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- **Supreme Court**
- **Constitutional Court of Ukraine**
- **Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights**
- **Ministry for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine**
- **Ministry of Justice of Ukraine**
- **Coordination Center for Legal Aid Provision**
- **National School of Judges of Ukraine**
- **Law Faculties in Ukraine**

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Council of Europe Project

'Strengthening judicial and non-judicial remedies for the human rights protection of the war-affected people in Ukraine'

Under the framework
of the Council of Europe Action Plan
for Ukraine 'Resilience, Recovery
and Reconstruction'
2023–2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Duration: 24 month (January 2023 – December 2024)

The Project aims at improving access to justice, human rights protection, and information for the war-affected people. Building, inter alia, on the Council of Europe standards and good practices in the field, the Project will provide targeted assistance to various stakeholders with a view to ultimately strengthening the human rights and rule of law in Ukraine.

In order to achieve its overall objective, **the Project encompasses the following three major components:**

(1) Improving the national legal framework and data collection on effective remedies for the war-affected people in line with Council of Europe human rights and rule of law standards.

Building on the European and international standards, including the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), the Project will support the national authorities in assessing domestic legislation and policies on the human rights protection of war-affected people as well as relevant support programs and compensation tools for those who suffered from damage, loss or injury caused by the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine at the national level. In addition, the Project will promote data collection tools for key groups of war-affected people with a view to facilitating access to effective remedies. The Project will also promote interagency dialogue among key stakeholders (i.e., parliamentarians, the Ombudsperson Office, relevant ministries, the judiciary, the legal professionals, etc.) in order to address challenges related to the administration of and access to justice for war-affected people with a focus on the most vulnerable persons.

(2) Strengthening judicial remedies and facilitating access to legal aid for the war-affected people in conformity with European human rights standards and the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights.

Through, among others, expert support and specialised trainings, the Project will strengthen the capacities of

the judiciary to apply the European human rights standards, with a focus on the comprehensive jurisprudence of the ECtHR. This will, in turn, enhance the judicial protection of the war-affected people in civil and administrative proceedings*. In accordance with Council of Europe standards, the Project will foster better access to justice, property, social and labour rights as well as recognition of civil statuses. At the same time, the Project will highlight the key role of the judges of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine in protecting human rights and enhancing the rule of law in war and post-war context. Finally, access to high-quality free legal aid for different groups of war-affected people will be improved through expert support, specialised trainings and in-demand equipment for the free legal aid system and independent providers.

(3) Strengthening access to non-judicial human rights restoration mechanisms for the war-affected people.

The Project will strengthen institutional capacities of the Office of Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights to conduct regular monitoring in relation to the restoration of rights of the war-affected people in Ukraine. Special attention will be given to the most vulnerable groups. Through, inter alia, targeted media campaigns, the Project will ensure access to reliable information on existing remedies, support mechanisms and compensation tools for the war-affected people. Considering the long-lasting consequences of the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, the Project will also contribute to educating law students in the field of human rights protection of the war-affected people in line with Council of Europe standards.

* The Project will not address criminal prosecution matters for war crimes.