



**HUMAN RIGHTS,
DEMOCRACY
AND THE RULE OF LAW**

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**DROITS DE L'HOMME,
DÉMOCRATIE
ET ÉTAT DE DROIT**

European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals **CoE HELP**

17/07/2023

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Eva Pastrana, July 2023

HELP's main goal: support (firstly) **legal professionals** apply (Int'l/CoE/EU) human rights/legal **standards** in their daily work, by training

1. **HELP Network:** Justice Training Institutions / Bar Councils



2. Free **online courses** (average 10-hour online e-learning; self-paced)



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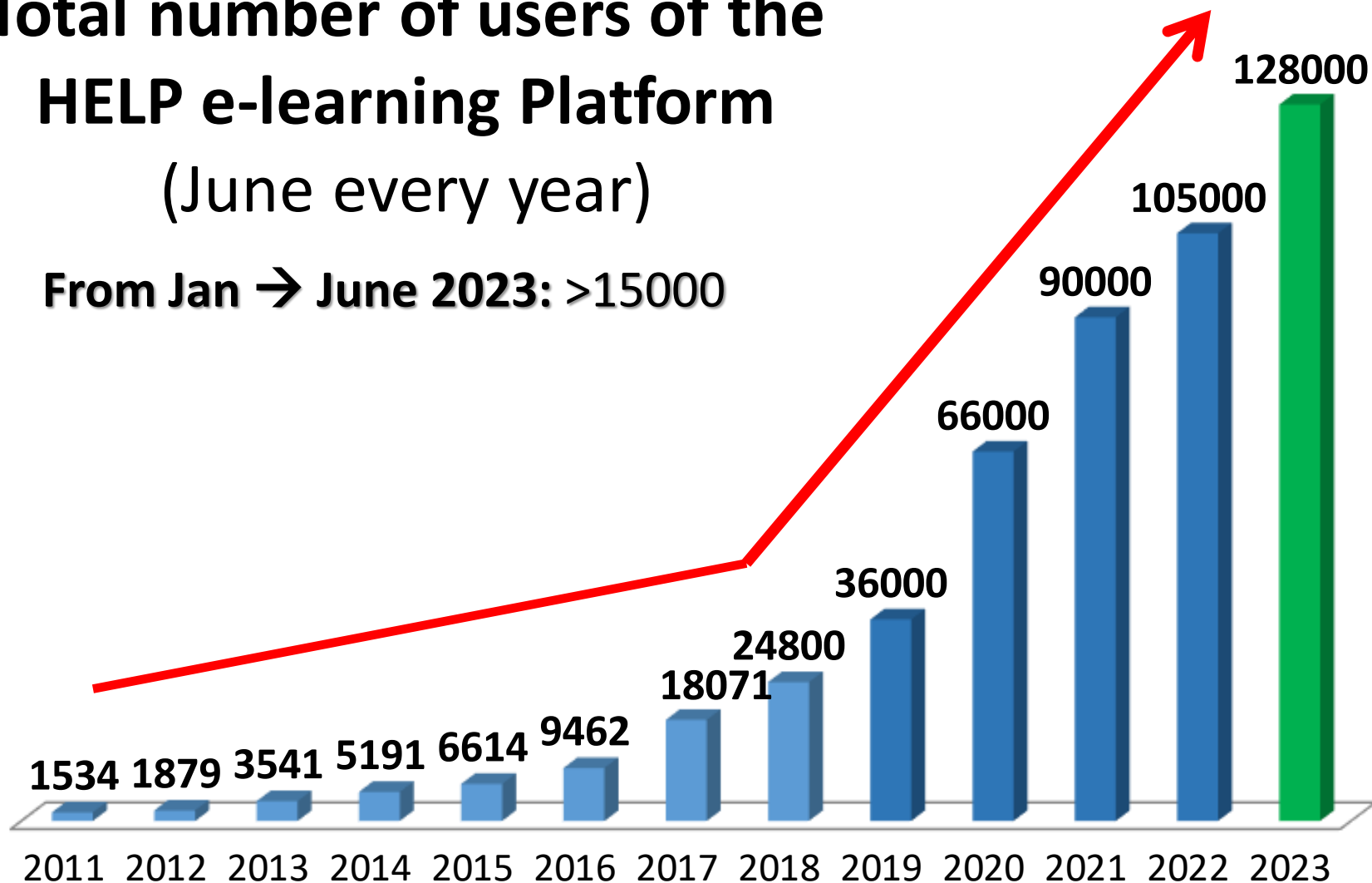
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3. HR **training methodology**



