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## HELP in the Western Balkans **over the years**

- HELP selected thematic areas for: Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, North Macedonia and Türkiye

**2016-2017**

- HELP in the Western Balkans – Phase II

**2018-2019**

- EU/CoE Joint programme Horizontal Facility II HELP in the Western Balkans action

**2019-2022**

- HELP in the Western Balkans

**2023-2024**







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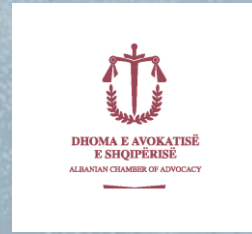
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# HELP in the Western Balkans main partners

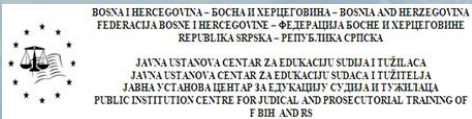
## Albania



## Montenegro



## Bosnia and Herzegovina



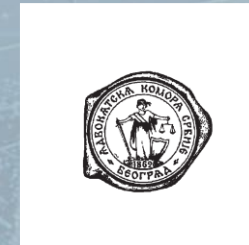
## North Macedonia



## Kosovo\*



## Serbia





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## HELP in the Western Balkans **in numbers**

Tutored courses 260

Enrolled users 8700

Platform users 9688

Average success rate 74%

National versions 138





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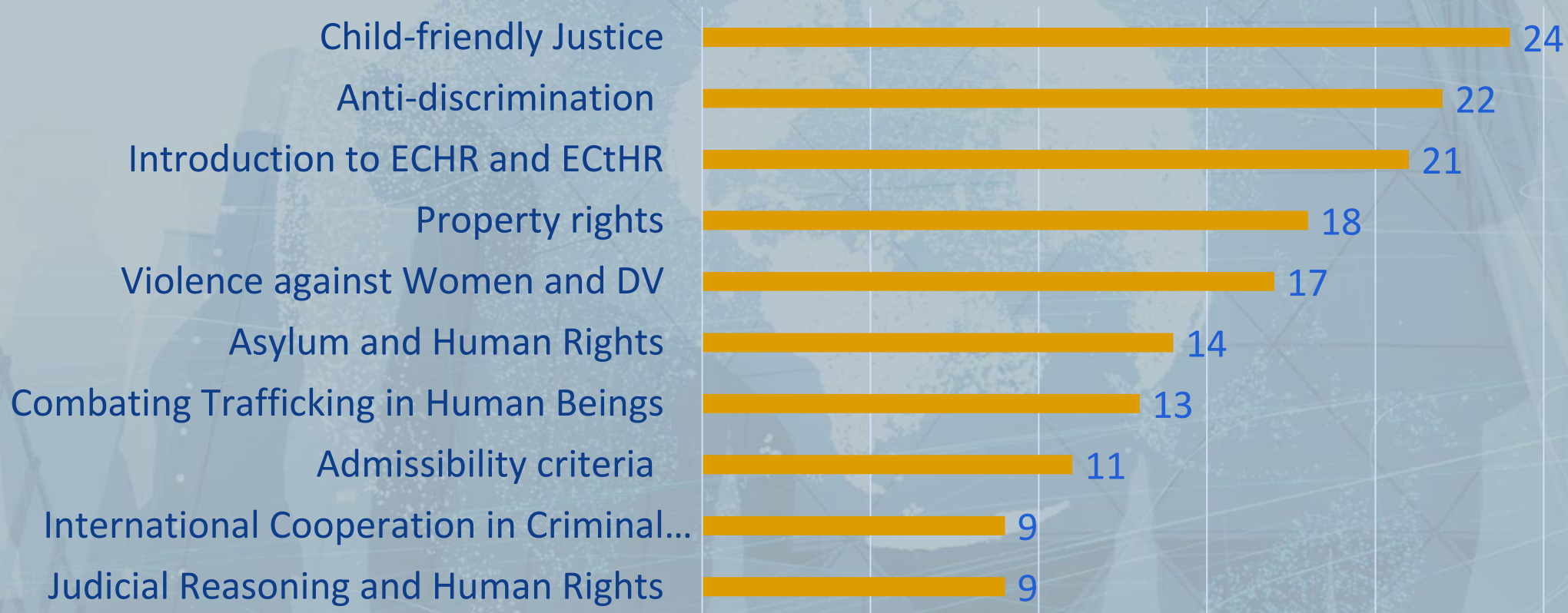
## HELP in the Western Balkans **number of users**

<b>Albania</b>	<b>2308</b>
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	<b>1742</b>
<b>Kosovo*</b>	<b>893</b>
<b>Montenegro</b>	<b>926</b>
<b>North Macedonia</b>	<b>1752</b>
<b>Serbia</b>	<b>2067</b>

**TOTAL 9688**



## Top 10 most implemented courses







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## Current project Human Rights Trust Fund

