

# HELP

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## HELP in the EU

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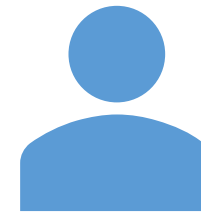
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## HELP in EU Member States

- Achievements under EU-funded projects
  - EU-CoE “Judicial Training in Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights”
  - HELP in the EU (phase II ended in February 2022 and phase III started in March 2022)

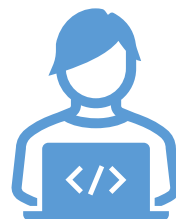


**56,000+ HELP  
users from EU**

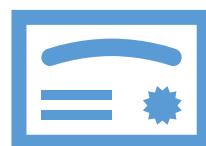
## HELP in EU MS Self-learning courses



**325 translations of  
HELP courses in EU  
languages available on  
the e-learning platform**



**110,000+ participants  
enrolled in self-  
learning courses in EU  
languages**



**19,000+ users  
completed HELP self-  
learning courses in EU  
languages**



**170,000+ learning  
hours**





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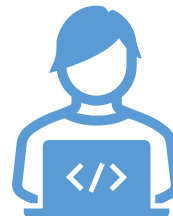
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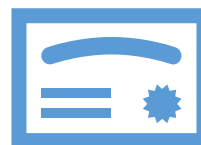
### Tutored courses



**279 HELP tutored  
courses launched in EU**



**9,300+ participants from  
EU enrolled in TUTORED  
COURSES**



**6,600+ participants from  
EU successfully completed  
tutored courses**



**167,000+ learning  
hours**

**SUCCESS RATE  
75%**

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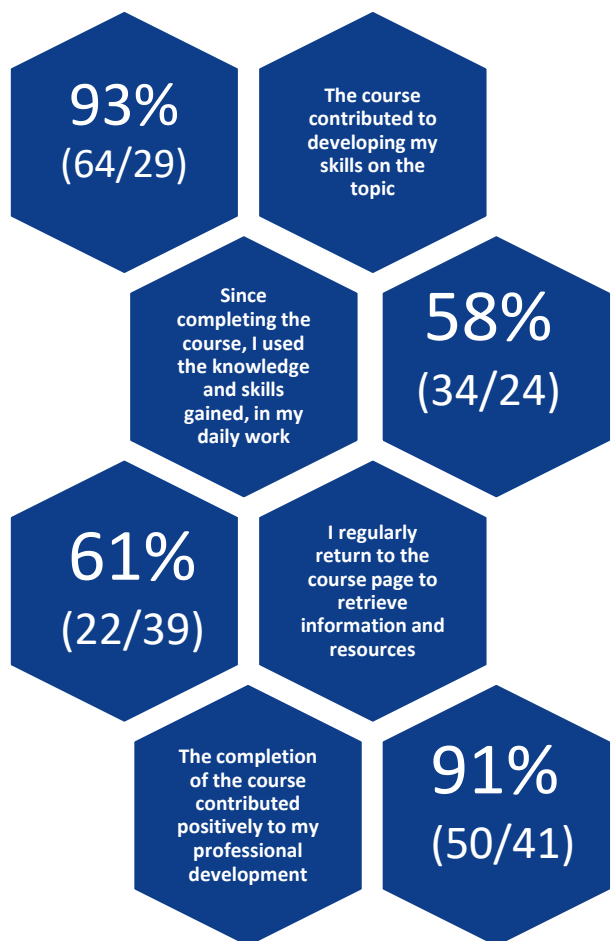


