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HELP (HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS)

«HELP (Освіта в галузі прав людини для юристів) для України,
в тому числі під час війни»

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Stock-taking of the initiatives and steps for the future

Project “HELP (Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals) for UKRAINE including during wartime”

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HELP Programme immediate response to the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine

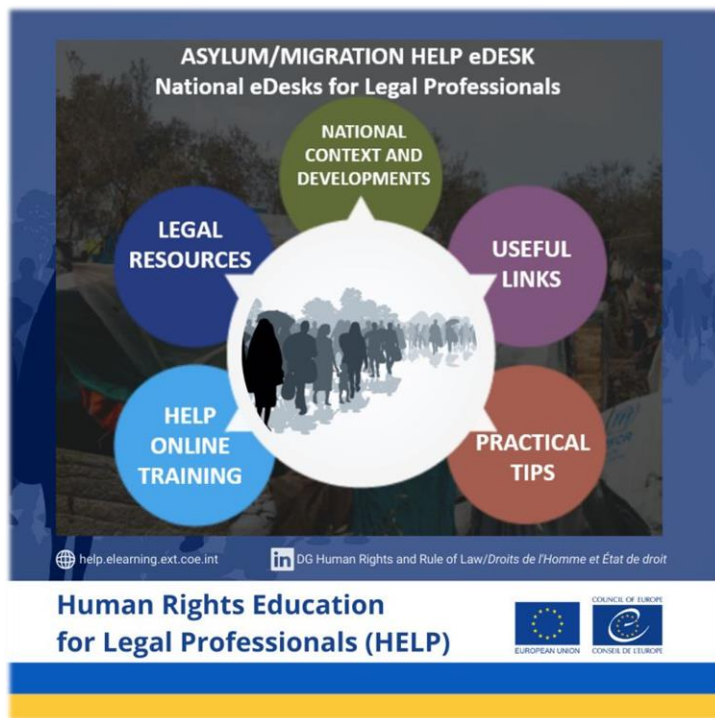
During the war, the legal profession is crucial because lawyers are entrusted with protecting human rights and freedoms.

Russian aggression **disrupted the normal functioning** of educational institutions and training centres. Therefore, the HELP online training courses and methodology provide **an alternative and flexible way** of obtaining updated information and accessing necessary knowledge from multiple locations and at a time frame convenient for the users of the HELP courses.

HELP Programme focused on providing informational support to legal professionals who **assist refugees and displaced persons and war-affected people** through:

- Creation of the HELP E-Desks for assistance on asylum and migration
- Initiation of a special Project VC 3394 “Supporting contextualization of HELP modules/courses for legal professionals in times of war in Ukraine”
- Initiation of a special Project VC 3640 “HELP (Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals) for Ukraine including during wartime”

E-Desk for assistance on asylum and migration



To help **lawyers and legal professionals** working with the huge influx of war refugees, mostly women, girls and boys, the Council of Europe took immediate action thanks to the flexibility of its [Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals \(HELP\) Programme of the Council of Europe](#).

As of 1 March 2022, virtual [Asylum/Migration HELP e-Desks](#) managed by HELP tutors and legal experts support lawyers in four EU neighboring countries: [Romania](#), [Slovakia](#), [Hungary](#) and [Poland](#) (with EU support) as well as for [Moldova](#).

These HELP e-Desks were gradually filled with resources and information, especially after the reactivation of the EU Temporary Protection Directive. This initiative was coordinated with the Migration Committee of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE).

National virtual HELP pages have also been created for [Bulgaria](#), [Cyprus](#), [France](#), [Germany](#), [Greece](#), [Spain](#), [Belgium](#), [Czechia](#), [Latvia](#), [Lithuania](#) and [Slovenia](#)).

In parallel, a similar Asylum/Migration [National HELP e-Desk is being developed for Ukraine](#) for those still in the country who need legal information on asylum/migration/displacement issues.

Project “Support to contextualisation of HELP modules /courses for legal professionals during wartime” (August – December 2022)

Results of the project:

1. **Four legal adaptations of the existing HELP courses in Ukrainian developed:**
 - Property Rights
 - Human Rights in the Armed Forces
 - Cyber Security and Electronic Evidence
 - Judicial Reasoning and Human Rights
2. One face-to-face **launch of the HELP course on Asylum and Human Rights in Warsaw** in October 2022 for 34 legal practitioners
3. Additional online HELP module on **Prohibition of Ill- Treatment in the Times of War** developed
4. The **HELP course on Transitional Justice** updated
5. **HELP platform presentations** were made during 4 unplanned events and round tables for more than 130 legal practitioners.

