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**Agenda may still be subject to change*

4 July 2024 (Thursday), Palais de l'Europe, Room 1

09.00–09.30 Online connection/Welcoming coffee

Test for online speakers

OPENING SESSION

Chair: Frédéric DOLT, Head of Department for the Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Cooperation Standards, Council of Europe (CoE)

09.30–10.00 Welcoming addresses

Lyra JAKULEVICIENE, Dean, Law School, Mykolas Romeris University, on behalf of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers

Ambassador Vesna BATISTIĆ KOS, Head of the EU Delegation to the Council of Europe

10.00–10.40 Key-note speech

Marko BOŠNJAK, President of the European Court of Human Rights

10.40–11.00 HELP highlights

Ana-Maria TELBIS, Head a.i. of Justice and Human Rights Training Division, CoE

11.00–11.30 Group photo and coffee break

11.30–12.30 HELP news and achievements - Geographical focus

- HELP in EU: *Oana GIRLESCU, EU-CoE HELP in the EU III Project Coordinator*
- HELP in Western Balkans: *Jasminka PERUNICIC ALLEN, HELP in WB Project Coordinator*
- HELP in Eastern Partnership and in Central Asia: *Krystyna KHOKHLOVA, HELP Programme Coordinator*
- HELP in South Mediterranean: *Valentina BOZ, Head of unit, Capacity building and cooperation – South Mediterranean region*

12.30–13.00 New courses:

- Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights – *Elena YURKINA, Head of Unit, Transversal Challenges and Multilateral Projects Division*
- Personal Data Protection in Publication of Judicial Decisions - *Elena YURKINA*
- Gender Equality and Gender Mainstreaming – *Cecile GREBOVAL, Adviser, Gender Equality Division, DG Democracy and Human Dignity*
- Judges Upholding the Rule of Law – *Ingrid DERVEAUX, EJTN Secretary general*

13.00–14.30 Lunch break

The Council of Europe's response to the war in Ukraine

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14.30-15.05 **HELP in Ukraine project: stock-taking of the initiatives and steps for the future, national partners' perspective**

Olga KOSTENKO, Project Coordinator, Justice and Human Rights Training Division, CoE with Interventions from national partners

- *Olesia OTRADNOVA, Director of the Prosecutors Training Center of Ukraine;*
- *Oleksandr PYZHOV, PhD in Law, Head of Senate of CSO "Commission for Legal Education and Awareness", Vice-Rector for Research and Academic Affairs and Strategic Development of the National University of Ukraine on Physical Education and Sport*

15.05-15.30 **Training needs and the CoE HELP response – new relevant courses**

- International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights (published) – *Mykola GNATOVSKYY, Judge at the ECtHR*
- Temporary Protection in the EU (published) – *Olga KOSTENKO*
- Deportation of children during armed conflict (under development) – *Olga POIEDYNOK, course co-author*

Human rights (training) in the era of digitalisation

Chair: Ana-Maria TELBIS, Head a.i. of Justice and Human Rights Training Division, CoE

15.30-16.00 **HELP and the ECtHR**

- Overview of the Knowledge Sharing platform and the new HELP online module on ECHR KS; mainstreaming ECtHR tools and resources in HELP online courses

Renis ZAGANJORI, Lawyer, Department of the Jurisconsult, Registry of the ECtHR

16.00-16.30 **Coffee break**

16.30-17.10 **Judicial training and digitalisation – the EU perspective**

- HELP courses as a tool to bridge/enhance EU-CoE cooperation and impact on the EU Judicial Training Strategy

Wojciech POSTULSKI, Team leader, Digital transition and judicial training, DG JUST, European Commission

- Digital tools developed by FRA and their connection to HELP

Massimo TOSCHI/Sanja JOVICIC, EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) (online)

17.10-17.40

Digitalisation, innovation and HELP integration - support to national authorities in effectively addressing current training challenges

- *Lilja GRETTARDOTTIR, Head of Cooperation Programmes Division*
- *Tigran KARAPETYAN, Head of Transversal Challenges and Multilateral Projects Division*

17.40-17.45

Conclusions

19.45

Dinner

Musée d'Art Moderne
1 Pl. Hans-Jean-Arp, 67000 Strasbourg

5 July 2024 (Friday), Palais de l'Europe, Room 1

Training as a vector for advancing human rights protection – synergies between cooperation and standard setting/monitoring

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9.00–9.30

HELP and the European Social Charter

- Boosting training on social rights
- Amaya UBEDA, Head of Unit, Department for Social Rights, CoE*

9.30–10.00

HELP and the CoE Department for the Execution of Judgments

- Effective implementation of HELP courses to address the execution of ECtHR judgments
- Szymon JANCZAREK, Senior Lawyer, Department for the Execution of ECtHR Judgments, CoE*

10.00-10.15

Newly updated HELP courses:

- Combating Trafficking in Human Beings – *Yuriy PALTSEV, Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) Division*
- Combating Hate Speech
- Right to Liberty and Security

Optimising training resources across European and national actors

Chair: Ana-Maria TELBIS (2')

10.15-10.25 **Cooperation with European networks for legal professionals**

- Council of Bars and Law Societies in Europe (CCBE) – *Simone CUOMO, Secretary General*

10.25-10.45 **HELP in Universities**

HELP courses integrated in the educational curricula of law schools – *Krystyna KHOKHLOVA, HELP Programme Coordinator*

- *Andrii MEDVID, Doctor of Law, Professor of the Departments of Theory of State and Law, Lviv University of trade and economics*
- *Midhat IZMIRLIJA, Professor at the Law School of the University of Sarajevo*

10.45–11.30 **Human rights challenges, training, digitalisation – sharing of practices on effective solutions. How does HELP fit in the picture?**

Guiding principles in designing, implementing and evaluating human rights training

Workshop coffee by groups

11.30-12.00 **Reporting on the results of the workshop coffee**

12.00–12.15 **HELP developments – what to expect in the near future**

Ana-Maria TELBIS

Closing session: Past 20, next 20 – Reflections on lessons learnt and steps to take

Chair: Frédéric DOLT

12.15–12.30 **HELP in the Council of Europe landscape – (recorded) words from former HELP managers**

Tatiana TERMACIC, Head of the Secretariat of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, Parliamentary Assembly

Eva PASTRANA, Head of the Criminal Law Division, Council of Europe

12.30-12.45 **Closing remarks**

Christos GIAKOUMOPOULOS, Director General – DG Human Rights and Rule of Law