CATALOGUE OF HELP ONLINE COURSES

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HELP is the **main educational Programme of the Council of Europe for legal professionals**. Its aim is to train judges, prosecutors and lawyers, but also other professionals, where relevant, on European human rights standards.

The Council of Europe **HELP online courses** are interactive and visual. They cover various human rights related topics, reflecting the different areas of work of the Council of Europe.

The **HELP courses** enhance the knowledge of legal professionals on key human rights topics and thus contribute to a better protection of human rights on a national level.

As well as the **European Convention on Human Rights** (ECHR) and the case-law of the **European Court of Human Rights**, HELP covers other **Council of Europe instruments** such as the European Social Charter or CoE Conventions in key areas like data protection, violence against women or bioethics. Furthermore, with EU support since 2015, HELP online courses also cover the **EU legal framework**, including the **EU Charter of Fundamental Rights** and the case-law of the **Court of Justice of the EU**[1]. Once HELP courses are ready, national versions can be developed complementing the European legal systems and jurisprudence with the national ones. These national courses help primarily judges, prosecutors and lawyers to apply European standards at national level in a practical way.

When contextualised to the national legislation and challenges, HELP courses also address the **training needs identified** by various **Council of Europe monitoring mechanisms** and support the **implementation of ECtHR judgments** pending execution. The HELP courses (especially those marked with the yellow label in the present catalogue) also contribute to achieving ★EU the objectives set in the **EU Judicial Training strategy**.

HELP courses are developed in line with the HELP Methodology: jointly with the respective content entities of the Council of Europe. For example, the course on Data Protection and Privacy Rights or the one on Key human rights principles in Biomedicine were developed jointly with the CoE Data Protection and Bioethics Units respectively, the course on Human Rights in Sports was developed jointly with the CoE Sports Department, the course on CPT standards with the Committee on the Prevention of Torture, the one on anti-discrimination with ECRI, etc. Lawyers from the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) are also involved in the development of HELP online courses. Increasingly, key partners of HELP such as the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN), the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) are also

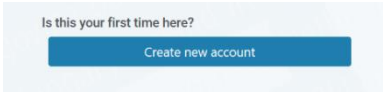
[1] HELP courses that include the EU dimension (EU law, CJEU case-law) are marked with a yellow label ★EU

offering their expertise in the development of HELP courses. The FRA – ECtHR joint handbooks are also used as key sources in the respective thematic HELP courses.

HELP free online courses are hosted on the **Council of Europe HELP e-learning platform**[2] **hate**

In order to access them, you will need **to log in to your HELP account**. If you don't yet have a HELP account, you can create one in less than 2 minutes.

- ✓ Click here[3] and fill in the form (it takes about 2 mins)
- ✓ Once you submit the form, you will receive an activation link on the email you used for creating the account.
- ✓ Go to your email inbox and click on the link to activate your



VIDEO TUTORIAL
how to create a HELP account

The courses can be taken in the following ways:

SELF-STUDY COURSES

Available publicly for unlimited access to anyone having an account on the HELP online platform. They are self-paced courses and once completed, you can obtain an individualised digital "**Statement of accomplishment**".

VIDEO TUTORIAL
how to enrol in HELP self-study courses

To enrol in any of the HELP courses for self-study, go to the CoE HELP e-learning platform, log-in with your HELP account, browse the list of courses and click on the language code under the picture of your selected course. You can also click on the course titles in the catalogue to go the course of your choice, then click on the language code in which you wish to follow the course and enrol in the respective page.

Once enrolled, you can start and access the course [and resume where you left it last time] any time you want from the '**My courses**' button.

The approximate **duration** indicated per course is estimated on the English version of the course and its SCORMs[4], and will appear on the digital self-generated 'statement of

[2] https://help.elearning.ext.coe.int
[3] https://help.elearning.ext.coe.int/login/signup.php
[4] SCORM stands for "Sharable Content Object Reference Model", or in lay terms, a unit of online training material. In the HELP e-learning platform, SCORMS are shown as below image. You need to click it to access the online training.

accomplishment' once the user completes the course. It must be noted that complementary information added to national versions of the courses (outside the SCORMs) may add e-learning time to the user.

TUTORED COURSES

The HELP tutored courses are organised in cooperation with a national partner institution, usually national training institutions for judges and prosecutors (JTIs) or Bar Associations (BAs). These tutored courses are facilitated/moderated by a HELP certified tutor, who was trained by the HELP Secretariat. Successful participants in HELP tutored courses are certified jointly by the HELP Programme and the national partner institution. If you are a legal professional and you would like to take a tutored course, contact the NTI or BA in your country, through the HELP Focal and Info Points.

Although the primary target group of the CoE HELP courses are legal professionals (judges, prosecutors and lawyers), some **interdisciplinary courses** may involve other professionals (health and medical specialists, prison and probation staff, law enforcement, journalists, Ombudsperson staff, NGOs, etc.).

