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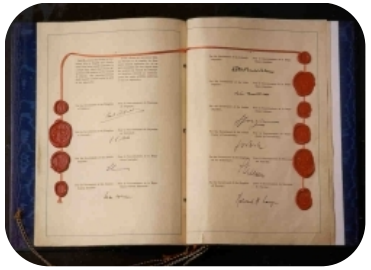
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Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) Programme

HIGHLIGHTS

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STANDARDS



MONITORING

(ECtHR, Execution,
CPT, GRECO, GREVIO…)

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Human Rights Education
for Legal Professionals

COOPERATION

Conventions set the standards

Training makes them work

HELP's main goal

HELP **legal professionals*** apply **European human rights standards** in their daily work mainly by training



Legal Framework
ECHR, ESC, CoE Conventions and EU Law



* and other current/future professionals

HELP references in CoE instruments

- CM Rec (2019)5 – **ECHR** in university education and professional training
- CM Guidelines on prevention and remedying of **ECHR** violations
- CM Rec (2025)8 – promotion of education and training on the **ESC**
- PACE Rec 2300(2025) – AI and Migration
- CCJE Opinion 28(2025) on judicial well-being
- CoE Thematic Action Plans
  - *CM Plan of Action on Strengthening Judicial Independence and Impartiality (2016)*

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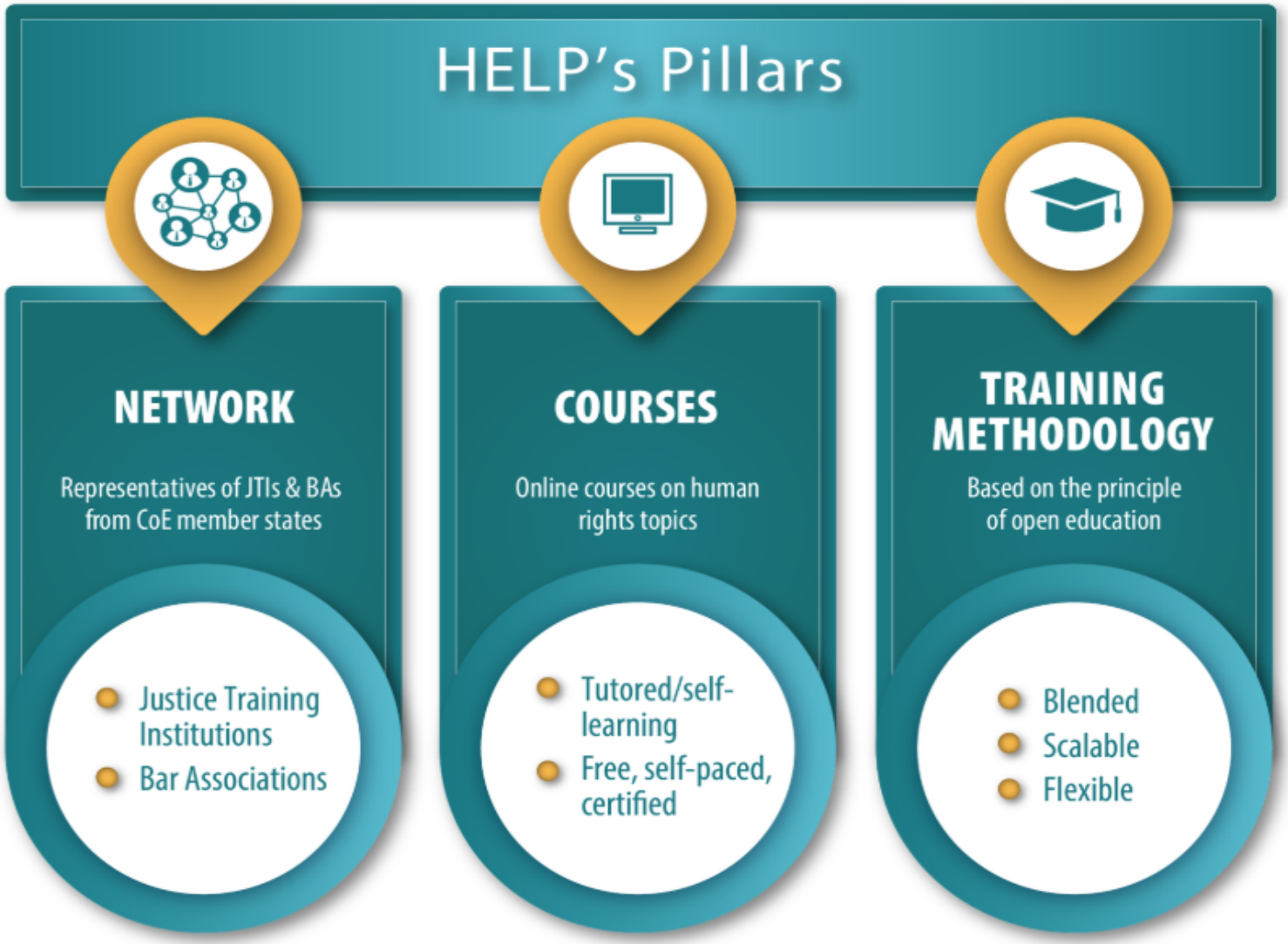
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FRA

