



# HELP in Universities: basis and strategy for cooperation

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# Human Rights Education For Legal Professionals



## **CoE HELP** **Mandate to work with universities**

## **HELP in universities** **How?**



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## ECHR in university education Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)/5



[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2019\)5](#) on the system of the ECHR in university education and professional training – **KEY document on ECHR and university education**

### PREAMBLE

- ✓ Bearing in mind the **important developments in university education** ... in the 47 member States of the Council of Europe, resulting from valuable efforts by both the member States and the Court, as well as from the **European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP)** of the Council of Europe;  
...
- ✓ Stressing the **fundamental role played by university education**... in the Convention system for preventing violations and promoting human rights;



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## ECHR in university education Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)/5

Recommends that the governments of member States ... ascertain that **university education** ... concerning the Convention system comply with below **principles**:

### I General principles:

...

- Member States should notably **enhance the effectiveness** of such university education ... by ensuring that each category of the public has **access to the necessary tools** to comply with the obligations stemming from the Convention.



## ECHR in university education Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)/5

### II Targeted public

3. Member States should ensure that **university students of law** and, where appropriate, of other relevant fields of study, in particular the sciences, are offered education concerning the basic elements of the Convention system **in their common core curriculum**. In addition, **optional in-depth studies** should be offered to those who wish to specialise....



## ECHR in university education Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)/5

### IV. Content of university education and professional training

6. Member States should aim primarily at facilitating effective **access to basic and practical information** about the Convention system through university education ... This should include the ability to use available resources (the HUDOC database, **HELP courses** and other information sources).

### V. Learning and training methods

9. Member States should encourage the use of the **most appropriate learning and training methods**, taking into account the national context and the specific needs and expectations of the targeted public. ... E-learning and the use of the **HELP methodology** should also be encouraged.

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## CoE HELP Introduction and mandate

**CoE HELP** = Council of Europe Programme for  
Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals

### Reminder:

HELP develops and implements  
**ONLINE** (e-learning) human  
rights related courses





# Catalogue of HELP Courses

1. Admissibility criteria in applications submitted to the ECtHR
2. Alternative measures to detention
3. Alternatives to Immigration Detention
4. Anti-discrimination
5. Asylum and the ECHR
6. Key human rights principles in biomedicine
7. Business and human rights
8. Child-friendly Justice
9. Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings
10. Counterfeiting of Medical Products
11. CPT Standards
12. Data Protection and Privacy Rights
13. Family Law
14. Fight against Racism, Xenophobia, Homophobia and Transphobia
15. Freedom of Expression
16. Hate crime and Hate speech
17. Human Rights in Sports
18. Introduction to the ECHR and ECtHR
19. Int'l Cooperation in Criminal Matters
20. Internal Displacement
21. Labour Rights
22. Pre-trial Investigation in light of the ECHR
23. Prohibition of Ill-treatment
24. Procedural safeguards in criminal proceedings and victims' rights
25. Property Rights
26. Protection and Safety of Journalists
27. Radicalisation Prevention - Gathering and use of evidence in counter-terrorism cases
28. Refugee and Migrant Children
29. Reasoning of (Criminal) Judgments
30. Rights of Persons with Disabilities
31. Right to Liberty and Security (Art 5 ECHR)
32. Right to Respect for Private and Family Life (Art 8 ECHR)
33. Right to the Integrity of the Person (Bioethics)
34. Transitional Justice
35. Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence
36. Women's Access to Justice



# HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

## Online courses duration is 4-12 hrs

+ if reviewing links



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## HELP in Universities



### Goal

**Common goal of HELP and universities:** creating a **human rights culture** between future legal professionals

### Basis

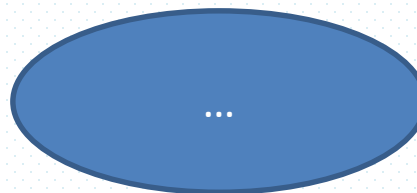
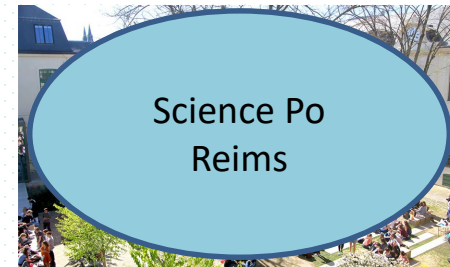
**CM/Rec (2019)5 on the system of the ECHR in **university education** and professional training**

### How?

- No formalities!
- Supplement to the existing curricula
  - Self-learning
- **Exceptionally:** dedicated pages for unis/law schools

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## Which universities?



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## HELP in Universities: Shift in strategy



- **Dedicated pages for unis/law schools**, exceptionally, only when professors are **HELP certified tutors**



- **Self-learning courses**: autonomously used by professors/no involvement of the HELP Secretariat



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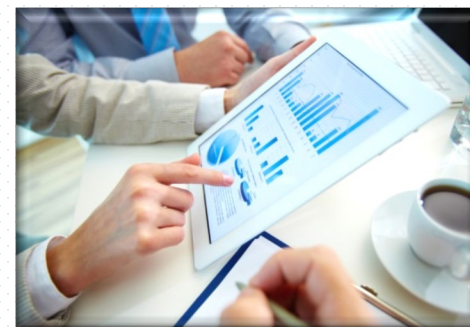
## HELP in Universities: Other modalities



- **Students** observers to courses launched for legal professionals
- **Linking to HELP on University websites:** we provide visuals
- **OCEAN:** dedicated session
- **NEW:** cooperation HELP – ELSA Germany
- **HELP ToTs:** exceptionally: SEELS, RUS – ARM University

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## Which HELP courses?





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