HOW TO USE THE CATALOGUE

Click on the course titles to access them on the CoE HELP e-learning platform and see the **languages in which they are available** in self-learning format.

If you wish to have further information about the courses before accessing them, you can click on the **Brief**. Some courses have short presentation videos that you can also watch by clicking on **Video**.

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ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALY

Published: July 2025 – currently available in French

Brief **1 hour**

Modules:

1) Introductory Module
2) Key Concepts to Understand
3) The Death Penalty, Contrary to the Prohibition of Torture
4) Policies in Favor of the Universal Abolition of the Death Penalty

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Developed jointly with the Gender Equality Division, under the Partnership for Good Governance project "Strengthening Access to Justice for Women Victims of Violence in the Six Eastern Partnership Countries".

ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR WOMEN

Published: November 2018

Brief **Video** **10 hours**

Modules:

5) Introduction to the concept of access to justice
6) International and European legal framework
7) Discrimination on the grounds of sex and gender
8) Avoiding gender stereotyping
9) Practical guidance to improve women's access to justice
10) Gender sensitive approach to the practice of law

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ADMISSIBILITY CRITERIA IN APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE ECTHR

Updated: September 2023

Brief **5 hours**

Modules:

Introductory Module

1) Introduction to the ECHR and the Procedure before the ECtHR
2) Admissibility: Overview and Procedure
3) Admissibility Criteria based on Procedural Grounds
4) Admissibility Criteria relating to the Court Jurisdiction
5) Admissibility Criteria based on the Merits

2023 Edition: eng | tur
2019 Edition: bul | ces | deu | ell | fra | hrv | hun | ita | mkd | pol | rus | spa | sqi srp Previous version: bos | cnr | lit | ron | ukr

ALTERNATIVE MEASURES TO DETENTION AND COMMUNITY SANCTIONS

Updated: March 2017

Brief **4 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Substantive rights
3) Procedural rights
4) Non-custodial alternatives
5) Implementation
6) Community involvement
7) Electronic monitoring

*Alternative measures to detention for female offenders (produced jointly with UNODC; not counted in the estimated length)

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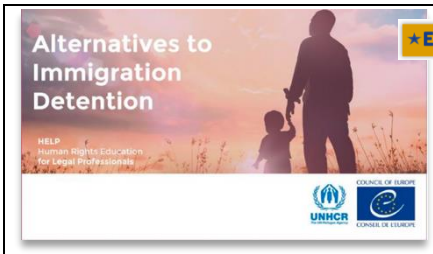

Produced jointly by the Independent Human Rights Bodies Division and the HELP Programme of the CoE, alongside the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). It was developed under the CoE Action Plan on Protecting Refugee and Migrant Children in Europe (2017-2019), with the support of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees (SRSG)

ALTERNATIVES TO IMMIGRATION DETENTION

Published: 2020

Brief **Video** **7 hours**

Modules:

1) Introductory Module
2) Legal and Practical Basics
3) Legal Framework
4) What Possible Types of Alternatives?
5) How to make Alternatives effective

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The modules related to the discrimination against Roma and the SOGIESC communities were developed in cooperation with the Council of Europe Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Unit and the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma issues.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

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Updated: 2025

4,5 hours

Modules:

1) Introduction to the prohibition of discrimination
2) The prohibition of discrimination in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights
3) Discrimination against Roma
4) Discrimination based on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Gender Expression and Sex Characteristics (SOGIESC)

2025 edition: eng | bel

Previous edition: bos | bul | cnr | ell | kat | mkd | srp ces | ron | sqi | ukr

Developed in 2024 in cooperation with the DG Human Rights and Rule of Law and the European Court of Human Rights Registry.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Published: June 2024

Brief **6 hours**

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5) Introductory module
6) Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
7) International and European frameworks and their principles concerning AI
8) AI and regulation in Europe
9) Thematic issues
10) AI, what's next?

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Updated in 2021 under the EU-CoE "HELP in the EU II" project, in cooperation with the UNHCR Office in Strasbourg and relevant CoE services, namely the Council of Europe Office of the SGSR on migration and refugees and the Independent Human Rights Bodies Division as well the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights.

ASYLUM AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Updated: 2021

Brief **Video** **6 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Non-refoulement, the right to life and prohibition of ill-treatment
3) Detention and Reception
4) The right to family life and asylum
5) Effective remedy

2021 Edition: eng | fra | ara | bos | bul | ces | cnr | deu | ell | hrv | hun | hye | ita | lav | lit | mkd | pol | por | ron | slk | slv | spa | srp | sqi | tur | ukr
2017 Edition: fle | kat | rus

Initially developed in 2016, the course was updated under the project "Online Platform for Business and Human Rights", implemented by the HELP Programme in cooperation with the CoE Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), funded by the Dutch and German authorities.

BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Updated: 2021

Brief **6 hours**

Modules:

11) Overview of Business and Human Rights
12) Preventing Harm – State duties to protect and prevent
13) Preventing Harm – Business responsibility to respect
14) Defending rights and remedying harm

2021 Edition: eng | fra | ara | bul | deu | irl | ita | kat | lit | mkd | spa | srp
Previous Version: sqi

Developed jointly with the Children's Rights Division of the CoE, in close cooperation with the staff of the CoE Special Representative on Migration and Refugees and the UNHCR. Updated under the EU-CoE HELP in the EU III Project, in close cooperation with the CoE Children's Rights Division and the EU Fundamental Rights Agency.

CHILD–FRIENDLY JUSTICE

Updated: June 2023

Brief **9 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Basics of Child-friendly justice
3) The Right to Effective Participation in Justice Systems
4) Diversion and Restorative Justice
5) Children's Rights Prior to Judicial Proceedings
6) Children's Right's During Judicial Proceedings
7) Children's Rights After Judicial Proceedings
8) Violence Against Children and Interdisciplinarity

2023 Edition: eng | bul | ell | ita | mkd | pol | por | ron | spa | sqi | srp
2017 Edition: ara | bos | ces | cnr | kat | rus | ukr | tur

Developed as part of the HELP course on Family Law and Human Rights, under the EU-CoE "HELP in the EU" project

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECTION AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION/ABUSE

Published: 2019

2 hours

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Protection of children from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse
3) The rights of the child in the digital environment

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Developed in close cooperation with the CoE Anti-Trafficking Division. The update has been made possible under the EU-CoE 'HELP in the EU III' Project to include the recent case-law of the European courts (the European Court of Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the European Union), as well as the EU and CoE framework.

COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

Updated: February 2024

Brief **13 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction and legal framework
2) Definitions and legal concepts
3) Identification of victims
4) Assistance for victims of human trafficking
5) The non-punishment principle
6) Investigation, prosecution and victims' rights
7) Sentencing
8) Compensation
9) The rights to international protection, return and repatriation
10) Technology and human trafficking
11) Trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation (published in 2021)

2024 Edition: eng | fra | bos | deu | hun | hye | mkd | ron | spa | srp
2017 Edition: ara | ces | cnr | kat | mne | spa | slk | rus | tur | ukr | uzb

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Developed in close cooperation with the CPT's Secretariat and with the support of the Project "Strengthening the application of the European Convention on Human Rights in Georgia", under the EU/CoE Partnership for Good Governance.

COMMITTEE FOR THE PREVENTION OF TORTURE (CPT) STANDARDS

Published: September 2019

Brief **10 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Law enforcement
3) Prisons and other penal institutions
4) Immigration
5) Psychiatric establishments
6) Social care

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Developed jointly with the Cybercrime Programme Office, with support of the Cybercrime@Octopus and the follow-up Octopus projects, funded by voluntary contributions. Joint CoE / EU projects GLACY+ and CyberEAST supported as well development of this course.

CYBERCRIME AND ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE

Published: 2022

Brief **10 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction to computers, networks and cybercrime
2) Introduction to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime
3) Substantive provisions of the Budapest Convention
4) Electronic evidence and the Budapest Convention procedural provisions
5) International cooperation provisions of the Budapest Convention
6) Cybercrime in practice and Human Rights
7) The Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention

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Developed under the EU funded project 'HELP in the 28', in close cooperation with the Data Protection Unit of the Council of Europe.

DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY RIGHTS

Updated: June 2019

Brief **Video** **12 hours**

Modules:

I. Basic knowledge about the right to privacy and data protection:

1) Legal framework
2) Key concepts
3) Key principles

II. Topical Areas:

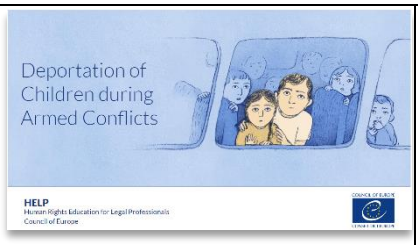
1) Health data
2) Media
3) E-communications & marketing
4) New technologies
5) Workplace

III. Enforcement:

1) Administrative, criminal and civil remedies
2) International data flows

2019 edition: eng | fra | ara | bos | ces | cnr | deu | ell | hun | hrv | ita | kat | lav | lit | mkd | pol | por | ron | slv | spa | srp | sqi | tur

Previous edition: est | slk



Developed in 2024 by the Council of Europe HELP programme under the "HELP for Ukraine, including during wartime" project, this course is part of the Council's Action Plan for Ukraine (2023-2026) and responds to PACE Recommendation 2253(2023).