euaa EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR ASYLUM

UNHCR The UN Refugee Agency

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CCBE

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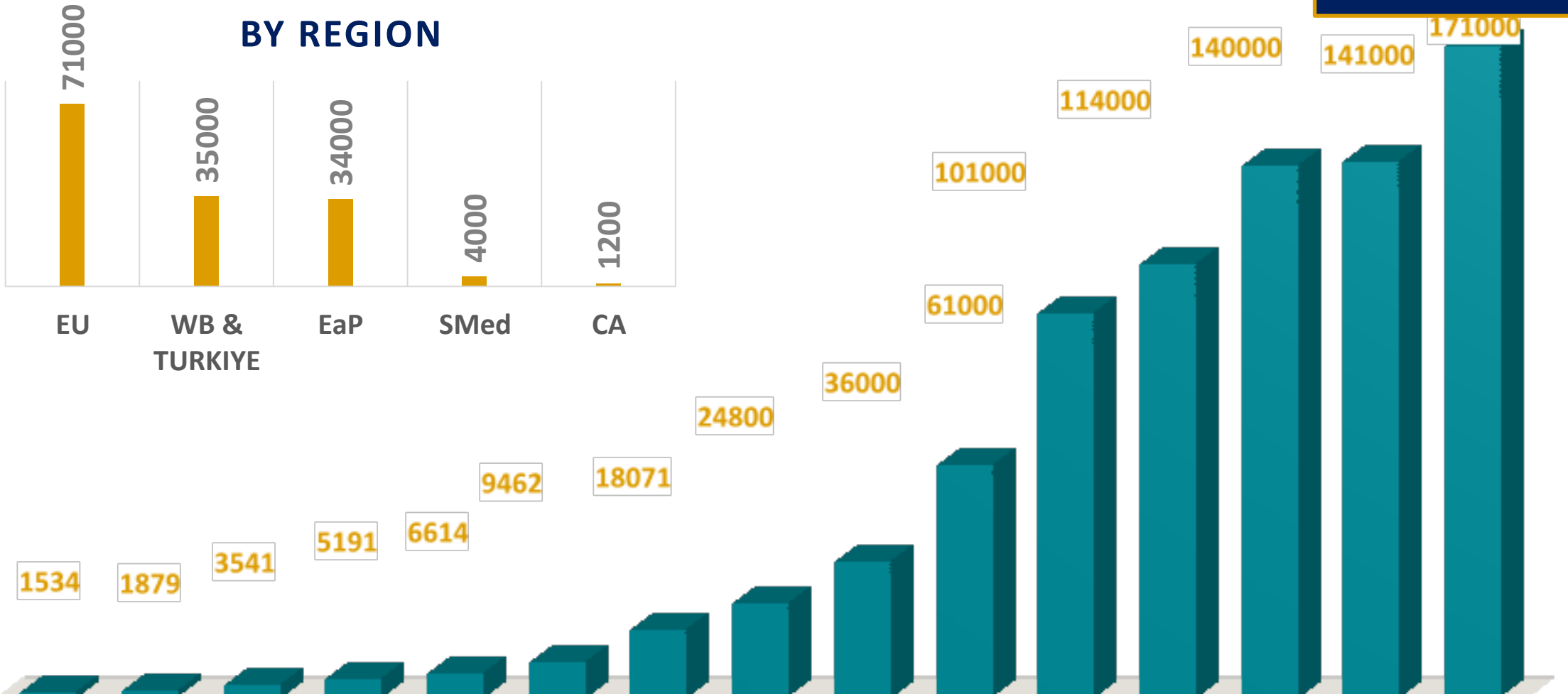
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Total number of users of the HELP eLearning platform

June 2026
186000



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HELP in numbers

PLATFORM

2025	
7	64 online courses
90	714 course translations
27,000	170,000 platform users

SELF-LEARNING

2025	
57,722	271,000 enrollments
20,630	75,000 certificates
143,000	505,000 eLearning hours

TRAINERS

2025	
5	114 ToTs organised
85	1,615 HELP tutors

TUTORED

2025	
106	1,215 courses launched
3,806	62,000 enrolled
74%	83% success rate
55,000	782,000 training hours

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Generic courses

✓ Suited for initial trainining











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- ✓ Ethics, integrity, preventing corruption
- ✓ Core judicial skills
- ✓ Stereotypes, gender, VaW
- ✓ Non-discrimination
- ✓ Media, Digital justice, AI

CATALOGUE

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ONLINE COURSES

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2026

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DG Human Rights and Rule of Law
Human Rights and Justice Cooperation Department
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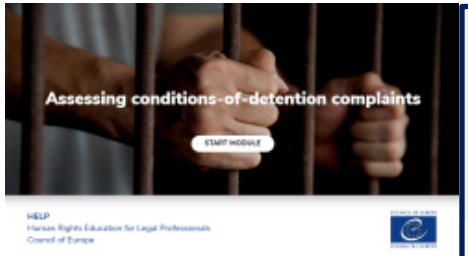
New courses/ modules



















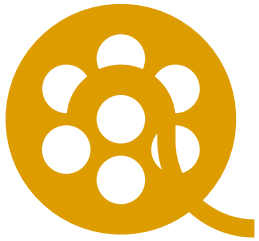
Updated courses







In the making…



NEW courses/modules

- Rights in the digital environment
- Reopening of national judicial proceedings

UPDATES

- Hate Crime
- Environment and HR
- Managing Foreign National Prisoners (w Europris)
- Pre-trial Investigation
- Building a Common Digital Culture (w EJTN)
- Rights of LGBTI Persons in Asylum Procedures
- Intro to the European Social Charter

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- The Council of Europe's main training programme for judges, prosecutors and lawyers on European human rights standards.

- National versions adapted to domestic law, which respond to the training needs that Council of Europe monitoring bodies identify.
  - ✓ Tutored courses run with national training institutions and certified jointly by HELP and the national institution.

- Free self-study courses with a statement of accomplishment.



From training to impact

HELP training evaluation



SELF LEARNING

- ✓ CoE monitoring reports, EU reports (EJTS)
- ✓ ECtHR, EXEC data
- ✓ Execution of ECtHR judgments (closing of cases, no follow up cases or ECtHR violations)
- ✓ Analysis of practice at natl level

Training schemes aligned to intl requirements

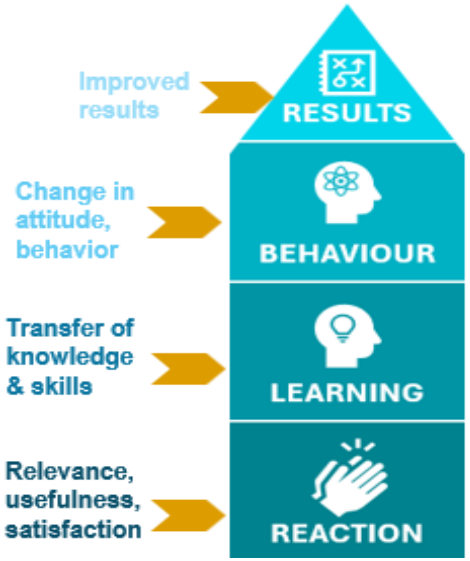
- CoE Instruments
- EU Judicial Training Strategy

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TUTORED

- ✓ Platform led survey, collection of testimonies
- ✓ Content quality and flow
- ✓ Interactive elements (quiz, short scenarios)
- ✓ Course completion settings
- ✓ End of course feedback questionnaire on relevance, usefulness, satisfaction



- ✓ End of project survey
- ✓ HELP Network role?
- ✓ Thorough tutor selection (w NTIs) and ToT
  - ✓ Quality of national adaptation
- ✓ Tutor led assessment (quiz, case-study)
- ✓ End of course feedback questionnaire on relevance, usefulness, satisfaction

HELP Network Strategy



INTEGRATE in initial training – (ECHR, Interplay, Ethics) & others in continuous



training



RECOGNISE HELP self-learning certificates



CIRCULATE HELP info (e.g. catalogue) with legal professionals



SHARE knowledge/catalogue among trainers



PROMOTE HELP courses as self-learning & reference/working tool.