Council of Europe, EU and UNHCR seminar for Ukrainian legal professionals and Asylum/Migration HELP e-Desk national managers on the European legal practices and procedures with a focus on the assistance to Ukrainian refugees

- Seminar on 27 September 2022 in partnership with **Warsaw bar Association**
- **Objective:** To provide the most updated information to Ukrainian and EU legal professionals assisting people forcibly displaced due to the war on different European and national procedures and practices (i.a. implementation of the EU Temporary Protection Directive and relevant international and European standards)
- **Results:**
 - It brought together the experts from the European Commission DG Home, EUAA, UNHCR, as well as representatives of the Polish bar to discuss the legal aspects of assistance to Ukrainian refugees in Europe and main challenges linked to this assistance.
 - The event, held in a hybrid format, gathered 70 participants (international organisation officials, NGO representatives, attorneys, and academics). It was broadcast live with viewers ranging from 200 to 700.

Watch the live sessions and recordings:

- ✓ Facebook [Morning](#) - [Afternoon](#)
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Project developed /implemented under the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine “Resilience, Recovery and Reconstruction” 2023-2026

Approved by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe in Dec 2022

- use of the methodology and implementation/integration of all relevant **HELP courses** on **professional training in Ukraine**
- support the inclusion of HELP courses or its adaptation in the area of national and international human rights mechanisms (focus on European ones) **for students of the law faculties/universities**
- strengthen the **professional capacity of lawyers**, quality of **legal education**, and support the development of the **Ukrainian National Bar Association**, other legal associations and civil society organisations, and the system of **free legal aid**



Project main goal: Enhancing the capacities of **current/future legal professionals in Ukraine** (judges, prosecutors, lawyers, other court staff and law students) in order to **apply the European (CoE + EU) human rights standards efficiently** including during **wartime**.

Expected impact: Ukrainians benefit from better **human rights protection and remedies** against HR violations during wartime.

Duration: 2023-2024

The total budget of the Project amounts to **EUR 526 000**.

It is a follow up of a 2022 Project “Supporting contextualization of HELP modules/courses for legal professionals in times of war in Ukraine”



The Project is being implemented thanks to donors of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine for 2023-2026

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Project`s objectives

- The Project supports **justice training institutions** and the Ukrainian **National Bar association**, as well as **Law faculties/universities** to strengthen their institutional capacities to improve the qualification of current and future legal professionals on the standards and practices of the Council of Europe.
- In the challenging situation of the Russian aggression against Ukraine, legal professionals (primarily judges, prosecutors, investigators and lawyers) should have the necessary **knowledge and skills to apply the European and international human rights standards to protect human rights** and access the information needed for informed decision-making.
- Moreover, **law students** need constant improvement in their knowledge of European human rights standards (**including in times of war**), as this category will soon become practicing legal professionals.

Project`s partners

- The National **School of Judges** of Ukraine
- The **Prosecutor`s Training Centre** of Ukraine
- The Coordination Center for **Legal Aid** Provision at the **Ministry of Justice** of Ukraine
- **Law Faculties** in Ukraine
- The High School of Public Governance
- The National Bar Association of Ukraine



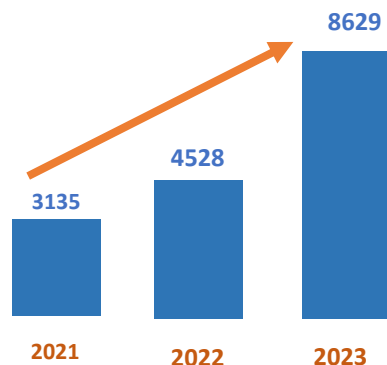
Development of HELP course on International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

- The course will help to **raise the knowledge of legal professionals** (prosecutors, investigators, lawyers, academics and students) on (i) International Humanitarian Law (IHL), which is the legal framework applicable to situations of armed conflict and occupation and which aims, for humanitarian reasons, to limit the effects of the said conflict and (ii) **related standards of the International Human Rights Law (IHRL), and in particular the ECHR**, as the HR protection it affords does not cease in the case of armed conflict.
- The course is expected to be finalised in 2023.