DEPORTATION OF CHILDREN DURING ARMED CONFLICTS

Published: November 2024

Brief **Video** **6 hours**

Modules:

1) Introductory module
2) Setting the scene
3) Illegality of deportation of children during armed conflicts
4) Treatment of children during deportation/transfer
5) Obligation to facilitate return of children
6) Accountability for deportations and transfers of children in armed conflicts

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ETHICS FOR JUDGES, PROSECUTORS AND LAWYERS

Published: 2021

Brief **Video** **9 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) International and European Framework
3) Ethics for Judges
4) Ethics for Prosecutors
5) Ethics for Lawyers

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Jointly financed by the EU-CoE "HELP in the EU" project and the EU-CoE Horizontal Facility Action "Strengthening the Human Rights Ombudsman to fight discrimination", in cooperation with the Council of Europe Children's Rights Division.

FAMILY LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Published: 2019

Brief **Video** **9 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Rights Related to Couples
3) Relationship between Children and their Parents and Other Relatives
4) International Child Abduction
5) Children's Rights: Key Challenges

2019 edition: eng | fra | bos | bul | ell | ita | lit | mkd | ron | rus | slv | spa | srp | ukr
Previous edition: deu

Developed under the EU funded project 'HELP in the 28', updated under the EU funded 'HELP in the EU II'. It was developed in cooperation with the ECRI Secretariat, the European Social Charter and the SOGI Unit of the Council of Europe.

FIGHT AGAINST RACISM, XENOPHOBIA, HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA

Updated: April 2021

Brief **Video** **7 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Legal framework
3) Racism and Xenophobia
4) Homophobia and Transphobia

2021 Edition: eng | fra | aze | bos | bul | cnr | deu | ell | hrv | ita | mkd | pol | ron | spa | srp | ukr
2017 Edition: rus

Developed in cooperation with the EU-CoE Joint Project on Strengthening the Capacity of Turkish Judiciary on Freedom of Expression. Updated under the action on "Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Media in South-East Europe (JUFREX)", implemented under the EU-CoE Joint Programme "Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey II (2019-2022)".

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Updated: June 2020

Brief **Video** **9 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction and key principles
2) Types of speech protected under Article 10. Privacy and defamation
3) Media regulation. Freedom of Expression online. Freedom of Expression and elections. Protection of sources. Information received in confidence
4) Access to information. Freedom of Expression and protest. Freedom of Expression and administration of justice. Freedom of Expression in the workplace. Freedom of Expression and religion

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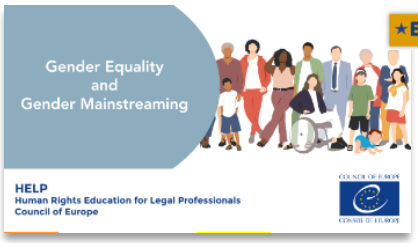

Developed jointly with the Gender Equality Division and the Directorate of Human Resources of the Council of Europe.

GENDER EQUALITY AND GENDER MAINSTREAMING

Published: March 2024

Brief **2,5 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Gender equality and gender mainstreaming concepts
3) International and European standards and policy framework on gender equality
4) Gender mainstreaming in practice

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Developed jointly with the OSCE Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR).

HATE CRIME

Updated: 2020
Brief 5 hours

Modules:

1) Hate crime and hate speech – Introduction
2) Concepts
3) International framework
4) Stage through the criminal justice system

2020 Version: eng | bos | ces | cnr | hye | kat | por | ron | sqi | ukr
Previous Version: hun | mkd | pol | spa | srp

Developed in cooperation with the No Hate Speech and Cooperation Unit and the Media Society Department of the Council of Europe.

HATE SPEECH

Updated: 2024
Brief 3 hours

Modules:

Introductory Module

1) Concepts of hate speech
2) Addressing hate speech
3) Legal framework for combating hate speech

2024 Edition: eng | aze | bul | hrv | ita | ron | srp | sqi | ukr
2020 Edition: ara | bos | ces | hye | kat | mkd | mne | por
Previous Edition: hun | spa

Developed within the framework of the Project "Human Rights and Women in the Armed Forces of Armenia-Phase II" by using the HELP methodology.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ARMED FORCES

Published: 2022
Brief 8 hours

Modules:

1) Induction and terms
2) Legal Framework
3) Dignity
4) Freedoms and Liberties
5) Economic and Social Rights
6) Justice and Remedies
7) Examinations and/or Effective Investigations
8) Equality and Non-discrimination

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Developed by the Council of Europe HELP Programme and the Pompidou Group, the course follows the HELP methodology and brings together expertise from legal, health, and policy specialists.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN DRUG USE

Published: 2025

Brief **6 hours**

Modules:

1) Introductory module
2) Definitions, Key Concepts, and Sources of Human Rights
3) Human Rights and Drug Use in Practice
4) Human Rights Aspects Concerning Health and Treatment
5) Human Rights Aspects at Different Stages of the Administration of Justice

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Developed jointly with the CoE Children's Rights and Sport Values Department of the Council of Europe, with the collaboration of MGIMO University.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN SPORT

