

RESULTS AND PROSPECTS IN SELECTED AREAS OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE ACTION PLAN FOR UKRAINE "RESILIENCE, RECOVERY, AND RECONSTRUCTION" 2023–2026

EXTENDED STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING UNDER THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE PROJECTS*

Focus Areas: Criminal Justice, Judiciary, Law Enforcement, Remedies for War-Affected

Population

Date: 22 January 2025

Location: Fairmont Grand Hotel Kyiv, 1 Naberezhno-Khreshchatytska St., shelter

conference hall

Objectives of the Meeting

- **Evaluate progress and achievements** within the projects* in selected focus areas under the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2023–2026.
- **Provide a platform for beneficiaries** to exchange on cooperation outcomes, share best experiences, discuss challenges, and identify pressing needs for future initiatives.
- Highlight the contributions of Action Plan donor countries and foster dialogue between Embassy representatives and project beneficiaries.
- Discuss key issues for advancing justice, accountability, and remedies, particularly in the context of war and post-war recovery, as well as for broader spectrum of policy, legal, institutional reforms within the focus areas of the respective projects*, in the context of the Council of Europe standards and with consideration of Ukraine's EU-accession agenda.
- **Strengthen synergies and coordination** among stakeholders to enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of ongoing and future initiatives.

Target Audience

- Leadership of beneficiary institutions of the following Council of Europe projects*:
 - Strengthening Ukrainian Law Enforcement Agencies During the War and Post-War Period
 - Fostering Human Rights in the Criminal Justice System in Ukraine
 - Strengthening Judicial and Non-Judicial Remedies for the Human Rights
 Protection of War-Affected Population in Ukraine
 - Support for the Functioning of Justice in the War and Post-War Context in Ukraine

- **Representatives of Embassies** of donor countries to the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2023-2026.
- Head of the Department for the Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Cooperation Standards, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI), and project coordinator, Council of Europe Headquarters.
- Management of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine.
- Projects` national teams.

PROGRAMME

09:30 – 10:00 Registration and Coffee

10:00 – 10:15 SESSION I: WELCOMING AND SETTING UP THE SCENE FOR DISCUSSIONS

- Maciej JANCZAK, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine
- Lilja GRETARSDOTTIR, Head of the Department for the Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Cooperation Standards, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI), Council of Europe

10:15 – 11:15 SESSION II: PRESENTATION OF RESULTS FOR 2023-2024. FOCUS ON JUDICIARY, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND REMEDIES FOR WAR-AFFECTED POPULATION

Moderator: Bozhena MALANCHUK, Programme Coordinator, Department for the Implementation of Human Rights, Justice and Legal Cooperation Standards, DGI, Council of Europe

Presenters:

- Iryna KUSHNIR, Manager of the "Support for the Functioning of Justice in the War and Post-War Context in Ukraine" Project
- Alisa-Tetiana PIETUKHOVA, Manager and Artur KARVATSKII, Senior Project Officer of the "Fostering Human Rights in the Criminal Justice System in Ukraine" Project
- Olena LUNHOL, Manager of the "Strengthening Ukrainian Law Enforcement Agencies During the War and Post-War Period" Project
- Nataliia OKHOTNIKOVA, Senior Project Officer and Oleksandr KOTENKO, Project Officer of the "Strengthening Judicial and Non-Judicial Remedies for the Human Rights Protection of War-Affected Population in Ukraine" Project

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 – 13:30 SESSION III: NEEDS AND PROSPECTS FOR JUSTICE, ACCOUNTABILITY, PROSECUTION, AND INVESTIGATION

Moderator: Alisa-Tetiana PIETUKHOVA

Speakers:

- Stanislav KRAVCHENKO, Head of the Supreme Court (for criminal justice, judiciary, and remedies)
- Hryhorii USYK, Head of High Council of Justice
- Valeriy BOZHYK, Deputy Head of the Parliamentary Committee on Legal Policy
- Maksym PAVLIUK, Deputy Head of Law Enforcement Parliamentary Committee (Verkhovna Rada)
- Viktoriia LITVINOVA, Deputy Prosecutor General
- Yurii BIELOUSOV, Head of the Department on Counteractions of Crimes Committed in Armed Conflict of the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine
- Anatoliy YEZHOV, Head of the Council of Prosecutors of Ukraine
- Maksym RADZIVON, Head of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of Prosecutors
- Oleksandr SOKOLOV, Deputy Director, State Bureau of Investigation
- Maksym TSUTSKIRIDZE, First Deputy Head of the National Police of Ukraine – Head of Main Investigative Department
- Ruslan HORIACHENKO, Head of the Department of Main Inspection and Human Rights, National Police of Ukraine
- Oleh HOLOVASH, Chief of Staff, Security Service of Ukraine
- Oleksandr BANCHUK, Deputy Minister of Justice of Ukraine

13:30 – 14:00 Q&A Session

Projects` beneficiary institutions and Donor's representatives

14:00 – 15:00 Buffet Lunch

15:00 – 15:40 SESSION IV: REMEDIES AND SOLUTIONS FOR WAR-AFFECTED POPULATION AND BEYOND.

Moderator: Natalija OKHOTNIKOVA

Speakers:

- Olga ALTUNINA, Ombudsperson Representative for the Rights of Citizens Affected by the Armed Aggression Against Ukraine
- Dariia MARCHAK, First Deputy Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine
- Nataliia SHUKLINA, Pro-rector of the National School of Judges of Ukraine (for criminal justice reform, judiciary, and remedies)
- Oleh DUKA, Deputy Head of the Training Centre of Prosecutors of Ukraine
- Oleksandr BARANOV, Director, Coordination Centre for Legal Aid Provision (criminal justice reform and remedies)
- Marharyta SOKORENKO, Agent of Ukraine before the European Court of Human Rights.

15:40 – 16:00 Final Q&A and Wrap-Up

Open discussion, followed by concluding remarks