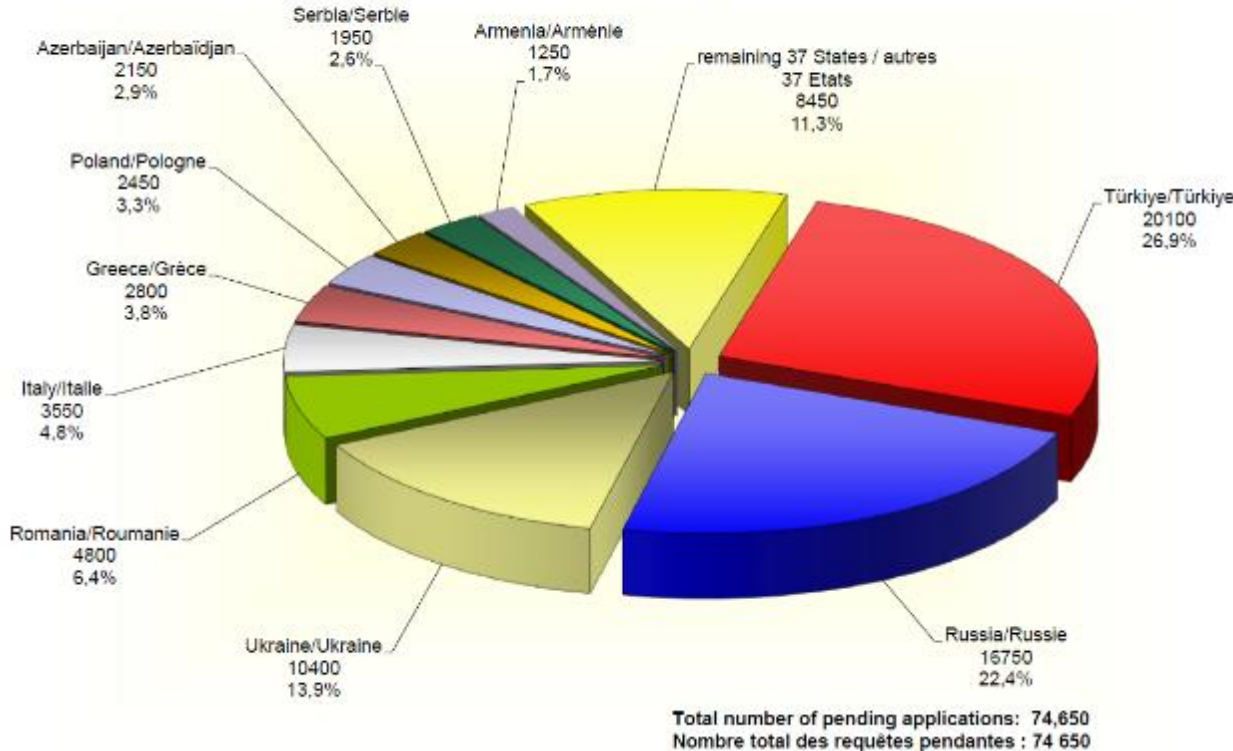
Total number of users of the HELP e-learning Platform (June every year)

From Jan → June 2023: >15000





PENDING APPLICATIONS ALLOCATED TO A JUDICIAL FORMATION
 REQUÊTES PENDANTES DEVANT UNE FORMATION JUDICIAIRE
 31/12/2022



Ranking by HELP users

1	Türkiye	20768
2	Italy	11644
3	France	10381
4	Ukraine	8629
5	Spain	8240
6	Greece	4453
7	Romania	2749
8	United Kingdom	2344
9	Georgia	2040
10	Poland	1848
11	Serbia	1745
12	Cyprus	1737
13	Moldova	1735
14	Belgium	1724
15	North Macedonia	1631
16	Mexico	1602
17	Czech Republic	1585
18	Albania	1493
19	Morocco	1476
20	Armenia	1437
21	Portugal	1428
22	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1427
23	Germany	1306
24	Azerbaijan	1292
25	Ireland	1080
26	Tunisia	1069
27	Bulgaria	978
28	Netherlands	940
29	Croatia	925
30	Lithuania	826