Updated: October 2022

Brief **Video** **8 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Sports arbitration and litigation – Fair trial (Art. 6 of European Convention on Human Rights - the ECHR)
3) Privacy (Art. 8 of the ECHR)
4) Life and security (Art. 2, 3 and 4 of the ECHR)
5) Liberty, Freedom of Expression and Assembly (Art. 5, 10 and 11 of the ECHR)
6) Prohibition of discrimination
7) Anti-doping and human rights
8) Sports manipulation and human rights
9) Safety and security of sport events and human rights

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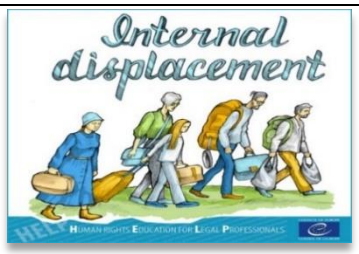

Developed under the Council of Europe Project 'Strengthening the Human Rights Protection of Internally Displaced Persons in Ukraine.'

INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

Published: June 2018

Brief **8 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Overview and Key Concepts
3) International and European Legal Framework
4) Protection of Property and Home under ECHR
5) Other Frequently Invoked ECHR rights
6) Protection of Social Rights

Languages: eng | fra | ukr

Initially developed in 2017 and updated in 2021 under the EU-CoE "HELP in the EU II" project involving relevant CoE services: Mutual Legal Assistance Unit; Penological Co-operation, Medicrime and Trafficking of Organs Unit; and Criminal Law Cooperation Unit, as well as from the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

Updated: August 2021

Brief **Video** **11 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Extradition and Surrender
3) Mutual Legal Assistance
4) Transfer of Sentenced Persons
5) Transfer of Proceedings, International Validity of Criminal Judgments and Supervision of Offenders
6) Seizure and confiscation of Proceeds of Crime

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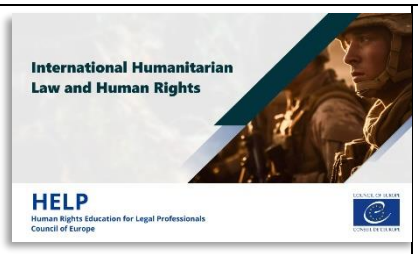

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INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Published: April 2024

Brief **Video** **12 hours**

Modules:

Introductory module
1. Introduction to IHL
2. Legal Framework
3. Scope of Application
4. Core Principles
5. Implementation and Enforcement
6. Interplay between IHL and IHRL
7. Right to Life
8. Prohibition of Torture
9. Right to Liberty
10. Right to a Fair Trial
11. Protecting Media Actors during Armed Conflict
12. Right to Property
13. Protecting People Displaced During of Fleeing Armed Conflicts

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antiDeveloped under the EU-CoE HELP in the EU III Project, involving representatives from the ECtHR Registry, the European Social Charter secretariat, as well as the EU Commission and the EU Fundamental Rights Agency.

INTERPLAY BETWEEN THE ECHR AND THE EU CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

Published: July 2023

Brief **6 hours**

Modules:
0) Introductory module
1) Introduction to Human Rights Protection in Europe
2) Protection of Human Rights within the Council of Europe and the European Union
3) Interplay
4) Practical Implications

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Developed by the **Economic Crime & Cooperation Division** in collaboration with the Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals Programme of the Council of Europe.

INTRODUCTION TO CORRUPTION PREVENTION

Published: September 2022

Brief **6 hours**

Modules:

1) Meaning of corruption
2) Corruption prevention tools
3) Ethical principles and codes of conduct
4) Conflict of interest and incompatibilities
5) Post-employment restrictions
6) Gifts and other benefits
7) Asset declarations
8) Free access to information
9) Lobbying
10) Political financing

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Developed in close cooperation with the Registry of the ECtHR and the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the ECtHR. The 2020 update was partly produced with the financial support of the EU and the CoE through the action "Strengthening the effective legal remedies to human rights violations in Serbia", implemented under the EU/CoE "Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey II".

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Updated: March 2020

Brief **Video** **6 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction to the European Convention on Human Rights
2) Introduction to the European Court of Human Rights
3) Execution of the Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

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Developed in close cooperation with the Secretariat of the European Social Charter and with financial support of the EU under the EU-CoE "HELP in the EU II" project, as part of the curricula of the updated HELP Labour Rights course.

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL CHARTER

Published: August 2021

Brief 50 minutes

Modules:

1) The European Social Charter (ESC) and the European Committee on Social Rights (ECSR)
2) Characteristics of the ESC
3) Interpretation of the ESC
4) Rights in the ESC
5) Monitoring of the ESC
6) Impact on lational law

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Developed in 2025 under "*Enhancing subsidiarity: support to the ECHR knowledge-sharing and superior courts dialogue*" project, which is a collaboration between the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights and the Council of Europe Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law and Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) Programme of the Council of Europe.

