

HELP in the EU Network Conference

Strasbourg, 31 January – 1 February 2019

Concept paper

Date	31 January (afternoon) – 1 February 2019 (all day)
Location	Strasbourg (Agora, Room G1)
Language	English
Participation	HELP Focal and Info Points, representatives of training institutions from EU MS and key stakeholders at EU level
Registration	ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM

Background

The Council of Europe (CoE) Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) is aimed at supporting the CoE member States in implementing the European human rights standards at the national level, focusing on the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), other key CoE instruments, and since 2015, EU law. This is done by raising the capacities of legal professionals to apply those instruments in their daily work.

The objective of HELP is to provide high quality education on human rights to judges, lawyers and prosecutors throughout Europe. Law enforcement authorities such as police and prison staff are also targeted by HELP. Thanks to HELP courses, legal professionals can better protect human rights on a national level and keep up to date with the ever-evolving standards and case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR). HELP courses specifically designed for EU countries increasingly incorporate relevant EU laws.

HELP is:

1. the only pan-European Network of national training institutions for judges, prosecutors and lawyers in the 47 CoE Member States.
2. an e-learning platform with free on-line courses on human rights.
3. a human rights training methodology for legal professionals.

The EU-CoE 'HELP in the EU' Project

The joint EU-CoE project 'European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals in the European Union' (**HELP in the EU**¹) supports legal professionals from EU Member States in acquiring the knowledge and skills on how to effectively and coherently apply European fundamental rights standards at the national level, mainly referring to the EU Charter on Fundamental Rights (the Charter), the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), the (revised) European Social Charter (ESC) and relevant EU and Council of Europe Law. Furthermore, they will become familiar with the relevant European jurisprudence. It also reinforces the HELP Network of National Institutions (NTI's) and Bar Associations (BA's) in the EU; and through the use of cross-border trainings – which bring together legal professionals from a number of EU Member States - increases mutual trust and exchanges between EU practitioners.

¹ For more information about the HELP in the EU project, please go to <https://www.coe.int/en/web/help/help-in-the-eu>

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The HELP in the EU Network Conference

The **HELP in the EU Network** is the only European peer-to-peer human rights training network. It consists of representatives of national training institutions for legal professionals (judiciary schools and Bar associations) from all EU MS. Other international organisations, as well as some NGOs, are partners of the Network, including the main international associations of legal professionals (European Judicial Training Network (EJTN), Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), European Bars Federation (FBE), International Association of Judges (IAJ), International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) etc.).

The **HELP in the EU Network Conference** is the main gathering of the HELP Network members and partners from the EU. It provides a forum for discussion on ways of enhancing human rights training results and on how to improve effective co-operation among all members and partners in the EU. The Conference will be organised under the **EU-CoE HELP in the EU Project** and will aim at:

- ✓ highlighting the impact of human rights training in delivering justice and the role of EU national training institutions for legal professionals in this endeavor;
- ✓ presenting the developments in the HELP in the EU Project and the newly created HELP courses;
- ✓ developing strategies for fostering effective human rights training at EU level;
- ✓ mapping priorities and discussing future opportunities for implementing HELP courses in EU MS, at national and cross-border level.

The **newly developed HELP courses** under the HELP in the EU project will be presented to the participants:

- *Family Law and Human Rights*
- *Procedural Safeguards in Criminal Proceedings and Victims' Rights*
- *Gathering and Use of Evidence in Counter-terrorism Cases*

The participants will also be presented with the **updated courses** which are included in the HELP in the EU project:

- *Data Protection and Privacy Rights*
- *Key Human Rights Principles in Biomedicine*

Registration

Participants who received the invitation from the HELP Secretariat are kindly requested to **REGISTER** at the following link by completing the information required in the **ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM**.

Further information

The participation is covered by the **EU-CoE 'HELP in the EU' Project**.

The agenda will be provided at a later stage.

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Agenda

Thursday, 31 January 2019

14.00 – 14.30	Arrival and registration of participants
14.30 – 15.00	<p>Welcome address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Christophe Poirel, Director of Human Rights, Council of Europe (CoE)</i> • <i>Per Ibold, Minister Counsellor, EU Delegation to the CoE</i>
15.00 – 15.45	<p>Presentation of the HELP Programme and the EU/CoE funded projects: “HELP in the EU” and “HELP Radicalisation Prevention”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Eva Pastrana, Head of HELP Unit</i> • <i>Ana-Maria Telbis, Coordinator of the EU/CoE project “HELP in the EU”</i>
15.45 – 16.15	<i>Group photo and coffee break</i>
16.15 – 16.40	<p>Launch of HELP courses in EU MS (Introduction to ECHR, Data Protection, Admissibility, Refugee and Migrant Children, Violence against Women etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ana-Maria Telbis</i>
16.40 – 17.00	<p>How HELP works – step by step explanations from course development to course implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Eva Pastrana</i>
17.00 – 17.30	<p><i>Family Law and Human Rights – recent key developments at European level</i></p> <p>Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou, HELP Info Point for Greece and course coordinator</p>
17.30 – 18.00	Tour de table (emphasis on newcomers)
18.00	Cocktail reception

Friday, 1 February 2019

9.00 – 9.15	Arrival of participants
9.15 – 10.30	<p>Integration of HELP courses in the national training curricula – selected examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Julen Fernandez, HELP Info Point for Spain</i> • <i>Rafael Bustos, HELP Focal Point for Spain</i> • <i>Diogo Ravara, HELP Focal Point for Portugal</i> <p>Q&A</p>
10.30 – 11.00	<p>Execution of ECtHR judgments in the EU</p> <p><i>Szymon Janczarek, Execution of Judgments Department, Council of Europe</i></p>
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 – 12.30	Training to enhance compliance with European standards at national level:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migration and Asylum: <i>Janeta Hanganu, Office of the Special Representative for migration and asylum</i> • Anti-discrimination: <i>Stefano Valenti, Head of the No Hate Speech and Cooperation Unit / ECRI Secretariat</i>
12.30 – 13.00	<p>Other HELP courses with EU potential (Bioethics, CPT standards, International Cooperation in Criminal Matters)</p> <p><i>Ana Medarska-Lazova, HELP Programme</i></p>
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.00 – 15.00	<p>Presentation of the new courses developed under the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Law – <i>Maria Andriani Kostopoulou, course coordinator</i> • Procedural safeguards in criminal proceedings – <i>Claire Dubois and Kirill Belogubets, lawyers, ECtHR</i> • (Course/Module) on Radicalisation Prevention & Gathering and use of evidence in counter terrorism cases and radicalisation prevention – <i>Eva Massa, HELP Programme</i>
15.00 – 16.00	<p>Mapping priorities for future HELP activities in EU MS</p> <p><i>Participants will be asked to mention the main expectations/interest in HELP (with emphasis in EU/CoE projects) or specific HELP courses.</i></p>
16.00 – 16.15	Wrap up and conclusions of the conference
16.15	<i>Coffee and departure of participants</i>