Methodology: Good practices/success stories

Integration of HELP courses in training curricula

14 COUNTRIES
23 JTIs/Bas
153 courses
27,720 participants

Launches completely organised by partners

HELP in Universities

20 COUNTRIES
47 Universities
173 courses
13,115 students

Transfer of HELP courses to JTI/BA e-learning platforms

HELP Statements of Accomplishment recognised as training

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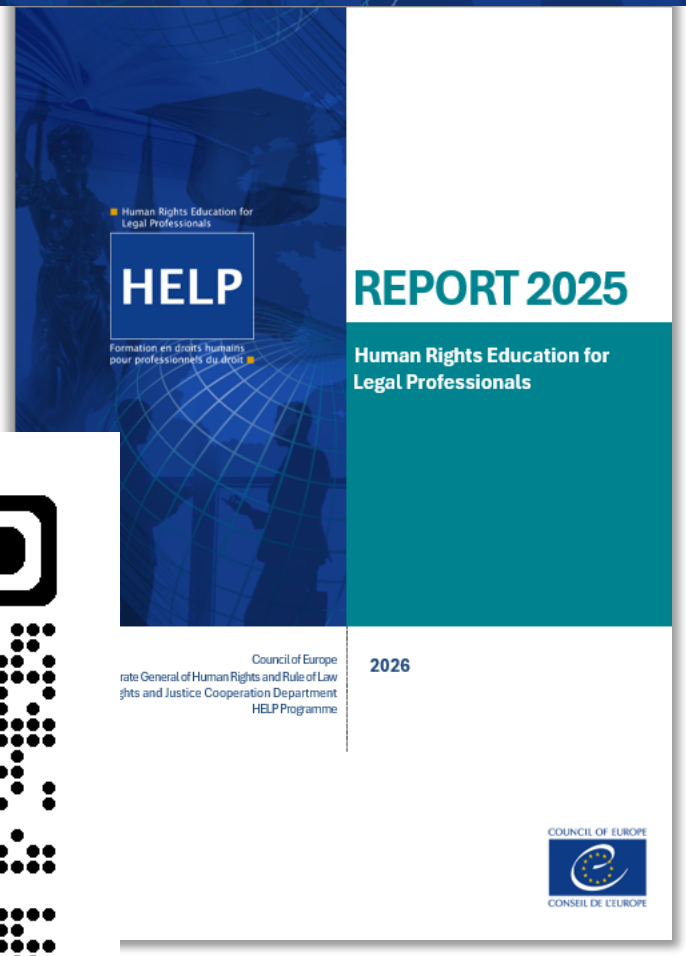
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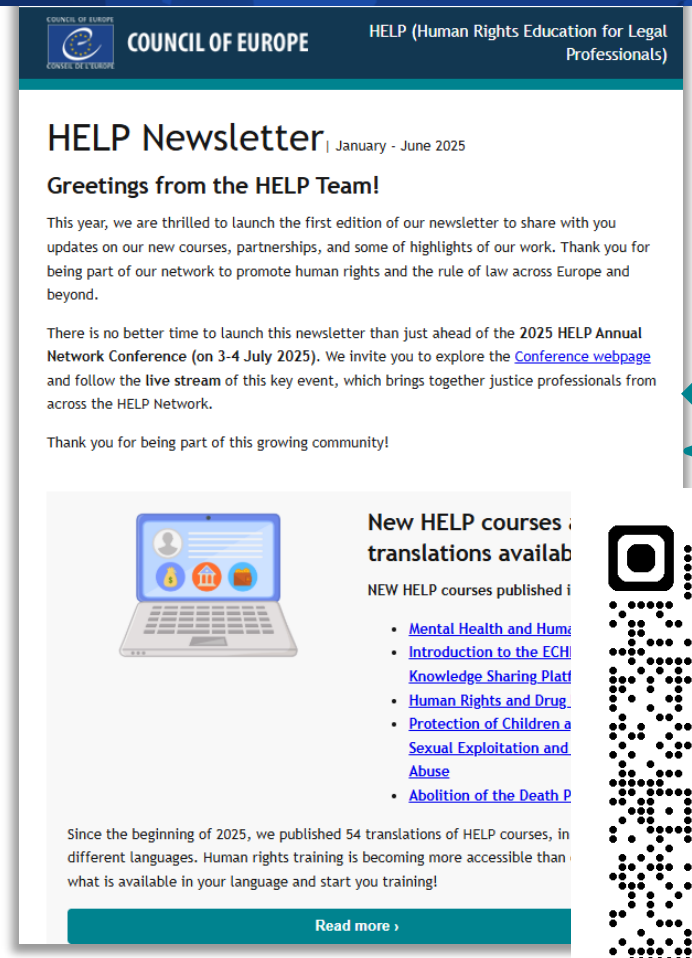
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NEW!

CoE HELP Annual Report





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HELP Newsletter | January - June 2025

Greetings from the HELP Team!

This year, we are thrilled to launch the first edition of our newsletter to share with you updates on our new courses, partnerships, and some of highlights of our work. Thank you for being part of our network to promote human rights and the rule of law across Europe and beyond.

There is no better time to launch this newsletter than just ahead of the **2025 HELP Annual Network Conference (on 3-4 July 2025)**. We invite you to explore the Conference webpage and follow the **live stream** of this key event, which brings together justice professionals from across the HELP Network.

Thank you for being part of this growing community!

New HELP courses translations availab

NEW HELP courses published i

- Mental Health and Huma
- Introduction to the ECH Knowledge Sharing Platf
- Human Rights and Drug
- Protection of Children a Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
- Abolition of the Death P

Since the beginning of 2025, we published 54 translations of HELP courses, in different languages. Human rights training is becoming more accessible than what is available in your language and start you training!

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