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A perspective from the *Consejo General de la Abogacía Española*

## 1. Putting Human Rights and Training at the core of the Bar

- ❑ “Every law firm is a Human Rights defender’s office”. Carlos Carnicer, Honorary President of the *Fundación de la Abogacía Española*.
- ❑ “Even the best law is useless unless it delivers results on the ground”. Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality. Věra Jourová.
- ❑ “Europe is not today’s problem, Europe is the solution”. Victoria Ortega, President of the *Consejo General de la Abogacía Española*.
- ❑ “Human rights education has a special place in my heart”. Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe.

## 2. Translation and interpretation:

It is important that languages do not constitute an obstacle.

- ❖ Translation: In the previous edition of HELP as Info Point we volunteered to translate some of the contents of Asylum and we are in the course of translating contents on admissibility at the ECHR.
- ❖ Interpretation: From our experience, providing professional legal interpretation might prove to be very important for most of the crossborder events.
  - From an organizers perspective, it allows to bring in foreign expertise, raising the international profile of the event.
  - From a participant's point view, this is something that can be tackled through...

### 3. Selection procedures that are open, transparent and objective:

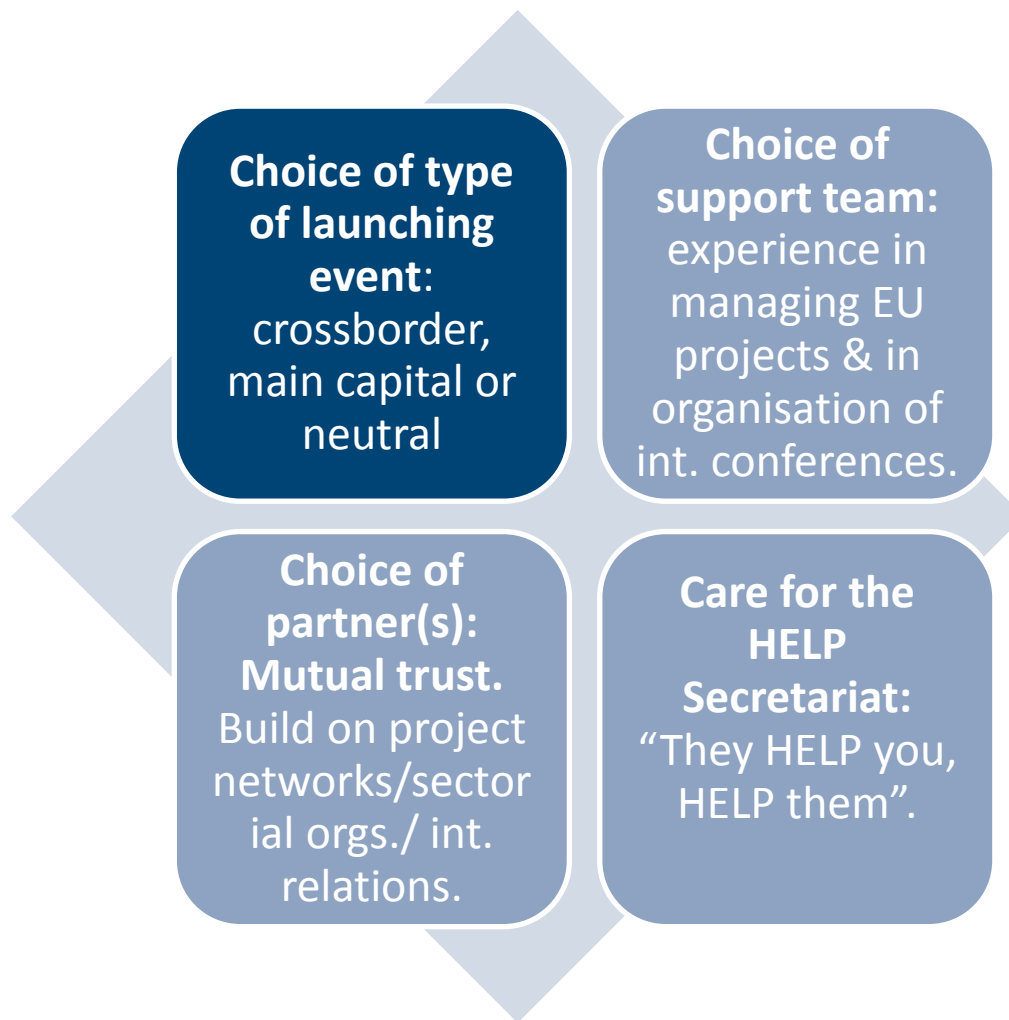
Our office has developed its own selection methodology that:

HELPS to guarantee the best possible profile for participants (attribution of number at reception, attribution of “points” per merits (knowledge, languages, publications, involvement at the Bar and other field-related organizations)

- Assures participants benefit adequately from the course: 91% & 87% success rates.
- Creates a common playing level field amongst participants.

