

Training of Trainers on the online courses: “Freedom of Expression” and “Safety and protection of journalists”

15-16 December 2020 - The European standards on freedom of expression can be more effectively implemented by offering training in this field to different local actors such as judges, prosecutors, lawyers, police officers but also students who could then apply these standards in their current or future work. This contributes to the creation of a favourable environment to exercising freedom of expression and freedom of the media at domestic level.

The Training of Trainers on HELP Methodology for the online courses: [“Freedom of expression”](#) and [“Safety and protection of journalists”](#) was organised on 15-16 December 2020 and promoted the courses that have been jointly developed by the Council of Europe **Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) Programme** and joint European Union and Council of Europe action **“Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Media in South-East Europe (JUFREX)”**. The courses are based on interactive learning methods, are free of charge and easily accessible to anyone interested. They are excellent tools to supplement traditional educational material used in legal education and beyond.

The Training of Trainers aimed to equip participants, future HELP tutors with the technical skills needed to lead HELP tutored courses at local level through the HELP online platform in line with the HELP Training Methodology.

The training attended by the representatives of Law and Political Science faculties and lawyers from the region was organised under the JUFREX, in partnership with HELP Secretariat and the South East European Law School Network (SEELS), a network dedicated to increase international competitiveness and the performance of legal education, research and publishing in South-East Europe.

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