Success of HELP courses in Ukraine

- The number of HELP Platform users from Ukraine has grown from **6472** in December 2022 to **8629** in June 2023
- Ukraine is on **4th** place according to N. of users after Türkiye, Italy and France
- **782** participants from Ukraine passed tutored courses and received the certificates
- **49** tutored courses have been launched in Ukraine (Internal Displacement, Bioethics, Antidiscrimination and Hate Crime and Hate Speech were launched most often)



TOP-10 courses in Ukrainian (according to N. enrolled participants as self-learners)

1. Introduction to the **ECHR** and the ECtHR
2. Admissibility Criteria
3. Asylum/Migration
4. **Internal Displacement**
5. International Cooperation in Criminal matters
6. **Labour** rights
7. Access to **Justice for Women**
8. **Children's** Rights – Key Challenges
9. **Ethics** for Judges, Prosecutors and Lawyers
10. Introduction to the **European Social Charter**

First Steering Committee Meeting of the Project “HELP for Ukraine including during wartime”

Kyiv, 12 April 2023

- The partners made specific proposals for **adapting three HELP courses to the Ukrainian context**
- During the meeting, the partners also emphasized the priority of adapting HELP courses that are **directly related to the armed conflict**. Particular attention was devoted to the **forced deportation of Ukrainian children**
- The partners in their work face the problem **of translating legal terminology** and expressed interest in creating a special working group to harmonize and develop a glossary of legal terms
- The beneficiaries of the Project highlighted the need to find the resources to **translate** a maximum number of courses into Ukrainian
- The partners asked to expand the number of planned **training of Ukrainian trainers (ToT) sessions**.



Council of Europe, EU and UNHCR seminar for European lawyers on European asylum/migration legal practices to assist people fleeing the war in Ukraine

- Held on 8 June 2023 in partnership with the Slovak bar Association, Bratislava
- **Objective:** To provide the most updated information to Ukrainian and European legal professionals assisting people forcibly displaced due to the war on different European and national procedures and practices regarding inter alia the implementation of the EU Temporary Protection Directive and relevant international and European standards
- **Results:**
- **45** lawyers and attorneys specializing in migration law and dealing with the protection of the rights of Ukrainians with temporary protection status in EU countries to participated in the seminar in Bratislava and more than **80** participants joined online
- Watch the live sessions and recordings: [Facebook Morning - Afternoon](#)



Training of future Ukrainian lawyers and their acquiring of skills to perform the new tasks during the war is a top priority for the new Council of Europe Project “HELP (Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals) for Ukraine including during wartime”.

- The Project received **political support by the Ministry of Education and Science**: the introduction of the HELP courses was widely encouraged by the Ministry as a form of non-formal education in the curricula of higher education institutions that train future lawyers
- On 18 April, more than **95 representatives of higher education institutions** from different regions of Ukraine took part in the **online presentation of the HELP Programme and courses**
- The Project team presented the HELP platform to the staff of the National Academy of Internal Affairs (NAIA) and the National Aviation University



Future plans:

- Development of the special information course on the Temporary Protection Directive
- Organisation of the Trainings for Trainers sessions for the main partners
- Development of a special HELP Module on the deportation of children
- Provide national adaptation of the HELP course on Transitional Justice
- Provide more legal adaptations and HELP courses launches with national partners



Courses available in Ukrainian

1. Access to Justice for Women	17. Introduction to the ECHR and the ECtHR
2. Admissibility Criteria	18. Labour Rights as Human Rights
3. Anti-discrimination	19. Refugee and Migrant Children
4. Asylum and Human Rights	20. Procedural Rights and Safeguards
5. Transitional Justice and Human Rights	21. Prohibition of Ill-treatment
6. Children's Rights – Key Challenges	24. Right to Liberty and Security
7. Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings	23. Child-friendly Justice
8. Violence against Women and Domestic Violence	24. Pre-trial Investigation and the ECHR
9. Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence	25. CPT Standards
10. Ethics for Judges, Prosecutors and Lawyers	26. International cooperation in criminal matters
11. Fight Against Racism, Xenophobia, Homophobia and Transphobia	27. Introduction to the European Social Charter
12. Hate Crime	28. Radicalisation Prevention
13. Hate Speech	29. Human Rights in the Armed Forces
14. Internal Displacement	30. Family Law and Human Rights
15. Key Human Rights Principles in Biomedicine (Bioethics)	31. Managing Foreign National Prisoners
16. Property rights	

Courses available in other languages (not translated into Ukrainian):

1. Alternative measures to detention
2. Alternatives to Immigration Detention
3. Pharmaceutical crime and the MEDICRIME Convention
4. Data Protection and Privacy Rights
5. The Environment and Human Rights
6. Human Rights in Sports
7. Introduction to Corruption Prevention
8. Protection and Safety of Journalists
9. Right to Respect for Private and Family Life
10. Rights of Persons with Disabilities
11. Right to the Integrity of the Person (Bioethics)
12. Business and Human Rights
13. Judicial Reasoning and Human Rights
14. Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence for Law Enforcement

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