INTRODUCTION TO AND USE OF THE ECHR-KS PLATFORM IN DOMESTIC LEGAL PRACTICE

Published: 2025

Brief 45 minutes

Modules:

1) Introductory section
2) Chapter 1 - Introduction to the ECHR-KS platform
3) Chapter 2 - Use of the ECHR-KS – the platform in practice

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Developed in 2024 jointly with the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) under the EU-CoE Judicial Training on Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights

JUDGES UPHOLDING THE RULE OF LAW

Published: June 2024

Brief 5 hours

1) Introduction
2) Judicial Accountability and Ethics
3) Performance
4) Transparency

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Updated under the joint European Union/Council of Europe Action 'Strengthening the effective legal remedies to human rights violations in Serbia', jointly with the Council of Europe HELP Programme.

JUDICIAL REASONING AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Updated: 2022

Brief **Video** **8 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Judicial reasoning and fair trial
3) Judicial reasoning in criminal proceedings – Pre-trial stage
4) Judicial reasoning in criminal proceedings – Trial, Appeal and Enforcement of Judgments
5) Judicial reasoning in non-criminal proceedings – General Principles
6) Judicial reasoning in non-criminal proceedings – Thematic Issues I
7) Judicial reasoning in non-criminal proceedings – Thematic Issues II

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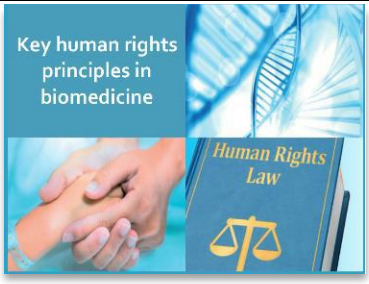

Developed jointly with the Bioethics Unit of the Council of Europe.

KEY HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES IN BIOMEDICINE

Published: August 2018

Brief **8 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Free and Informed Consent
3) Medical Confidentiality and Protection of Health-Related Data
4) Protection of the Embryo and Procreation
5) End of Life
6) Genetic Testing
7) Biomedical Research
8) Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues

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Initially developed under the EU funded project 'HELP in the 28', it was updated under the EU-CoE "HELP in the EU II" project involving relevant CoE services: Secretariat of the European Social Charter, Secretariat of the CoE Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, as well as from the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights.

LABOUR RIGHTS AS HUMAN RIGHTS

Updated: July 2021

Brief **Video** **13 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction (including a module on the European Social Charter, also available as a separate course)
2) Right to work and employment relationship
3) Working time and rest periods
4) Fair remuneration and protection of wages
5) Termination of employment
6) Equality and non-discrimination
7) Collective labour rights
8) Occupational safety and health
9) Trafficking in human beings for the purpose of labour exploitation

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Developed jointly by the the CoE HELP Programme, the CoE SOGI Unit and the UNHCR Office in Strasbourg, under the CoE's Project "Promoting Human Rights and Equality for LGBTI Persons III (2021-2023)".

LGBTI PERSONS IN THE ASYLUM PROCEDURE

Published: July 2023

Brief **3 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Legal Framework
3) The Rights of LGBTI Persons in the Asylum Context
4) Substantive and Procedural Aspects Related to the Asylum Application

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Developed in cooperation with the European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services (EUROPRIS)

MANAGING FOREIGN PRISONERS (EUROPRIS)

Published: March 2019

Video **3 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Effective communication for foreign prisoners
3) Prison regime improvement
4) Contact with the outside world
5) Resettlement and rehabilitation issues
6) Staff matters

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Developed in collaboration with the Steering Committee for Human Rights in Biomedicine and Health (CDBIO), this course was created within the "Protection of Human Rights in Biomedicine I" project;

MENTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Published: November 2024

Brief **8 hours**

Modules:

Welcome module

1) Introductory module
2) International legal framework
3) The protection of persons with mental health issues under the ECHR
4) Dignity, autonomy, equality and non-discrimination. Key principles for a rights-based approach to mental healthcare
5) Mental healthcare: access to care and quality of care
6) Involuntary placement, involuntary treatment and other coercive measures
7) Legal capacity, guardianship and alternatives to guardianship

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Developed by the Council of Europe HELP Programme and in the framewok of the Project, "Foster Transparency of Judicial Decisions and Enhancing the National Implementation of the ECHR (TJENI)".
The TJENI project is implemented by the CoE and funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Cooperation.

PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION IN PUBLICATION OF JUDICIAL DECISIONS

Published: March 2024
Brief **2 hours**

Modules:
Introductory Module
8) Publication of Judicial decisions, public and private interests
9) Rights, safeguards, and remedies

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Developed jointly with the Secretariat to the Committee of Parties to the MEDICRIME Convention.