HELP in EU: +56,000

HELP in WB and TK: +7,700 and +20,000

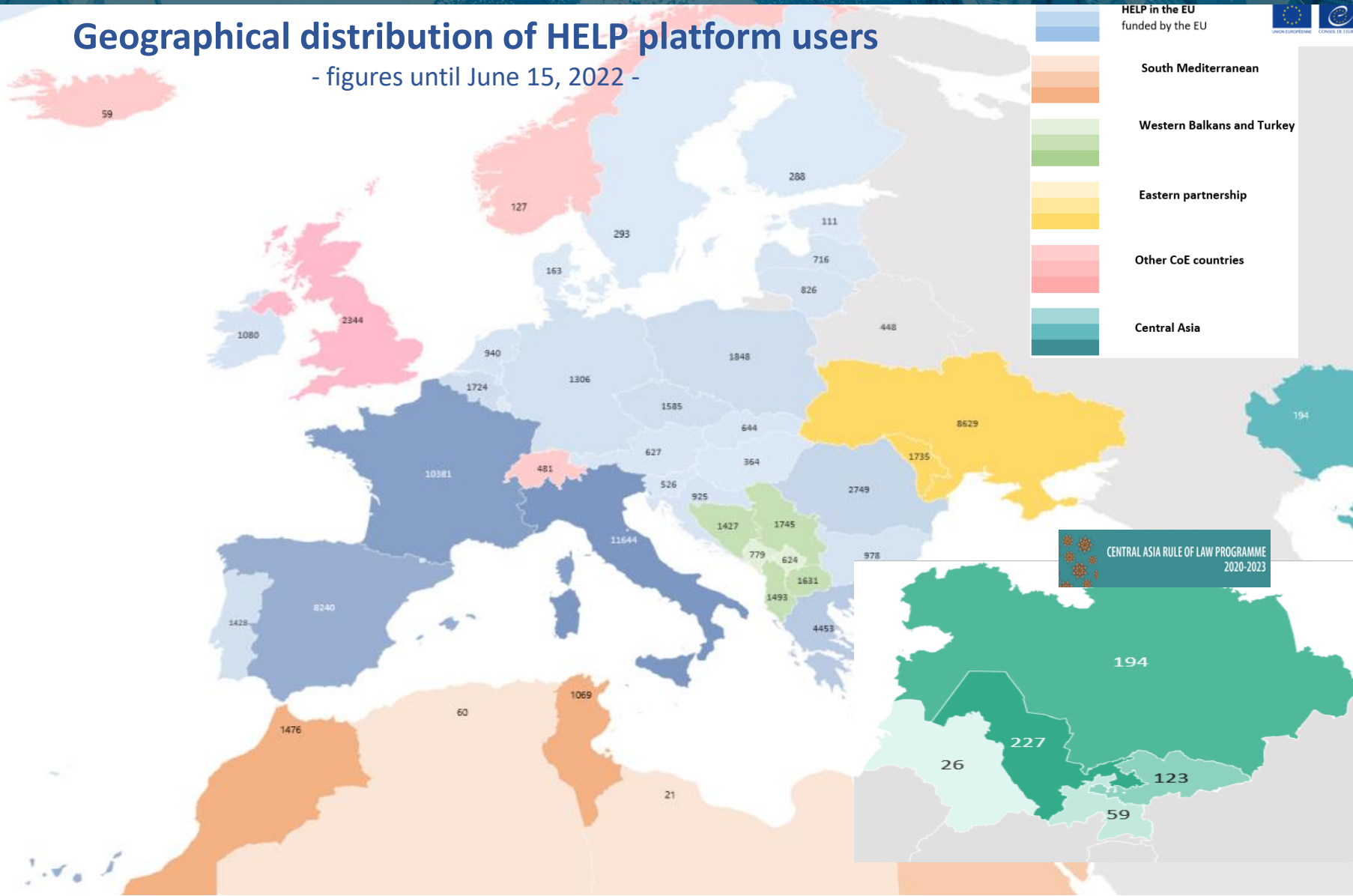
Eastern Partnership: +11,000

HELP in South Mediterranean: +3,000

HELP in Central Asia: +630

Geographical distribution of HELP platform users

- figures until June 15, 2022 -



CENTRAL ASIA RULE OF LAW PROGRAMME
2020-2023

HELP PROJECTS

HELP in the EU Judicial Training on Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights



HELP in the Western Balkans



HELP in Ukraine

Voluntary contribution

HELP COMPONENTS in mainly EU-funded programmes:

South Mediterranean Support to Indep. Instances- Tunisia



Projet d'appui
aux instances
indépendantes
en Tunisie



- HELP in Central Asia

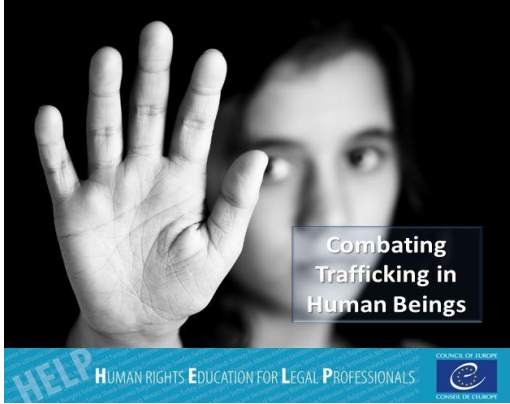
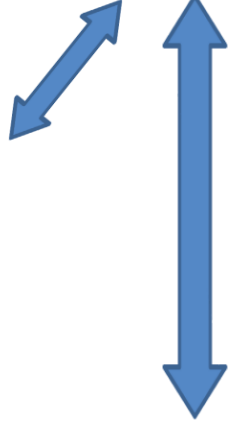
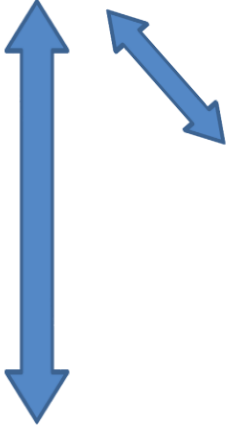


HELP Courses – links to Int'l/Council of Europe Conventions but also EU law and case-law of the European Court of Human Rights & CJEU

European Social
Charter of the CoE

CoE (Warsaw) Convention
on Action against Trafficking
in Human Beings

CoE (Istanbul) Convention on
Prevention and Combatting
violence against Women and
Domestic Violence



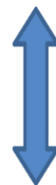
HELP Courses: links to Int'l/Council of Europe Conventions/EU law

CONVENTION 108+
of the Council of
Europe & EU **GDPR**



(12 hour online learning)

BUDAPEST Convention
on **Cybercrime** of the
Council of Europe



(10 hour online learning)

CoE Conventions &
EU legal system on
Int'l Cooperation
on **Criminal matters**



(11 hour online learning)

HELP Courses: links to the ECHR-ESC/EU Charter on Fdntal. Rights

ECHR
(5 hour online learning)



Introduction to the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights

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>23,000 enrolled

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Introduction to Human Rights Protection in Europe

START COURSE

ESC
(1 hour online learning)



INTRODUCTION TO THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL CHARTER

HELP Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals

START COURSE

by the European Union and the Council of Europe

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

COMING SOON
About the course:
Brief Video
Languages:
eng

EU Charter on Fdntal. Rights



EU CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

Charter e-guidance

CHARTER COURSES

The Charter courses provide practical guidance on when and how the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights applies at national level. Judges and legal practitioners will be particularly interested in the step-by-step Charter e-guidance and concrete examples. Law students and trainers will find the Charter case studies e-course and trainers' area of benefit.

HELP courses – Rule of Law

ETHICS FOR JUDGES, PROSECUTORS AND LAWYERS

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Procedural Safeguards in Criminal Proceedings and Victims' Rights

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HELP in the EU
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JUDICIAL REASONING AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Introduction

Start Course

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

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Welcome to Council of Europe course on
INTRODUCTION TO CORRUPTION PREVENTION

Women's Access to Justice

Partnership for Good Governance

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Regional Cooperation Council

HELP courses – Rule of Law:

TOTAL TUTORED: 4,143 TOTAL SELF-LEARNERS ENROLLED: 21,240 (18%)

**ETHICS FOR JUDGES,
PROSECUTORS AND LAWYERS**

**865 tutored
3,220 self-learners – 36% completed**

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Start Course

**1,164 tutored
2,440 self-learners (8%)**

Procedural Safeguards in Criminal Proceedings and Victims' Rights

**765 tutored
2,300 self-learners (7%)**

JUDICIAL REASONING AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**FREEDOM OF
EXPRESSION**

749 tutored

4,580 self-learners (17%)

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Welcome to Council of Europe course on
**INTRODUCTION TO
CORRUPTION PREVENTION**

1100 self-learners (29%)

**Women's Access
to Justice**

600 tutored

7,600 (16%)

HELP course



Modules

1. Introduction (for all legal professionals)
2. Sources on ethical conduct (Treaty, UN, CoE UE, professional bodies...)
3. Ethics for **judges**
4. Ethics for **prosecutors**
5. Main principles of the ethics of **lawyers**

Languages:

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Click on the picture or [here](#) to watch a (4-min) HELP course introductory video

Languages:

2022 edition: [eng](#) | [aze](#) | [hye](#) | [kat](#) | [ron](#) | [srp](#)

2016 edition: [bos](#) | [mkd](#) | [mne](#) | [rus](#) | [sqj](#) | [tur](#)