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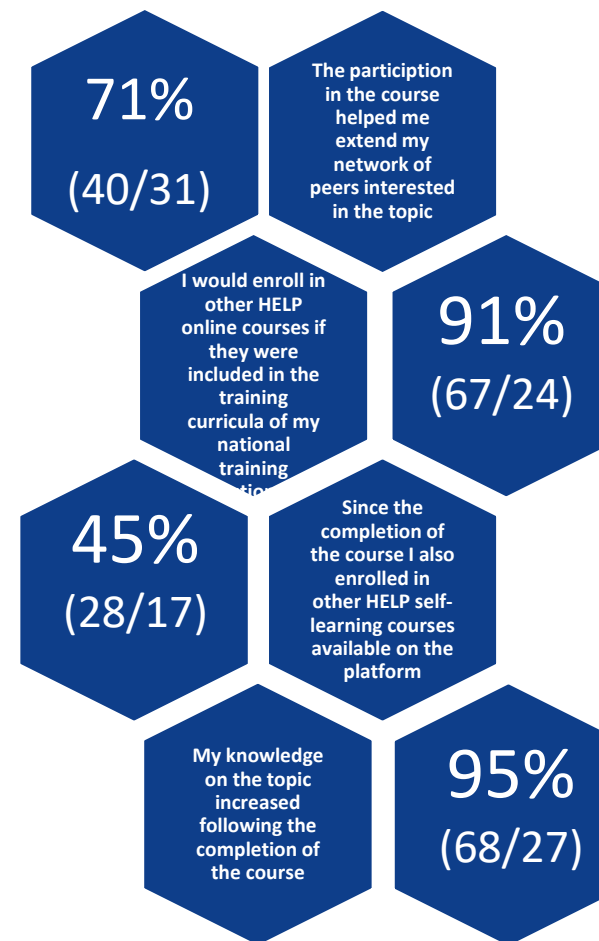


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## Feedback of participants



\*(strongly agree/agree)



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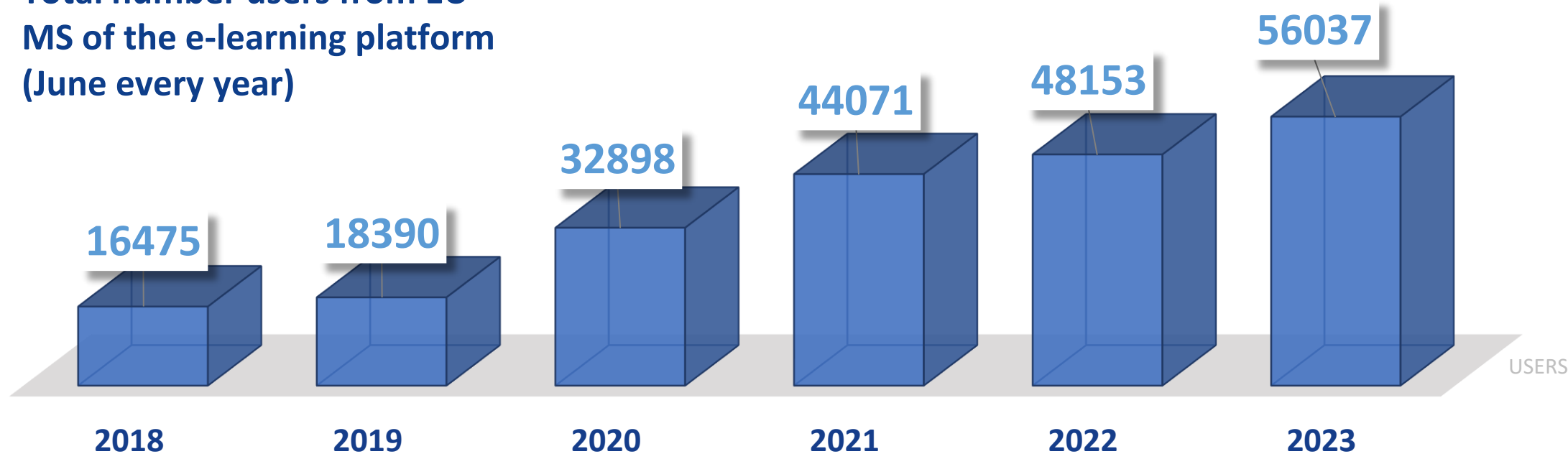
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**Total number users from EU  
MS of the e-learning platform  
(June every year)**