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TRUST FUND  
FONDS FIDUCIAIRE  
POUR LES DROITS DE L'HOMME

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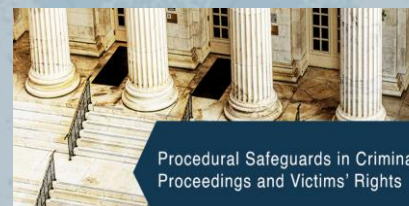
# HELP in the Western Balkans **2023-2024**



# Priority topics – Implementation 2023-2024

## CoE/ECtHR – most frequent violations/Articles of ECHR

- Prohibition of Ill-treatment **Art. 3**
- Right to liberty and security **Art. 5**
- Right to a fair trial **Art. 6**
- Right to respect for private and family life **Art. 8**
- Protection of property **Art. 1 Protocol 1.**





# Priority topics – Implementation 2023-2024

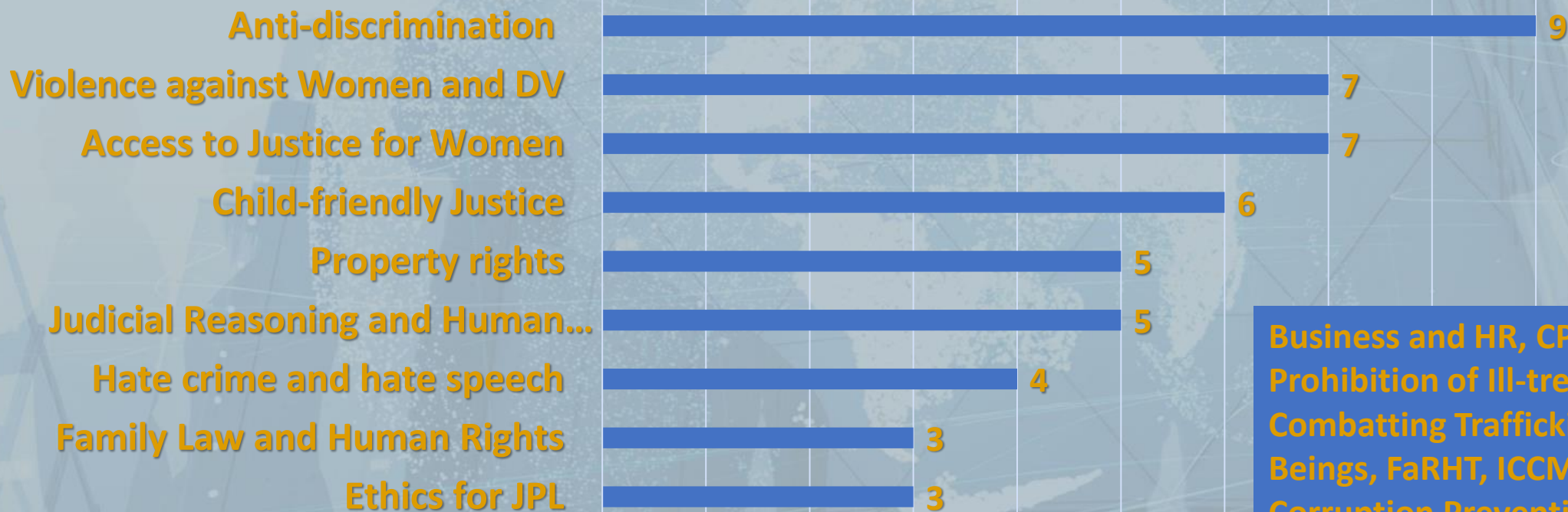
## EU Enlargement priorities – Fundamental rights

- Anti-discrimination
- Gender-based violence
- Prevention of ill-treatment
- Freedom of expression
- Hate speech
- Child-friendly justice
- Alternatives to detention





## Most implemented courses (out of 63 in total) since 2023



Business and HR, CPT standards, Prohibition of Ill-treatment, Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings, FaRHT, ICCM, Introduction to Corruption Prevention, DPPR, Introduction to ECHR and ECtHR





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## Integration of HELP courses in National Training Institutions

- **35 HELP** courses have been integrated as compulsory or optional parts of initial and continuous training by NTIs in 2023-2024

### Best practices:

#### Bar Associations

- Albania and North Macedonia: HELP Child Friendly Justice is **compulsory** for legal professionals working with children

#### Judicial Academies

- Serbia: 4 HELP courses are **compulsory** in the initial training + 2 optional
- BiH: 2 HELP courses are **compulsory**





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## Synergies and cooperation with HF actions and other CoE projects

- Support with translation, upload and implementation
- **29 HELP courses** during 2023-2024 implemented
- in **cooperation** with **14** joint EU/CoE actions and VC projects
- across **five** Beneficiaries





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Thank you very much for your attention!

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