For multinational events, the working **languages of the course should be highly rated. Average level of EN/FR is usually not sufficient to understand all the relevant jurisprudence.**

4. Developing a positive European experience together with your partners.



## 5. Cooperation with the Judiciary:

### Benefits:

- For the public: training decision makers is relevant for the enforcement of the ECHR and other international instruments, including EU law.
- As speakers: Specialized top legal expertise, enriching professional experiences and fruitful exchanges.
- As attendants: Spots for lawyers are respectively reserved in the Judiciary courses.
- For the course: synergies create the possibility of exchanges of resources (tutors, translated materials,...).
- For the Bar as an Institution: enhancing relations with the Council of the Judiciary and the Judicial School.

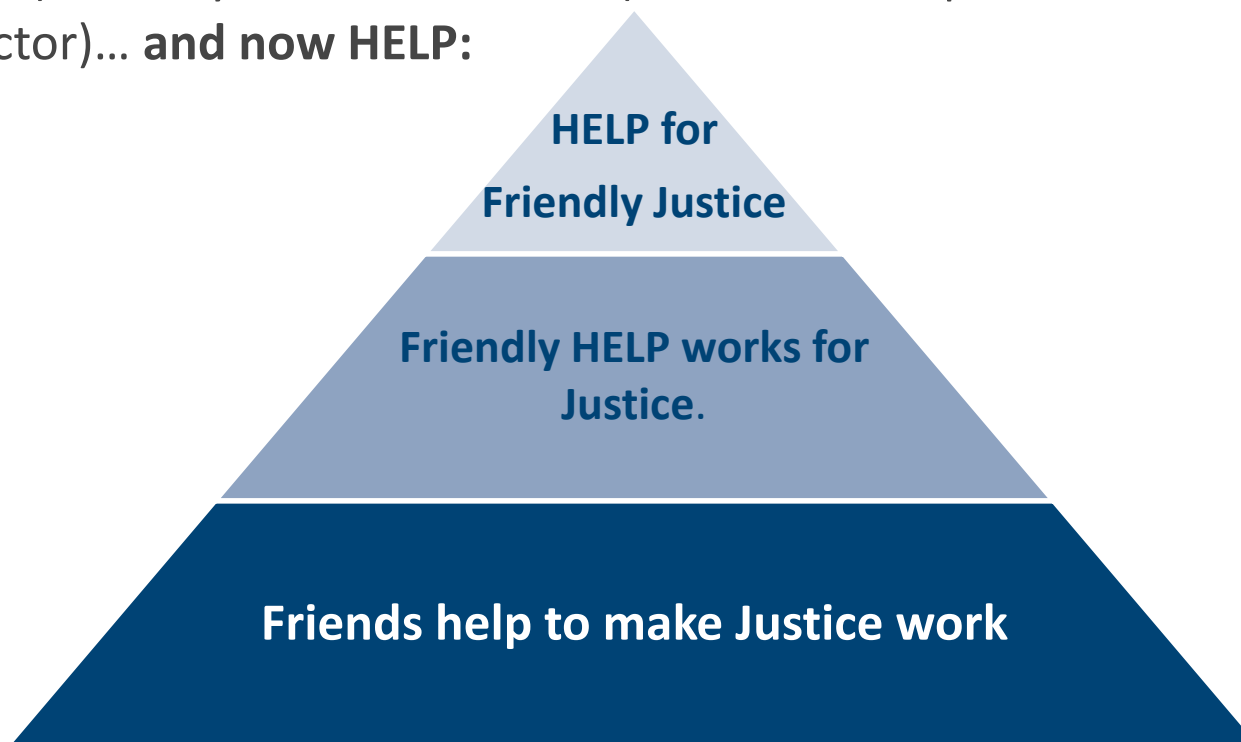
- 6. **Outreach and communication:**
  - ✓ **Streaming:** Our courses are freely broadcasted in streaming (with no geoblocking...). Over 900 specialized lawyers followed the launch of the course on Asylum and the ECHR.
  - ✓ **Online availability:** In addition to the HELP portal and the Moodle platform, the videos and the course materials are permanently available through the online virtual campus of the Bar.
  - ✓ **Dissemination:** one website (daily updates), two newsletters (*Europa en Breve* and *Europa al Día*), one magazine (*Abogados*), one App “Abogacía Europea, contigo” & social media - mainly two twitter accounts (+50k and 10k followers); personal Linked in pages- + Letters to 83 local Bars and internal reporting.

**Benefits:** Feedback on training: lead to a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition; active PR on topic; lobbying – reaching out decision makers.



## 7. The Council of Europe, a historic partner in the defense of Human Rights.

The ECHR and its jurisprudence, the CEPEJ (evaluation of Justice systems), the works of the Parliamentary Assembly (including works on a Convention for Lawyers), the Crystal Scales Award (for innovative practices in the Justice sector)... **and now HELP:**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!!**

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