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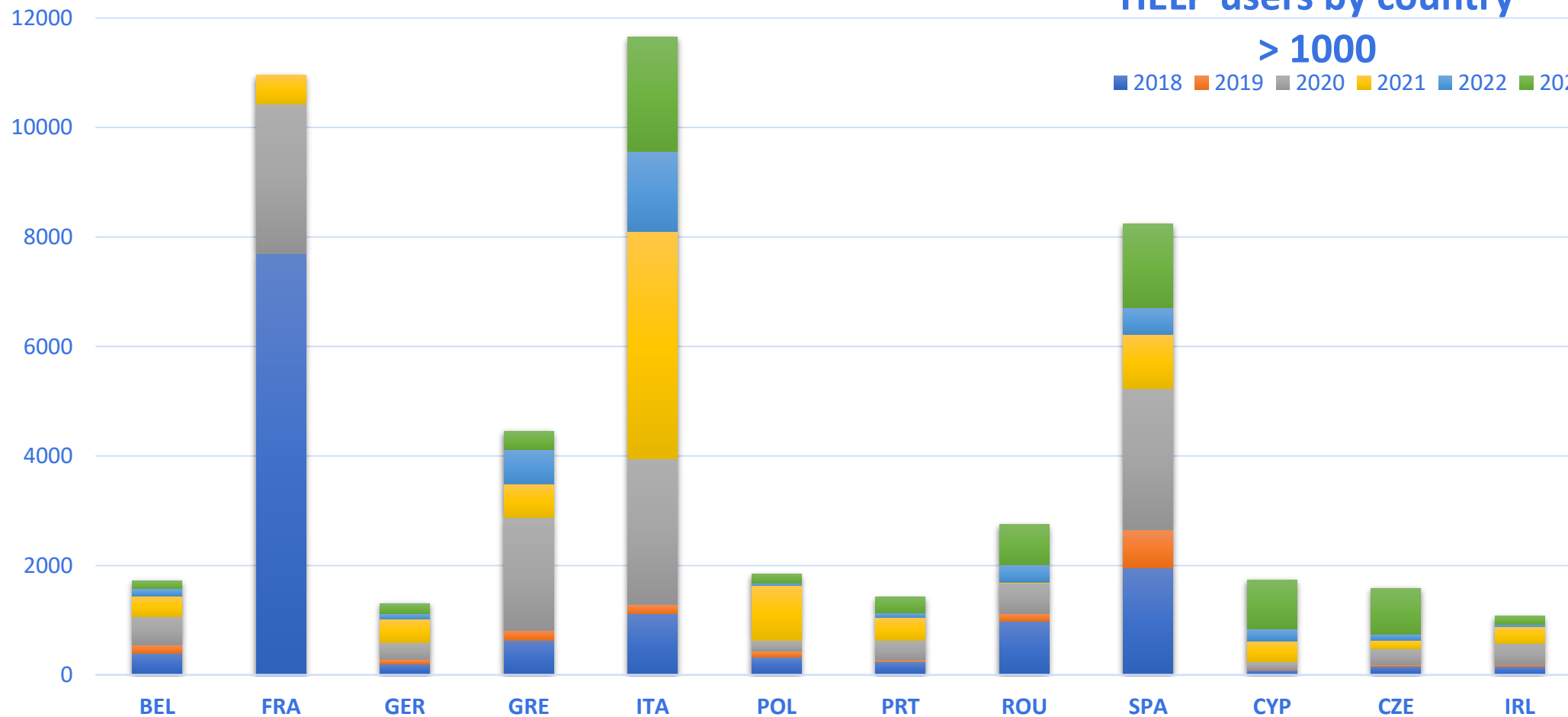


