

COUNCIL OF EUROPE OFFICE IN UKRAINE

RESULTS IN 2025 | RESILIENCE • RECOVERY • RECONSTRUCTION



Photo by Petro Chekal

The Council of Europe Office in Ukraine continues to support the country's resilience, recovery, and democratic transformation in the context of the ongoing Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine. Under the **Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine "Resilience, Recovery and Reconstruction" 2023-2026**, the Office implements over 30 projects that advance human rights, the rule of law, and democratic governance.

Working with national authorities, local communities, and civil society, the Office channels expert support for legal and institutional reforms, improves access to justice, reinforces accountability, and protects vulnerable groups including children, displaced people, veterans, and war-affected communities. It also **plays a key role in helping Ukraine align its legislation and practices with European standards and in supporting the country's progress toward EU membership.**

BY THE NUMBERS: A PLATFORM FOR ACTION | AS OF JANUARY 2026



83 DEDICATED STAFF MEMBERS
INCLUDING 70 PROJECT STAFF.



THE **ACTION PLAN TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET IS 65 MILLION EUROS.**

DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS ADDRESS URGENT NEEDS AND LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR UKRAINE'S PATH TOWARDS EU MEMBERSHIP AND A EUROPE-ALIGNED FUTURE.



5 REGIONAL AND 25 COUNTRY-SPECIFIC PROJECTS
INCLUDING 1 FLAGSHIP JOINT EU AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE "PARTNERSHIP FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE" PROJECT.

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WHY YOUR INVOLVEMENT MATTERS

Your support for the Council of Europe Action Plan is the catalyst for real, lasting progress, enabling every project to drive forward meaningful reforms in human rights, the rule of law, and democracy. Together we accelerate Ukraine's democratic transformation, strengthening its resilience, and delivering concrete results that uphold European values.



Watch the Open Day video from the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine – sharing values and achievements

IMPACT OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE WORK IN UKRAINE



ADVANCING RULE OF LAW AND JUSTICE

Setting new standards. Ukraine's institutions continue to drive justice reforms, from the adoption of the 2025-2028 Strategy for Prosecutorial Reform to embedding judicial ethics at the Constitutional Court. Over 500 legal professionals are now better equipped to investigate war crimes and human rights abuses, empowered by new skills in using electronic evidence to investigate war crimes and human rights violations. Ukraine's standing on the Council of Europe HELP platform has soared, now second among 46 member states, unlocking specialised training for more than 22 000 legal practitioners.

LEADING INCLUSIVE SOLUTIONS

Safeguarding the vulnerable. Breakthroughs in accountability and protection against abuse are evident. A new Custody Records Unit and specialised training for law enforcement have advanced the fight against torture and ill-treatment. Rehabilitation programmes, launched in all 84 penitentiary facilities, have already supported more than 1 200 prisoners on their path to reintegration.

Building an inclusive society. More than 1 000 officials and civil society representatives strengthened their competencies on the European Social Charter standards, the EU acquis, child-friendly justice, psychological support for traumatised children, prevention of violence against women, combating hate speech, and the protection of national minorities and LGBTI persons. This strengthened national capacity to uphold social rights, protect children, and promote equality.

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

Renewing civic participation. The Council of Europe initiatives have improved civic participation. Over 200 municipalities now run improved local budget processes. 10 cities piloted new democratic participation tools. 16 municipalities introduced inclusive School Participatory Budgeting, giving youth a seat at the table to influence decisions in local Pioneering partnerships with Ukrainian mayors and advancing the organisation of citizens' assemblies. More than 200 young activists are directly shaping national youth policy development. Memorandums of understanding with the Mayors of Kyiv, Lviv, and Rivne set the stage for organising citizens' assemblies in 2026, expanding opportunities for direct civic engagement.

ADVANCING GOOD GOVERNANCE AND MEDIA FREEDOM

Safeguarding democracy. Ukraine is preparing for the future. Legal groundwork for elections, once conditions permit, is being reinforced, while the Central Election Commission is strengthening international alliances and enhancing its institutional resilience, including digital capacity. The drafting of the country's first national anti-Strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPP) law, a key step toward safeguarding journalists and media outlets from abusive lawsuit.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE AND PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS

Empowering war-affected people and veterans. Through innovative policies and targeted support, 225 communities have improved their policies for internally displaced people, while 102 institutions now deliver trauma-informed assistance. The launch of a rental subsidy programme helps displaced people find stability and start rebuilding their lives. Hundreds of ministry specialists have received tailored training to better serve veterans and war-affected civilians, ensuring no one is left behind as Ukraine recovers.