of the SOGI Unit, CoE</i> <p>Courses under development/update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HELP courses under update - Admissibility Criteria, Combating trafficking in Human beings, Right to Liberty and Security • New HELP courses under development - Artificial Intelligence, Transition to Adulthood, Quality of Justice/the work of the CEPEJ <p><i>Ana-Maria TELBIS</i></p>
15.30–15.40	Conclusions
15.40-16.10	Coffee break
<p>Training as a vector for advancing human rights protection – synergies between cooperation and standard setting/monitoring Chairperson: Eva PASTRANA</p>	
16.10-16.30	<p>HELP and the CoE Department for the Execution of Judgments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective implementation of HELP courses to address the execution of ECtHR judgments <p><i>Tatiana COJOCARU, Head of Section, Department for the Execution of ECtHR Judgments, CoE</i></p>
16.30-16.50	<p>HELP and the ECtHR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the Knowledge Sharing platform • Mainstreaming ECtHR tools and resources in HELP courses <p><i>Renis ZAGANJORI, Knowledge Sharing Unit, ECtHR</i></p>
16.50–17.20	<p>Digitalisation and support to national authorities in addressing current training challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of HELP courses in implementing innovative training solutions <p><i>Tigran KARAPETYAN, Head of Transversal Challenges and Multilateral Projects Division, CoE</i></p>
17.20-17.30	Conclusions
<p>HELP Consultative Board elections Chairperson: Eva PASTRANA/Ana-Maria TELBIS</p>	
17.30–18.00	Presentation of the candidates and voting process
20.00	<p>Dinner – Restaurant L'Ancienne Douane 6 Rue de la Douane, 67000 Strasbourg</p>

7 July 2023 (Friday), Palais de l'Europe, Room 9	
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Key-note speech	
Introduction: Frédéric DOLT	
8.50–9.30	The Reykjavík Summit and its impact on human rights protection in Europe <i>Judge Síoфра O'LEARY, President of the European Court of Human Rights</i>
Optimising training resources across European and national actors	
Chairperson: Eva PASTRANA	
9.30–9.50	Cooperation with European networks for legal professionals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) – <i>Ingrid DERVEAUX, Secretary-general</i> Council of Bars and Law Societies in Europe (CCBE) – <i>Panagiotis PERAKIS, President</i>
9.50–10.20	HELP Network members experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrating HELP courses in the national training curricula of legal professionals <i>Kristina BEKAVAC – Croatian Judicial Academy</i> <i>Gianluca GRASSO – Italian Superior School of Magistrature (online)</i> <i>Levan MESHKORADZE – CoE Office in Tbilisi</i> <i>Rocio ORTEGA ATIENZA – Spanish Judiciary School</i> <i>Ecaterina POPA – Moldovan National Institute of Justice</i> <i>Jelena RISTIC – North Macedonian Bar Association</i>
10.20–10.30	Conclusions
10.30–11.00	Coffee break
A sustainable future for HELP: adapting to new challenges	
Chairperson: Eva PASTRANA	
11.00–11.20	How to take HELP further: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HELP Audiobooks; Large scale HELP course rollouts; Electronic HELP Statements of Accomplishment; HELP accredited course pages; Complementarity between HELP courses and classical training; Role of the HELP Focal and Info Points <i>Ana-Maria TELBIS</i>
11.20–11.35	HELP in Universities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview – <i>Krystyna KHOKHLOVA</i> OCEAN – <i>Olaf KÖNDGEN, Senior Project Manager, CoE</i>
11.35–11.50	Measuring impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective data collection and reporting on HELP training <i>Ana-Maria TELBIS</i>
11.50–12.00	Conclusions
HELP Consultative Board Elections	
12.00–12.15	Presentation of the results, future work with the new Consultative Board <i>Eva PASTRANA</i>
Closing of the Conference	
12.15–12.45	Judicial and Human Rights Training <i>Frédéric DOLT, Head of Department for the Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Cooperation Standards, CoE</i> HELP Strategy <i>Eva PASTRANA, Head of Justice and Human Rights Training Division, CoE</i>