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## HELP users by country

> 1000

2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023







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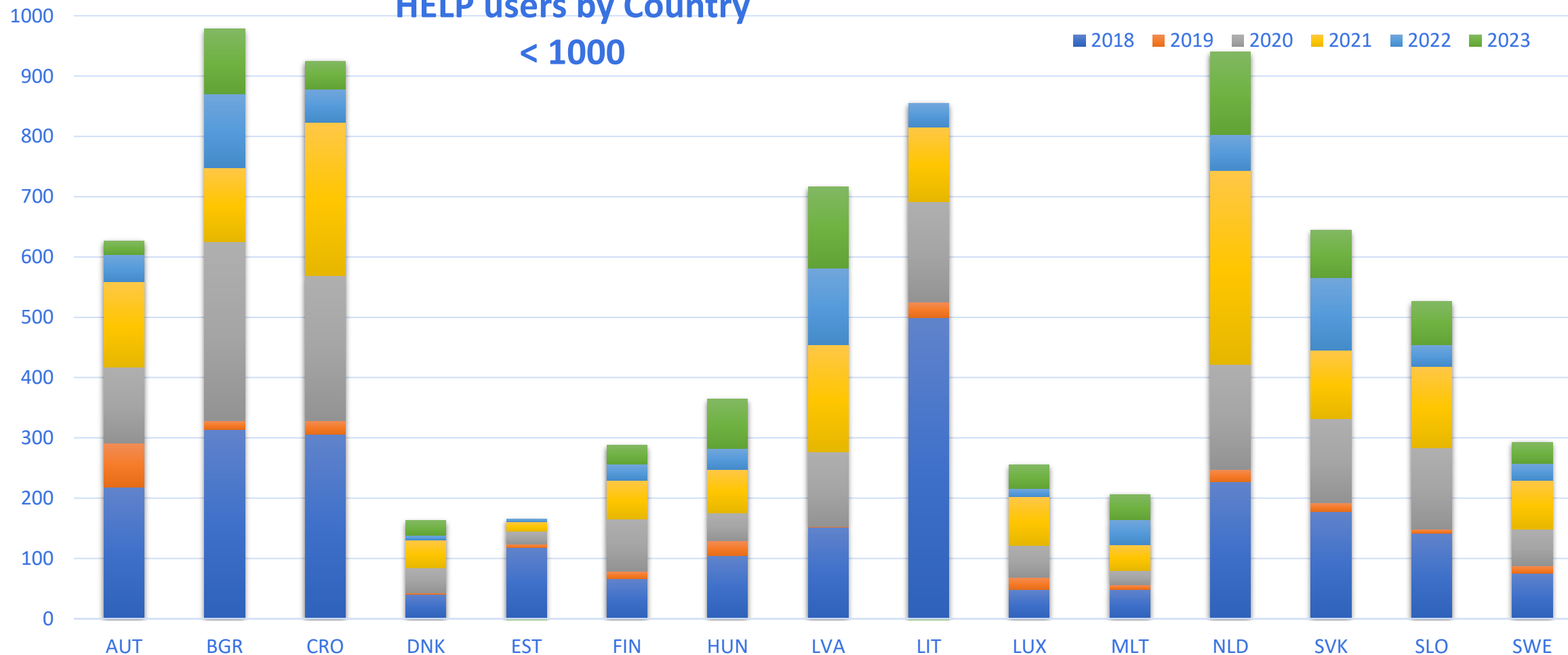
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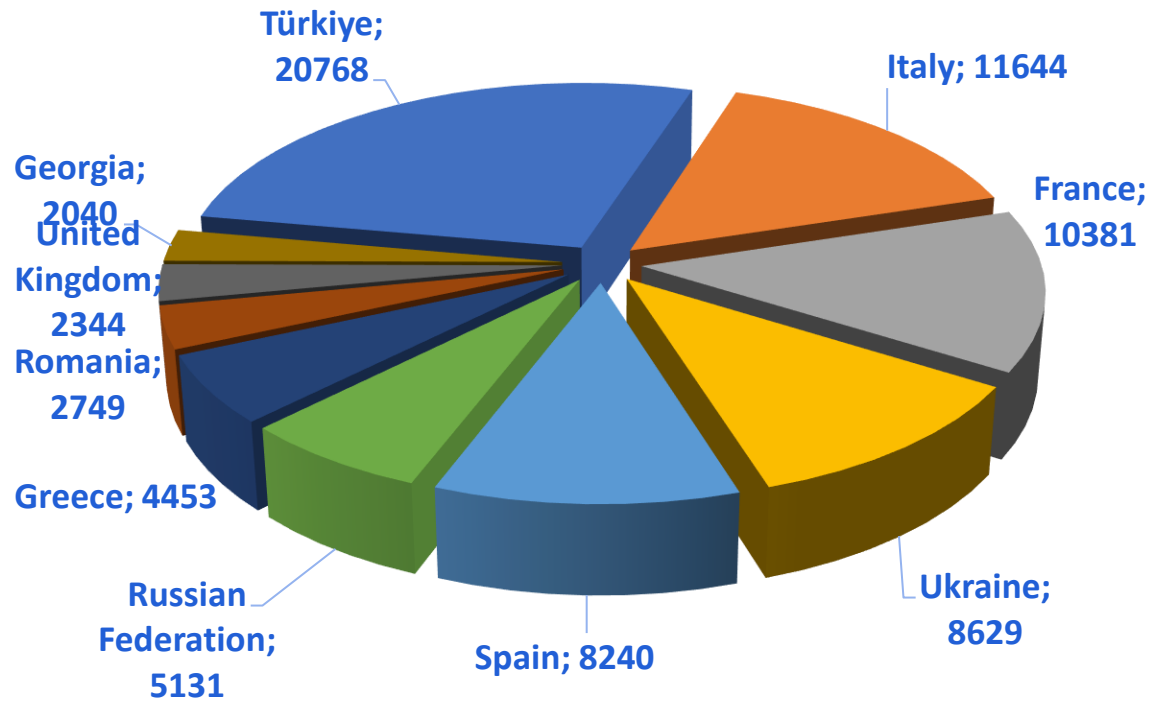
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## HELP users by Country < 1000