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1. Introduction
2. **Judicial reasoning and fair trial**
3. **Judicial reasoning in criminal proceedings:**
 - **Pre-trial stage**
 - **Trial, Appeal and Enforcement**
4. **Judicial reasoning in non-criminal proceedings:**
 - General concepts
 - **Thematic issues I:**
 - ✓ Family, privacy, FoE
 - ✓ medical, property, work-, education-related issues

Procedural Safeguards in Criminal Proceedings and Victims' Rights

CONTENT - Modules:

1. Introduction, **legal framework** and key concepts
2. General Aspects of a **Fair Trial**.
3. Specific Rights/**Procedural Safeguards I** – The **Presumption of Innocence**.
4. **Specific Rights/Proc.Safeguards II** - Right to Information; to Remain Silent; to Legal Aid; to Interpretation and Translation; Access to a Lawyer.
5. **Specific Rights/Proc. Safeguards III** - Right to Examine Witnesses; to be present at Trial; to Appeal; to an Effective Remedy.
6. **Victims' Rights**.



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(8 hour online learning)

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Introduction to Corruption Prevention Course

1. Meaning of corruption
2. Corruption Prevention **Tools**
3. **Ethical** principles & codes of conduct
4. **Conflict of interest** & incompatibilities
5. **Post-employment** restrictions
6. **Gifts** and other benefits
7. **Asset declarations**
8. **Free access to information**
9. **Lobbying**
10. **Political financing**
11. **Whistleblowing**
12. **Public procurement**
13. Auditing of **public functions**



6 hour online learning

Languages:

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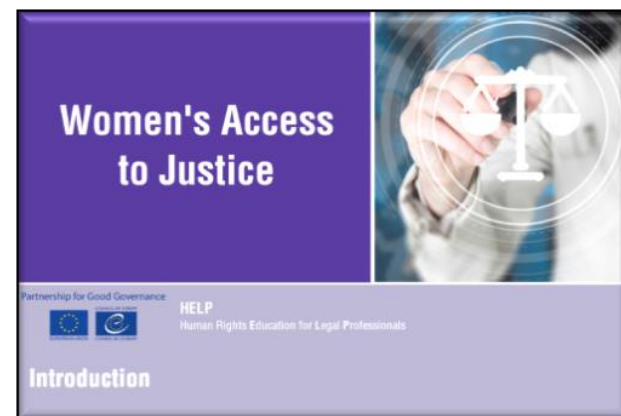
Developed jointly with the Council of Europe
Economic Crime and Cooperation Division

HELP course on Access to Justice for Women

Developed with the CoE Gender Equality Division

Modules (2/3 hr learning per substantive module)

1. Understanding **women's access to justice**
2. International and **European legal framework**
3. **Discrimination** on the grounds of sex and gender
4. Avoiding **gender stereotyping**
5. **Practical guidance** to improve women's access to justice
6. Gender sensitive **approach** to the practice of law



The course was developed under the framework of the EU-CoE Partnership for Good Governance II.

HELP course

Module 1: Introduction and key principles

Module 2:

- Types of speech protected under Article 10 ECHR
- Privacy and defamation

Module 3:

- Media regulation
- FoE online
- FoE and elections
- Protection of sources
- Information received in confidence

Module 4:

- Access to information
- FoE and protest
- FoE and administration of justice
- FoE in the workplace
- FoE and religion

(9 hour online learning)



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Languages:

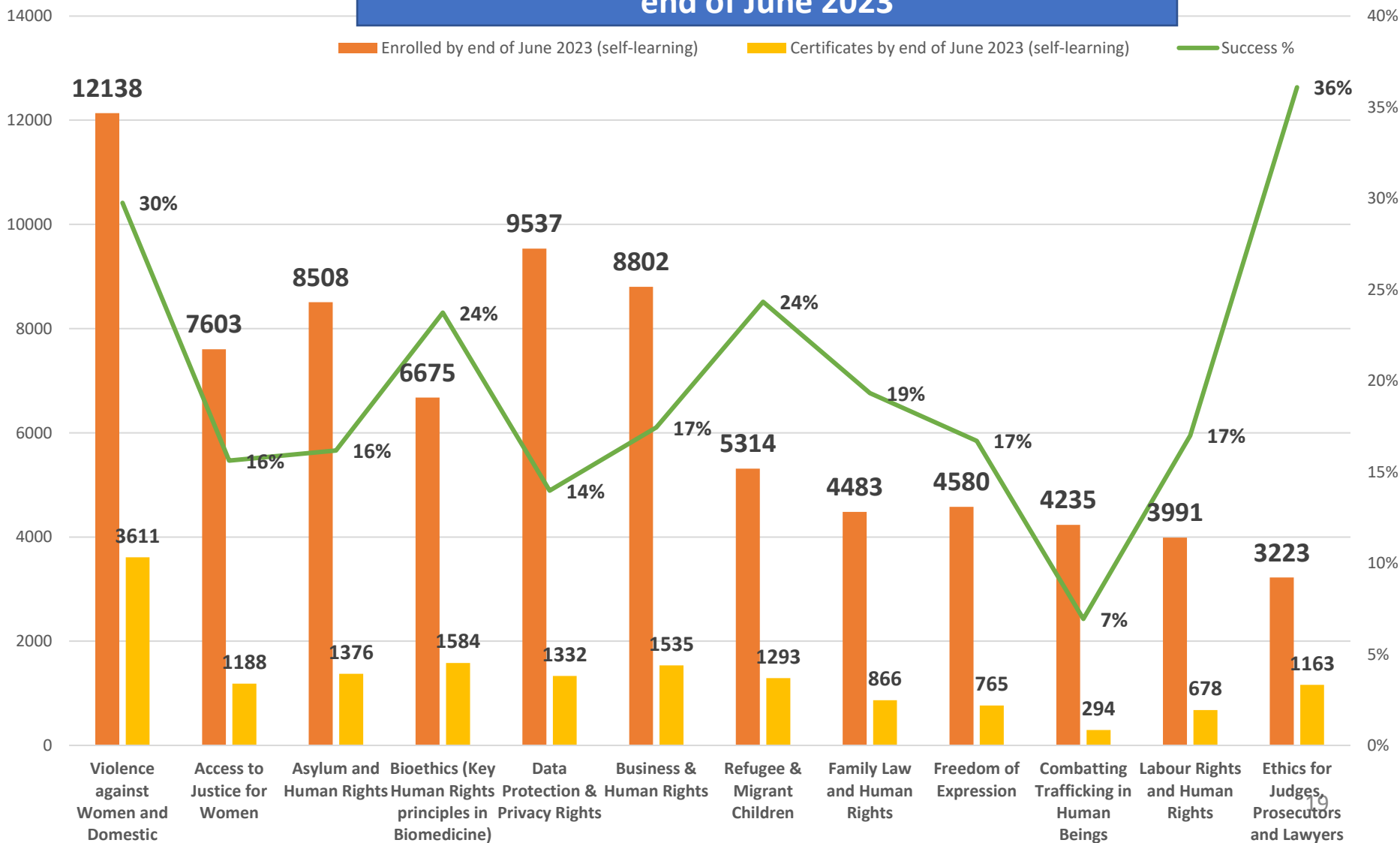
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Previous version: [kat](#)

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Information Society Department

Top 12 most enrolled courses - Council of Europe HELP end of June 2023



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Updated COURSES



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CHILD-FRIENDLY JUSTICE

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Prohibition of Ill-treatment

8 substantive modules, including during Armed Conflict

- 1 Legal Framework and Concepts
- 2 Effective (Procedural) Response to Ill-treatment and Combating Impunity
- 3 Ill-treatment in Places of Deprivation of Liberty
- 4 Use of Force as a Means of Restraint
- 5 Ill-treatment Beyond Coercive Context
- 6 Interrelation with Other Rights
- 7 Who Does What
- 8 Ill-treatment During Armed Conflict

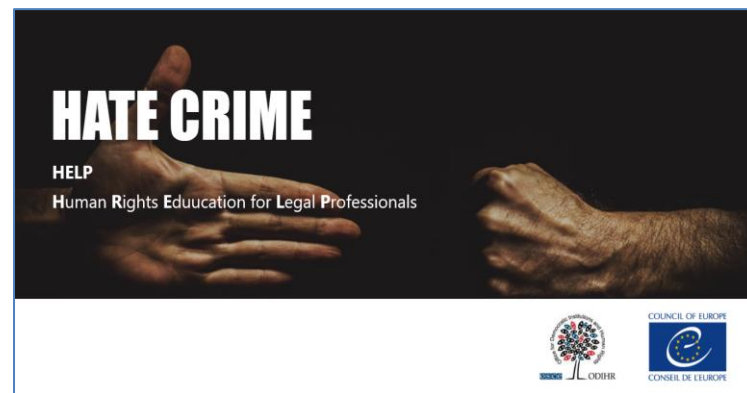
The module of Ill-treatment during armed conflict covers:

- Legal framework
- Situations where there is a risk of ill-treatment
- Gendered impacts of conflict
- Accountability at the national level