PHARMACEUTICAL CRIME AND THE MEDICRIME CONVENTION

Updated: 2019
Brief **6 hours**

Modules:
1) What is pharmaceutical crime?
2) Offences under the MEDICRIME Convention
3) Investigating a pharmaceutical crime
4) International cooperation

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PRE-TRIAL INVESTIGATION AND THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (ECHR)

Published: 2016
Brief **7 hours**

Modules:
1) Covert investigation
2) Search
3) Pre-trial detention
4) Treatment in detention
5) Fair trial
6) Effective investigation

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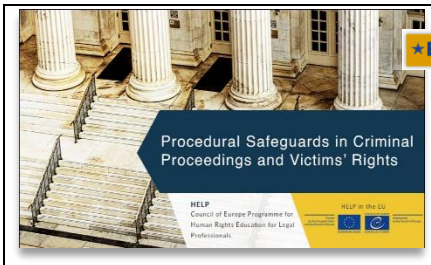

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PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AND VICTIMS' RIGHTS

Published: August 2019

Brief **Video** **11 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) General Aspects of a Fair Trial
3) Specific Rights/Procedural Safeguards I – The Presumption of Innocence
4) Specific Rights/Procedural Safeguards II
5) Specific Rights/Procedural Safeguards III
6) Victims' Rights

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Developed in cooperation with the project 'Strengthening the implementation of European human rights standards in Ukraine' Updated through the Joint EU/CoE Programme Partnership for Good Governance project 'Supporting the Criminal Justice Reform and Harmonising the Application of European Standards in Armenia' and the CoE project 'Human Rights Compliant Criminal Justice System in Ukraine' as part of the Action Plan for Ukraine. The module on Prohibition of Ill-Treatment During Armed Conflict was developed also with contributions from the CoE HELP project 'Supporting the contextualisation of HELP modules/courses for legal professionals in times of war in Ukraine'.

PROHIBITION OF ILL-TREATMENT

Updated: January 2023

Brief **7 hours**

Modules:

1) Introductory module
2) Legal framework and concepts
3) Effective (procedural) response to ill-treatment and combatting impunity
4) Ill-treatment in places of deprivation of liberty
5) Use of force as a means of restraint
6) Ill-treatment beyond coercive context
7) Interrelation with other rights
8) Who does what?
9) Ill-treatment during armed conflict

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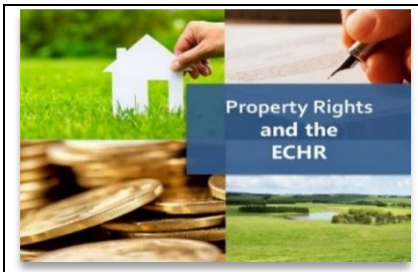

Developed in the framework of the project "Reinforcing the capacities of the judiciary to apply European Human Rights Standards at the national level in Bosnia and Herzegovina", funded by the Kingdom of Norway.

PROPERTY RIGHTS AND THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (ECHR)

Published: 2016

Brief 8 hours

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Legal framework and scope
3) The three rules
4) Permissible restrictions and proportionality
5) Specific areas of interest
6) Interaction between Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 and other ECHR Articles
7) Compensation and restitution

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PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND SEXUAL ABUSE

Published: March 2025

Brief 5 hours

Modules:

1) Understanding child sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. The role of professionals as advocates of change
2) Criminalisation, investigation and prosecution
3) Protection of victims
4) Prevention
5) Promotion of national and international co-operation

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Developed under the action on "Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Media in South-East Europe (JUFREX)", implemented under the EU-CoE Joint Programme "Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey II (2019-2022)".

PROTECTION AND SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS

Published: July 2020

Brief **Video** **10 hours**

Modules:

1) Key standards and principles
2) Threats against journalism (threats against journalists, effects of the threats, response to the threats)
3) Legal frameworks and mechanisms and tools
4) Physical and psychological integrity of journalists
5) Journalism in action (newsgathering; publication; journalism on trial; law enforcement and journalists)

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Developed in close cooperation with the CEPEJ Secretariat of the Council of Europe.

QUALITY OF JUSTICE – THE WORK OF THE CEPEJ

Published: December 2023

Brief **10 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction to the Work of the CEPEJ
2) The CEPEJ and the Measurement of the Quality of Justice
3) Users and Quality of Justice
4) Judicial Time Management
5) Digitalisation of Judicial Processes
6) Artificial Intelligence and Justice
7) The Importance of Quality of Justice in Mediation
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Developed under the EU funded Project 'EU-CoE HELP Radicalisation Prevention'.

RADICALISATION PREVENTION

Published: March 2019

Brief **8 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) The International and European legal framework
3) Generic module for judges and prosecutors on issues related to the criminal process
4) Specific module for judges and prosecutors: gathering and use of evidence in counter-terrorism cases
5) Generic module for prison and probation staff
6) Specific module for prison staff
7) Specific module for probation staff
8) Foreign Prisoners (developed by EuroPris) – also accessible publicly on a separate page

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Developed in cooperation with the Council of Europe (CoE) Office of SRSG on Migration and Refugees, the Children's Rights Division of the CoE and the UNHCR.