## HELP TOP 10 geographical regions by users



## HELP Top 5 EU MS by users

Türkiye	20768
Italy	11644
France	10381
Ukraine	8629
Spain	8240
Greece	4453
Romania	2749



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## HELP Course launches July 2022-June 2023

Admissibility criteria	Fight against racism, xenophobia, homophobia and transphobia	Radicalisation Prevention
Anti-discrimination	Freedom of Expression	Refugee and Migrant Children
Asylum and Human Rights	International Cooperation in Criminal Matters	Right to the Integrity of the Person (Bioethics)
Business and Human Rights	Introduction to ECHR and ECtHR	Rights of persons with disabilities
Child-friendly Justice	Judicial Reasoning and Human Rights	The Environment and Human Rights
Combating Trafficking in Human Beings	Key Human Rights Principles in Biomedicine (Bioethics)	Violence against Women and Domestic Violence
Data protection and privacy rights	Labour Rights as Human Rights	Gathering and use of Evidence in Counter Terrorism Cases
Ethics for Judges, Prosecutors and Lawyers	Pharmaceutical crime and the MEDICRIME Convention	Cybercrime and Electronic evidence
Family Law and Human Rights	Procedural Safeguards in Criminal Proceedings and Victims' Rights	Human Rights in Sport



## Good practices/success stories

**Integration of HELP courses in regular training curricula**



**Launches completely organised by partners**

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## EU-CoE “Judicial Training in Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights”

- Implementation period: End 2022 – End 2024
- General objective:
  - to enhance EU justice institutional capacities (multipliers) and justice professionals’ knowledge and skills to effectively and coherently apply European rule of law and fundamental rights standards (CoE + EU)
- Key activities targeting 780 persons (over 24 months):
  - 4 cross-border seminars/study visits for 50 multipliers each
  - 4 cross-border Training of Trainers workshops for 20 multipliers each
  - 20 online cross-professional implementations of existing HELP online courses in priority areas, for at least 25 justice professionals each



## EU-CoE “Judicial Training in Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights”

- Results achieved by July 2023
  - 1 cross-border seminar
    - Procedural safeguards in criminal proceedings and victims’ rights - Bulgaria, June 2023
  - 2 Training of Trainers
    - 1 in Italian - Rome, February 2023
    - 1 in French - online, June 2023
  - 9 online cross-professional launches of HELP courses
    - For Bulgarian, Greek and Italian professionals
    - Courses: Asylum and Human Rights, Data Protection and Privacy Rights, the Environment and Human Rights, Ethics for Judges, Prosecutors and Lawyers, Labour Rights as Human Rights, International Cooperation in Criminal Matter and Violence against Women and Domestic Violence