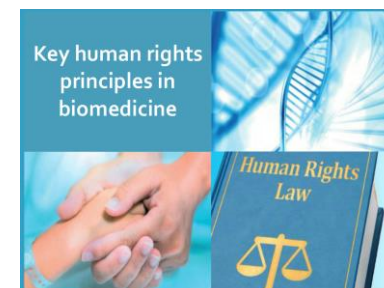
COURSES being/to be updated

- Admissibility criteria
- Liberty and Security
- Trafficking in Human Beings
- Hate crime



COURSES/modules under preparation:

- Quality of Justice: the work of CEPEJ**
- Artificial Intelligence**
- International Humanitarian Law and HR**
- Crash course on EU Temporary Protection Directive** (under HELP asylum/migration e-Desks)
- Transition to Adulthood** – linked to asylum/migration
- Data protection in judicial publications**
- ECHR Knowledge-sharing platform**
- Mental health** – linked to HELP course on



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**HELP courses with
ended/no project**

Radicalisation Prevention

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Module on Gathering and Use of Evidence in Counter-Terrorism Cases

START THE MODULE

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International Cooperation in Criminal Matters

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Human Rights in the Armed Forces

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HELP Course on Int'l Cooperation on Criminal Matters

1. Introduction
2. **Extradition and Surrender**
3. **Mutual Legal Assistance**
4. **Transfer of sentenced persons**
5. **Transfer of Proceedings, International **Validity** of Criminal Judgments, and Supervision of Offenders**
6. **Seizure and Confiscation of Proceeds of Crime**



Languages:

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 2017 Edition: [rus](#) | [ukr](#)

Developed jointly with the Council of Europe **Criminal Law Cooperation Unit, Mutual Legal Assistance Unit, Penological Cooperation, Medicrime and Trafficking of Organs** and the **Registry of the European Court of Human Rights**

HELP course on Human Rights (HR) in the Armed Forces - Structure

1. Introduction
2. Legal Framework
3. Dignity
4. Freedoms and Liberties
5. Economic and Social Rights
6. Justice and Remedies
7. Examinations and/or Effective Investigations
8. Equality and Non-discrimination



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This course was developed within the framework of the Project “[Human Rights and Women in the Armed Forces of Armenia-Phase II](#)” by using the [HELP methodology](#).



Asylum and Human Rights

Start Module

6 hour online learning

The graphic features a central white circle containing silhouettes of people walking, surrounded by five colored circles (green, purple, blue, red, orange) on a dark background with a faint image of a tent.



**REFUGEE AND MIGRANT CHILDREN
(10 hour online learning)**

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Alternatives to Immigration Detention

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The graphic shows the silhouette of an adult holding the hand of a child against a sunset background.

7 hour online learning



Internal displacement

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The graphic features a colorful illustration of a family (a woman, a child, and two men) walking with their belongings, including suitcases and backpacks, across a field.

Chapter I. Introduction

LGBTI Persons in the Asylum Procedure

Start Module



The Transition of Migrant and Refugee Children to Adulthood

START MODULE

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HELP courses w/out project

Business and Human Rights



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The Environment and Human Rights



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PROFESSIONALS

Human Rights in Sports



Medicrime



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CYBERCRIME

Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence

START

(10 hour online learning)**Cybercrime and e-evidence:**

How to reconcile obligations of governments to protect effectively against crime and to protect fundamental rights? (“Protecting you and your rights in cyberspace”)

Council of Europe HELP course on on Cybercrime & E-Evidence:

1. Introduction to computers, network and cybercrime
2. Introduction to the **Budapest Convention (BC) on Cybercrime**
3. **Substantive provisions** of the BC
4. **Electronic evidence** and procedural provisions BC
5. International **cooperation** provisions
6. Cybeecrime in practice and human rights
7. The **2nd Protocol on enhanced cooperation** on cybercrime and electronic evidence

Developed jointly with the CoE Cybercrime Division of the Council of Europe

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CYBERCRIME

Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence

START

(10 hour online learning)

Launch of HELP tutored courses in Bulgaria, Slovakia and Morocco:



Course Language	N.Enrolled	N. certificated
English	1 837	411
Ukrainian	250	10
Spanish	177	42
French	105	3
Arabic	76	3
Portuguese	66	7
Romanian	53	9
Azerbaijani	48	0
Bulgarian	45	5
Armenian	27	0
Hungarian	21	7
Georgian	6	1
Slovak	3	0

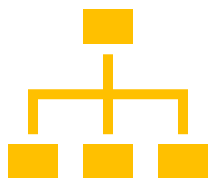
N.of enrolled and certified as SELF-learners:

	Nb certificated
2023	232
2022	266
Grand Total	498

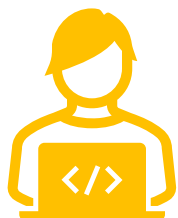
Enrolled
2 714

Success Rate
18%

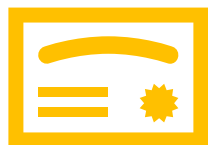
1. **Admissibility criteria**
2. **Alternative measures to detention**
3. **Alternatives to Immigration Detention**
4. **Anti-discrimination**
5. **Asylum and Human Rights**
6. **Key human rights principles in biomedicine**
7. **Business and human rights**
8. **Child-friendly Justice**
9. **Children Rights – Key challenges**
10. **Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings**
11. **Counterfeiting of Medical Products**
12. **CPT Standards**
13. **Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence**
14. **Data Protection and Privacy Rights**
15. **Ethics for judges, prosecutors and lawyers**
16. **Family Law and human rights**
17. **Fight against Racism, Xenophobia, Homophobia and Transphobia**
18. **Freedom of Expression**
19. **Hate crime and Hate speech**
20. **Human Rights in Sports**
21. **Human Rights in the Armed Forces**
22. **Internal Displacement**
23. **Introduction to the ECHR and ECtHR**
24. **Introduction to the European Social Charter**
25. **Int'l Cooperation in Criminal Matters**
26. **Introduction to Corruption Prevention**
27. **Judicial Reasoning and Human Rights**
28. **Labour Rights**
29. **Managing foreign prisoners**
30. **Pharmaceutical crime and the MEDICRIME Convention**
31. **Pre-trial Investigation and the ECHR**
32. **Procedural safeguards in criminal proceedings and victims' rights**
33. **Prohibition of Ill-treatment**
34. **Property Rights**
35. **Protection and Safety of Journalists**
36. **Radicalisation Prevention**
37. **Refugee and Migrant Children**
38. **Rights of Persons with Disabilities**
39. **Right to Liberty and Security (Art 5 ECHR)**
40. **Right to Respect for Private and Family Life**
41. **Right to the Integrity of the Person (Bioethics)**
42. **The Environment and Human Rights**
43. **Transitional Justice and Human Rights**
44. **Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence**
45. **Women's Access to Justice**



> 500 translations of HELP courses in various languages available on the e-learning platform



> 157,000+ enrolments in self-learning courses



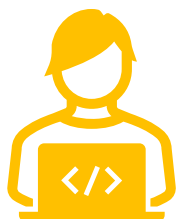
> 33,000 users completed HELP self-learning courses



Around 300,000+ learning hours for self-learners...
And more as HELP courses are used as reference/working tools



**> 900 HELP tutored courses
launched**



**32,000+ legal
professionals enrolled in
TUTORED COURSES
...plus 10,000+ students**



**480,000+ learning
hours for only legal
professionals**

Methodology: Good practices/success stories

Integration of HELP courses in training curricula: Armenia, Austria, Belgium (BA), Croatia (NJI), Finland (NJI), France (BA), Greece (NJI), Ireland, Italy (SSM. CNF), Moldova (NIJ), Romania (BA), Spain (EJ, PO,BA), Western Balkans...

Launches completely organised by partners: Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal, Romania, Spain...

HELP Statements of Accomplishment recognised as training



HELP in Universities/Academia – HOW?

- **CM Rec(2019)5 on the ECHR system in university education and professional training**
- **No formalities!**
- **Self-learning: HELP courses to complement university programmes**
- Exceptionally: Dedicated pages for Unis/law schools if YOU are HELP certified tutor

Watch this video:

<https://vimeo.com/657882955>

HELP Network Strategy

1. Reinforce the role of the **HELP Consultative Board, Justice Training Institutions, Bar Councils** and European **HELP partners (FRA, EJTN & CCBE)**.
2. **HELP will try to be more reactive** to Justice Training Institutions' requests.
3. Integrate in **initial training** at least **HELP courses on ECHR and Interplay ECHR-EU Charter**.
4. **Involve EJTN and CCBE in the development/update of HELP courses**.
5. **Integrate in initial and continuous training other HELP courses**
6. **Translate HELP catalogue** in your national language.
7. From the highest possible level (**judiciary and Bar Councils**), **circulate HELP info** (e.g.catalogue) within judges, prosecutors and lawyers.
8. **For Focal and Info points, share knowledge/catalogue among their peers, particularly those working in criminal issues – not only human rights peers.**
9. Promote HELP courses as **self-learning & reference/working tool**.
10. **Self-learning: HELP courses to complement university programmes**
CM Rec(2019)5 on the ECHR system in university education and professional training

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Good training for good judgments!

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