

HELP IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION (PHASE III)



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MAIN OBJECTIVES

- To raise awareness of Russian judiciary on **fundamental European standards**
 - To adapt **six HELP courses** to **the national context of the Russian Federation** and make them available for use by Russian legal professionals on the HELP platform
 - To conduct a **series of kick-off launching sessions of different HELP courses** carried out by certified national HELP trainers in the regions reaching **over 350 legal professionals**
 - Progressive inclusion of **the new courses and materials** into the in-service training conducted by the professional training networks (Russian State University of Justice, General Prosecutors' office Academy, Ministry of Justice institutions of higher education, bar associations, etc.)
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EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND RESULTS

1. National adaptation of six new HELP courses made available to a large public of legal professionals in Russia. As of today, two new courses on Article 3 (Prohibition of ill-treatment) and Article 5 (Right to Liberty and Security) are available for self-study on the HELP platform, work on the remaining four courses is ongoing).
 2. Legal professionals are being trained on HELP courses and applying the new knowledge in their practice. As of today, 220 legal professionals had been successfully trained in seven tutor-led runs of three HELP courses. As of December 2020, the total number of users who have successfully completed the tutor-led courses in Russian is 1771, and the total number of users who have successfully completed the HELP self-study courses in Russian is 2331, with 2062 users completing the courses in 2020.
 3. A practical Guidebook on key aspects of handling domestic violence/violence against women cases is being developed for the Russian judiciary.
 4. Awareness of legal professionals on fundamental human rights standards is being raised.
 5. Teaching staff, law professors and law students are trained in the use of the HELP methodology (at least two training for trainers are planned for the second half of 2021).
 6. New courses and materials are progressively being included in in-service training.
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KEY ACTIVITIES

- **Adaptation of 6 new HELP courses** to the Russian national context: Prohibition of Ill-treatment, Right to Liberty and Security, Reasoning of Judgments, Pre-trial Investigation, Procedural Safeguards and Victim's Rights, International Cooperation in Criminal Matters, CPT standards.
- A series of **kick-off launching sessions on various HELP courses** conducted by certified national HELP trainers in the regions reaching over 350 legal professionals.
- Online **conferences and roundtables for legal professionals** in the project target regions: Moscow, Saint-Petersburg, Vologda, Nizhny Novgorod, Kazan, etc.
- The gradual **inclusion of new courses and materials in in-service training** provided by the professional training networks (Russian State University of Justice, General Prosecutors' Office Academy, Ministry of Justice institutions of higher education, bar associations, etc).
- **Development of a special manual for legal professionals** (in particular the judiciary) on methodological guidelines on the key aspects of domestic violence/violence against women cases.
- Several **study visits (online presentations) to Russian higher educational institutions** to introduce HELP methodology in universities and teach HELP courses for law students.
- Development, distribution and publication of **information and awareness-raising materials** (HELP methodology, Annual Legal Journal of the ECHR, etc).

PARTNERS AND BENEFICIARIES

Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), Russian State University of Justice, General Prosecutor's Office and its Academy, Ministry of Justice, Penitentiary Service and its institutions of higher education and in-service training, Federal Bar Association, Kutafin Moscow State Law University, Saint-Petersburg State University, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Association of Lawyers of Russia