## HELP in the EU III

*March 2022- August 2024*

- Follows the path of HELP in the EU I and HELP in the EU II
- Funded by the European Union (Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers - project no. 101046539 (Call JUST-2021-JTRA))
- In consortium with the Spanish Bar Association
- The commitment of most National Training Institutions (NTIs) and Bar Associations (BAs) from EU MS, as well as the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) and the European Council of Bars and Law Societies (CCBE).
- Overall objective
  - to contribute to the effective and coherent application of European standards and EU law in selected areas of fundamental rights and rule of law, civil law, criminal law and data protection, as enshrined in both CoE and EU systems and framework (e.g. the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), the (revised) European Social Charter (ESC), the EU Charter on Fundamental Rights (the EU Charter))
  - The trainings are being proposed in mainly cross-border and hybrid formats (presential launch followed by tutored online training). The project is making use of the already developed HELP courses (optimising the ones developed/updated under previous EU funded projects) and is contributing to the enhancement of the EU dimension and the CoE-EU interplay.

## HELP in the EU III

### *Results achieved by July 2023*

- In-person or online cross-border or cross-professional **course launches/seminars** implemented for **588 participants** (data by June 2023), including:
  - **Ethics** for Judges, Prosecutors and Lawyers -October 2022 (Strasbourg, France for 24 lawyers) and March 2023 (Vilnius, Lithuania for 62 judges)
  - **Labour** Rights as Human Rights - October 2022 (Strasbourg, France for 106 judges, prosecutors, lawyers and court staff)
  - Fight against **Racism, Xenophobia, Homophobia and transphobia** – October 2022 (Barcelona, Spain for 36 judges and court staff)
  - **Data Protection** and Privacy Rights – February 2023 (Riga, Latvia for 67 judges and prosecutors)
  - **Environment** and Human Rights - May 2023 (Brussels, Belgium for 40 lawyers)
  - **Judicial Reasoning** and Human Rights – April 2023 (Ljubljana, Slovenia for 40 judges and prosecutors)



## HELP in the EU III

*Results achieved by July 2023*

- New HELP course developed on the ECHR-EU Charter Interplay

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### Learning objectives

By the end of this Course, you will:

- Become familiar with the main **human rights protection systems in Europe** (under the Council of Europe and the European Union).
- Be able to recognise the **differences** and understand the **interplay between these two systems** and their applicability at national level.
- Be able to identify and apply the relevant legal provisions and framework in a coherent manner in the cases you deal with at national level, ensuring the **best level of protection of the rights at stake**.



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### Introduction to Human Rights Protection in Europe - Interplay between the ECHR and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

**NEW** COMING SOON

About the course:



Languages:

[eng](#)

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## HELP in the EU III *Results achieved by July 2023*

- Two HELP courses **UPDATED**
  - Child-friendly Justice**
    - New version published this week
    - In collaboration with international experts and the Children's Rights Division of the Council of Europe + EU FRA
    - The first launches in tutored format - autumn 2023 – spring 2024
  - Trafficking in Human Beings**
    - In collaboration with international experts and the GRETA Secretariat
    - The last Working Group met in Strasbourg on 21-22 June 2023
    - The updated version of the course is to be made available on the HELP online platform in autumn 2023



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### Child-friendly Justice

About the course:  
Brief 12 hours

**UPDATED**

Languages:

2023 version: [eng](#) coming soon

2017 version: [ara](#) | [bos](#) | [bul](#) | [ces](#) | [kat](#) | [mkd](#) | [mne](#) | [pol](#) |

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## To come

### Launches/seminars:

#### ■ Fixed:

- 2 October 2023 in Spain (**Violence against Women and Domestic Violence** for Spanish and Italian judges and prosecutors)
- 3 October 2023 in Spain (**Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence** for lawyers)
- 19 October 2023 in Ireland (**Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence** for lawyers)

#### ■ Planned:

- **Updated** course: **Child-friendly Justice**
- **New** course: **Introduction to Human Rights Protection in Europe: Interplay between the ECHR and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights** (November 2023 – STRASBOURG)

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