

Partnership for Good Governance



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Human Rights for all in Belarus

Who will benefit?

- ▶ Citizens
- ▶ Legal professionals
- ▶ University students and teaching staff

Why is the project being run?

- ▶ To raise awareness and increase knowledge on European human rights standards in Belarus
- ▶ To improve the system of human rights training for legal professionals

How will the project work?

- ▶ Through tailor-made face-to-face training for students and legal professionals
- ▶ Through the introduction of the Council of Europe-made distance-learning courses into the training process at universities and the National Training Institution
- ▶ Through training-of-trainers on the methodology of the European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) for the teaching staff of universities and the National Training Institution
- ▶ Through translation and dissemination of the Council of Europe human rights materials among legal professionals, legal scholars and students
- ▶ Through raising awareness on the European human rights standards, the European Convention of Human Rights and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights, including on the issue of death penalty, at thematic events organised for Belarusian legal professionals
- ▶ Through involving legal professionals in debates on human rights issues with leading European experts.

What are the expected results?

- ▶ Legal professionals increased their knowledge on European human rights standards
- ▶ The capacity of the National Training Institution for legal professionals to provide human rights training is increased
- ▶ Belarusian law and international relations students benefit from continuous trainings on human rights standards and the European Court of Human Rights case law

How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget is around 450,000 Euros
- ▶ 90% is funded by the European Union and 10% by the Council of Europe. The project is implemented by the Council of Europe.

How long is the project?

- ▶ The project runs from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018

Who is responsible for the project?

- ▶ Human Rights National Implementation Division, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI), Council of Europe

How do we get more information?

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In April 2014, the European Union and the Council of Europe agreed that targeted co-operation activities with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus – the EU's Eastern Partnership countries – would be implemented under the Partnership for Good Governance.

These co-operation activities will strengthen the capacity of Eastern Partnership countries, which are member States of the Council of Europe, with the exception of Belarus, to implement domestic reforms to bring them closer to European standards in the fields of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

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