

Strengthening the right to a fair trial in Belarusian criminal justice

Project summary

Project title	Strengthening the right to a fair trial in Belarusian criminal justice
Country	Belarus
Budget	500 000 €
Funding	European Union and Council of Europe
Duration	1 January 2019 – 31 December 2020
Partners and beneficiaries	Judiciary, Institute for qualification and upgrading of judges, prosecutors and legal professionals, Prosecutor's General Office, Belarusian State University, regional universities, Investigative committee
Impact	Court users in Belarus enjoy better protection of a right to a fair trial in the criminal justice sphere
Outcomes	<p>Outcome 1: Increased knowledge of Belarusian legal community, including law students, on European standards in the field of criminal justice, including on issues of abolition of death penalty</p> <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowledge of Belarusian lawyers, judges, prosecutors, as well as other legal professionals on the application of European and international standards in the area of criminal justice, is raised; - Belarusian Law and International relations students are familiar with European and international human rights standards in the area of criminal justice; - Capacity of Belarusian law faculties to provide high-quality human rights training is strengthened. <p>Outcome 2: European standards in the field of criminal justice, including fair trial principles, are a part of the system of professional training of legal professionals</p> <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The capacity of the Institute for Retraining and Qualification Upgrading of Judges, Prosecutors and Legal Professionals at the Belarusian State University to provide training with on European standards is strengthened; - Human rights materials, including practical guidelines for legal professionals, are prepared and disseminated among Belarusian legal community.

Implemented or planned activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Baseline data survey; - Thematic seminar for trainees of the Institute; - Preparation of a ECHR session for the Institute’s curriculum; - Thematic round tables, conferences or working groups in cooperation with the key stakeholders; - Expert round tables on the abolition of death penalty; - Working visit for judges and prosecutors to a CoE member state on the issue of abolition of death penalty; - Translation and adaptation of a HELP course; - Training-of-Trainers for law faculties teaching staff; - Regional summer schools or camps; - Series of moot courts in regional universities; - Guest lectures in regional law faculties; - Preparation of 3 handbooks for legal practitioners on criminal justice matters, etc;