# **Supporting Institutions to Combat Ill-Treatment in Ukraine**

## Project summary

Project title	Supporting Institutions to Combat III-Treatment in Ukraine
Country	Ukraine
Budget	700 000 €
Funding	Voluntary Contributions
Duration	21 months (1 April 2020 – 31 December 2021)
Partners and beneficiaries	The State Bureau of Investigations (SBI)
Main objective	Support the State Bureau of Investigations in effective application of European standards and practices in combatting human rights violations
Expected results	Project focus is two-fold:  1. Providing support in strengthening institutional and operational capacities of the SBI in fight against ill-treatment and impunity;  2. Enhancing human rights and gender equality competencies of SBI staff
	<b>Expected intermediate outcome 1.:</b> SBI staff is better handling ill-treatment and impunity cases in line with the European standards
	Immediate outcome 1.1.: SBI staff is better qualified to deal with the human rights and gender equality issues
	<b>Expected intermediate outcome 2.:</b> SBI has a stronger internal system for effectively combatting ill-treatment and impunity
	Immediate outcome 2.1.: Draft action plan to address needs in SBI functioning developed Immediate outcome 2.2.: SBI's central and regional offices have more unified human-rights oriented approaches in their work
	<b>Expected intermediate outcome 3.:</b> SBI staff selection and training

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**Immediate outcome 3.1.:** SBI has a framework for standardized induction and in-service training of staff

**Immediate outcome 3.2.:** SBI staff selection procedures are better aligned with European standards

#### **Planned activities**

#### **Expert analysis and recommendations:**

- Research on gender equality in the professional environment of SBI
- Research on effectiveness of SBI in investigation of torture and ill-treatment
- Needs assessment on unified human rights-oriented approaches in SBI work
- Research on alignment of SBI selection and recruitment procedures with European standards

### **Institutional support:**

- Working groups on development of standardized programme for SBI initial and in-service training system
- Working groups on development of thematic courses for the standardized programme of SBI initial and in-service training system
- A series of on-line consultations with CoE experts on application of the ECHR, current problems identified by the ECtHR case-law related to law-enforcement

#### **Capacity building:**

- Trainings on human rights
- Trainings on prohibition of discrimination through the prism of Art. 14 of the ECHR and Protocol 12 to the ECHR
- Workshops and on-line training on effective investigation into ill-treatment cases
- Training for SBI staff who recruit and select personnel
- Training of trainers of thematic courses under standardized programme of SBI training system