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT CHILDREN

Published: September 2018

Brief **10 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction to the legal framework
2) Child-friendly procedures
3) Alternatives to detention
4) Family reunification
5) Social rights and integration
6) Guardianship
7) Age assessment

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RIGHT TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE PERSON (BIOETHICS)

Updated: March 2017

Brief **10 hours**

Modules:

1) Right to the Integrity of the Person (RIOP) in general
2) RIOP in the specific fields of medicine and biology:
   - Principle of free and informed consent
   - Prohibition of eugenics
   - Prohibition of human reproductive cloning
   - Prohibition of financial gain

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RIGHT TO LIBERTY AND SECURITY

Updated: November 2024

Brief **6 hours**

Modules:

Introductory module
1) Introduction
2) Authorised deprivation of liberty
3) Lawfulness
4) Safeguards

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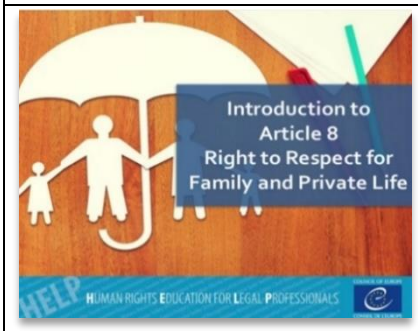

RIGHT TO RESPECT FOR PRIVATE AND FAMILY LIFE (ARTICLE 8 OF THE ECHR)

Published: 2016

Brief **10 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Key concepts
3) Admissibility and scope
4) Merits
5) Limitations
6) States' obligations
7) Relation to other ECHR Articles
8) Redress

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Developed jointly with ACCESS – the Advocacy Centre on Council of Europe Standards. Updated in 2021 under the EU-CoE 'HELP in the EU II' Project.

RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Updated: 2022

Brief **Video** **8 hours**

Modules:

1) Introductory module
2) Non-discrimination and intersectionality
3) Legal capacity
4) Accessibility
5) Social rights

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TEMPORARY PROTECTION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Published: April 2024

Brief **2.5 hours**

Modules:

Introductory module
1) Introduction to the temporary protection regime
2) Activation of temporary protection after the aggression against Ukraine
3) The path ahead

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Developed under the Project "Online Platform for Business and Human Rights", implemented by the HELP programme in cooperation with the CoE Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), funded by the Dutch and German authorities.

THE ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Published: April 2021

Brief **Video** **6 hours** **Audiobook**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Key concepts
3) The human rights-based approach to environmental protection
4) Green human rights in re|gional human rights systems
5) Environmental degradation and corporate accountability

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TRANSITION OF MIGRANT AND REFUGEE CHILDREN TO ADULTHOOD

Published: July 2023

Brief **3 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Young refugees and Migrants
3) Legal Support and Information
4) Adequate Standard of Living
5) Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
6) Education and Employment

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Updated in coperation with the CoE projects "Supporting contextualisation of HELP modules/courses for legal professionals in times of war in Ukraine" and "HELP for Ukraine including during wartime".

TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Updated: July 2023

Brief **7 hours**

Modules:

1) Introduction
2) Basics of Transitional Justice
3) Justice and Accountability
4) Investigations, Truth and Extra-Judicial Bodies
5) Legality, Amnesties and the Duty to Prosecute
6) Reparations and Guarantees of Non-Repetition
7) Witnesses and Victims

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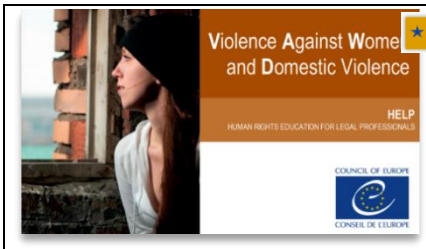

Developed in close cooperation with the Gender Equality Division of the Council of Europe.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Published: November 2017

Brief **Video** **12 hours**

Modules:

1) Understanding violence against women and domestic violence
2) International and European Legal Framework
3) Overcoming barriers / access to Justice
4) Criminal Justice Response I – Investigation and pre-trial
5) Criminal Justice Response II – Trial and sentencing
6) Civil Justice Response
7) Alternative Dispute Resolution

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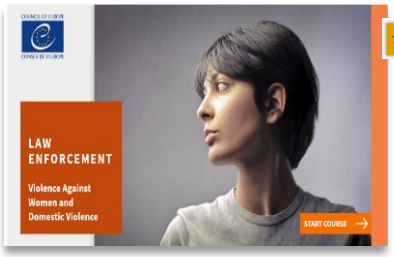

Developed in close cooperation with the Gender Equality Division and the Violence against Women Division of the Council of Europe.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Published: November 2017

Brief **6 hours**

Modules:

1. Introduction
2. Understanding VaW and DV
3. Effective Law Enforcement responses in addressing VaW and DV
4. Assessing Risk of VaW and DV

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