

Strengthening the implementation of European human rights standards in Ukraine

Project summary

Project title	Strengthening the implementation of European human rights standards in Ukraine
Country	Ukraine
Budget	1 400 000 €
Funding	CoE/EU Programmatic Cooperation Framework for the Eastern Partnership Countries
Duration	24 months (January 2015-December 2016)
Partners and beneficiaries	Ombudsperson's Office, National Police, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, investigators of various institutions, national legal professionals' training institutions, Ukrainian Bar, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, etc.
Main objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to support the implementation of the police reform and fight against ill-treatment and impunity; 2. to enhance the operational capacity of the Ombudsperson's Office in the sphere of implementation of National Preventive Mechanism, non-discrimination and data protection advocacy; 3. to promote the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights at the national level through trainings.
Expected outputs and results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - legal expertise and advice provided by experts of the Council of Europe; - capacity building activities for different groups of legal professionals in Ukraine; - awareness-raising campaigns aimed at promotion of human rights standards; - elaboration and promotion of the Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) Programme in Ukraine; - legal expertise and advice in the course of drafting and adoption of national legislation; - assessment of the Ombudsperson's Office and recommendations for optimisation;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - capacity building activities – training seminars, workshops, round tables etc.; - elaboration and implementation of distance learning courses for legal professionals in Ukraine through the HELP platform.
<p>Implemented activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - produced two assessment reports on the operational capacities of the Ombudsperson as National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) in Ukraine and in the field of non-discrimination; - supported the strengthening of the operational capacities and effectiveness of the Ombudsperson in these areas; - formulated recommendations in the assessment report on data-protection that were used by the Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights to amend the Law of Ukraine “On Data Protection”; - provided a legal opinion on two draft laws of Ukraine - “On Internal Affairs Bodies” and “On National Police”; - contributed to the development of HELP resources in Ukraine through new courses “on Pre-trial Investigation in the Light of the ECHR”, “Deliberate Ill-treatment in the Light of the ECHR”, “Evidence and Proofs” - fostered broader integration of the HELP distance learning courses into the training curriculum of the higher education institutions as well as the professional training institutions thus strengthening the European Human Right standards implementation. A preliminary agreement with the National School of Judges of Ukraine (NSJ) and National Prosecution Academy of Ukraine was reached on implementation of the HELP distance learning course on “Introduction to the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)”.