

“Enhancing Implementation of the European Human Rights Standards in Ukraine”

Project summary

Project title	Enhancing Implementation of the European Human Rights Standards in Ukraine
Country	Ukraine
Budget	700 000 €
Funding	Voluntary contributions
Duration	24 months (1 April 2108 – 31 March 2020)
Partners and beneficiaries	Parliament of Ukraine, Office of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, Ministry of Interior of Ukraine, National Police of Ukraine, State Bureau of Investigation, Ministry of Health of Ukraine, National School of Judges of Ukraine, National Academy of Prosecutors of Ukraine and Ukrainian Bar Association.
Main objectives	<p>The Project is implemented by the Council of Europe as a part of the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine (2018-2021). The Project’s activities are built upon the results of and in systematic continuation of the previous large-scale project implemented in 2015-2017 within the Programme for good governance between the European Union and the Council of Europe.</p> <p>This project will therefore build up on the results already achieved and focus on 4 main pillars:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support in alignment of legislative and regulatory framework with European standards in the field of law enforcement with a special focus on the SBI as well as amendments of data protection legal framework; 2. Support in strengthening institutional capacity and operational capacities of the SBI; 3. Strengthening capacity of the Ombudsperson Office in realisation of the NPM mechanism including data protection; 4. Enhancing capacity development of judges, prosecutors, lawyers and police officers to apply ECHR. <p>As a result, the regulatory framework in Ukraine will become more aligned with the international and European standards with due reference to the gender perspective; the police, investigators of the SBI, prosecutors and lawyers will increase their proficiency and effectiveness in prevention and investigation of human rights violations eventually leading to improvement of the human rights situation in the</p>

	country.
Expected outcomes and outputs	<p>Intermediate outcomes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ukrainian legal professionals (judges, lawyers, prosecutors, SBI investigators and police officers) have stronger capacity to deliver effective, qualitative and gender-sensitive functions that are served in an equitable and coherent manner based on common understanding of national law and European standards. 2. National capacities to effectively protect against serious human rights violations, investigate and bring perpetrators to justice are strengthened with the relevant rehabilitation services provided to the victims of torture. 3. Regulatory framework on data protection is in line with the European standards <p>Immediate outcomes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of legal professionals trained on European Human Rights standards with the gender issues streamlined and able to apply them in professional activity. 2. Investigators of the State Bureau of Investigation are familiar and able to apply modern investigative techniques to effectively investigate cases against torture and ill-treatment; effectiveness of the National Preventive Mechanism is increased and a Strategy of rehabilitative mechanism for the victims of torture is developed 3. Data protection legislation is amended and brought closer the European standards <p>Outputs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seven distance learning courses on the ECHR-related aspects are fully incorporated into continuous legal education for judges, prosecutors, lawyers, SBI investigators and police officers; publications on ECHR case law and other relevant materials are translated into Ukrainian language and are available to Ukrainian legal professionals; 2. Four groups of legal professionals more than 100 persons (judges, prosecutors, lawyers, police officers and investigators) are trained on ECHR norms and implementation mechanism through the HELP distance learning courses; 3. Council of Europe recommendations incorporated into the Law of Ukraine "On National Police" and "On State Bureau of Investigation"

	<p>4. Investigators of the State Bureau of Investigation have capacity to effectively and gender-sensitively investigate ill-treatment cases in line with the ECHR standards</p> <p>5. NPM staff operational capacities increased, they are able to apply Methodology on assessing the scope of NPM’s recommendations, including those related to gender equality</p> <p>6. Council of Europe expert recommendations incorporated in the draft Personal data protection law and necessary by-laws.</p>
<p>Methodology</p>	<p>The following main tools and activities will be used in the implementation of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expert meetings will bring partners together with the experts from specific fields for implementing national legislation, training programmes and materials. - Seminars/round tables or/and conferences will facilitate raising awareness about challenges, new procedures, distributing specific information to a broader audience on a specific topic, and contribute to the visibility of the outputs. - Development or translation or publications– the Project will adopt, translate or develop new publications aimed at training of legal professionals or providing guidance in implementing aspects of the ECHR. - Study visit to a Council of Europe member state will provide first-hand experience which will complement theoretical knowledge, facilitate exchange of information and help individuals to establish inter-personal relations with colleagues from other countries. - Training sessions will be a tool to disseminate the updated information and will allow all capacity development activities will be organised using the tools and methodology of the European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP).