# European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals

"HELP"

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# Overview

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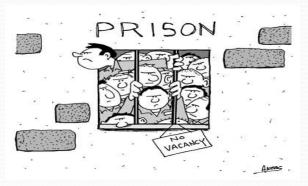
# **Human Rights: ideals v reality**

- HR: basic rights of everyone
- Still, HR violations occur













# Why HR education is important?

- To prevent abuses
- To ensure protection
- To build culture of HR
- All CoE member states face HR violations
- To redress them, legal professionals need to know and apply the relevant European legal framework
- Good training on HR should result in good judicial decisions



# Why HR education is important? (in particular ECHR)

**Better** knowledge of the ECHR and the jurisprudence of

the ECtHR

**Less** violations of the ECHR

**Better** compliance with the jurisprudence of the ECtHR

**Less** caseload of the ECtHR



### <u>Practical example</u>:

Art. 6 § 3 c ECHR

"the right of everyone charged with a criminal offence to be effectively defended by a lawyer, assigned officially if need be...., already at the initial stages of police interrogation"

(Poitrimol v. France, 23 November 1993, § 34, Series A no. 277-A, and Demebukov v. Bulgaria, no. 68020/01, § 50, 28 February 2008)

# The role of HELP in CoE



Standards (ECHR or ESC)



Monitoring (ECtHR, CPT, GRECO...)





Cooperation



# What is HELP?

 HELP is the European Programme for <u>H</u>uman Rights <u>E</u>ducation for <u>L</u>egal <u>P</u>rofessionals

Watch this video on HELP

- You can open an account and access self-learning materials at
  - http://help.ppa.coe.int/login/index.php?lang=uk
- Example: click this <u>community sanctions</u>

# Free e-learning platform



# www.coe.int/help

# How to get access to <u>HELP e-platform</u>?

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E Log in to the site

#### Log in

Password Log in

Forgotten your username or password?

Cookies must be enabled in your browser 🕐

#### Is this your first time here?

Hi! For full access to courses you'll need to take a minute to create a new account for yourself on this web site. Each of the individual courses may also have a one-time "enrolment key", which you won't need until later. Here are the steps:

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- 4. Your account will be confirmed and you will be logged in.
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# Self-Learning Courses/Resources





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# List of main materials for self training



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#### Main courses

#### MAIN COURSES FOR SELF TRAINING

- Articles
- Human Rights Themes
- Case Studies
- Training Methodology

#### Articles

#### Article 2: Right to life

Everyone's right to life shall be protected by law. No one shall be deprived of his life intentionally save in the execution of a sentence of a court following his conviction of a crime for which this penalty is provided by law.

Deprivation of life shall not be regarded as inflicted in contravention of this article when it results from the use of force which is no more than absolutely necessary:

in defence of any person from unlawful violence:

in order to effect a lawful arrest or to prevent the escape of a person lawfully detained;

in action lawfully taken for the purpose of quelling a riot or insurrection.

#### Slide shows

Article 2 Right to life File

Case studies





National pages	
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# List of main materials for self training - English



Check also this video by HELP/ECtHR on <u>admissibility criteria</u>!

# <u>Tutored Courses</u> – leading to certification



Available only to legal professionals participating in HELP-tutored courses!

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## Courses available

### LIST OF DISTANCE COURSES

- Introduction to the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights
- 2. Admissibility criteria
- 3. Asylum
- 4. Family Law and Children Rights
- 5. Anti-Discrimination
- 6. Hate Crime and Hate Speech
- 7. Community Sanctions and Alternative Measures to Detention
- 8. International Co-operation in Criminal Matters
- 9. Business and Human Rights
- Chemical precursors and international cooperation to combat illicit drugs production and traffic
- 11. Counterfeiting of Medical Products and Crimes against Public Health
- 12. Transitional Justice
- 13. Deliberate III Treatment In The Light Of The ECHR
- 14. Pre-trial investigation in the light of the ECHR
- 15. Property Law





# List of most viewed courses





# Timeline to develop a model course

**Training Needs Assessment (TNA)** – identification of priority topics by the Network (on the basis of the recent case law of Strasbourg (and Luxembourg) Court(s) in HR

**Model curriculum development** (drafting learning objectives, detailed outline of the course, case studies, practical assignments, assessment tools, list of additional materials and references)

**Storyboard building** (to make it an interactive product – logic to guide participants)

**Adaptation to national EU legal systems and languages and implementation of blended courses** (ToT – pool of certified trainers to be used at national and international level)

**Joint certification process** – validation at national level



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Activity		Period
Training Needs Assessment (TNA) - identification of priority		
the recent case law of Strasbourg (and Luxembourg) Court(s) in	n HR	
Selection of experts/consultants		
Curriculum development	I WG meeting	Month 1-2
(drafting learning objectives, detailed outline of the course, case studies, practical assignments, assessment tools, list of	II WG meeting	Month 3-4
additional materials and references)	III WG meeting	Month 5
<b>Development of interactive product</b> to make it an interactive product	Storyboard meeting	Month 6
Translation into national language		Month 7-8
Adaptation to national legal order (ToT – pool of certified trainers to be used at national and international level)		Month 8-9
Implementation of the course and validation at national level	Selection of participants	Month 9
	Launch (face-to-face event)	Month 10
	Implementation	Month 10-14
	Certification/Evaluation	Month 15

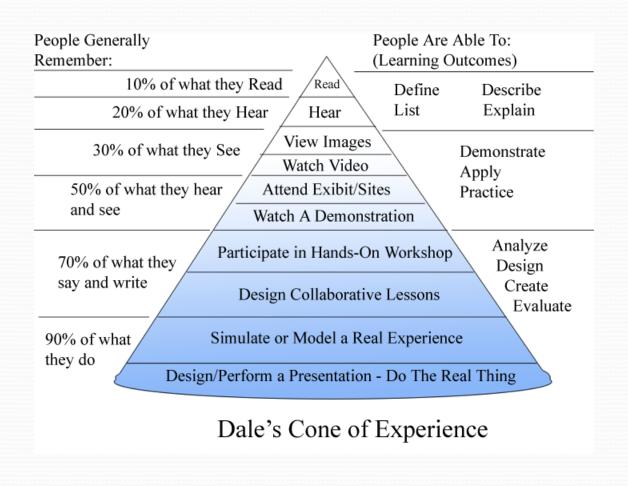


# Integration of HELP courses in national curriculum

Goal: integration of HELP courses in initial and continuous training curriculum of EU Legal Professionals

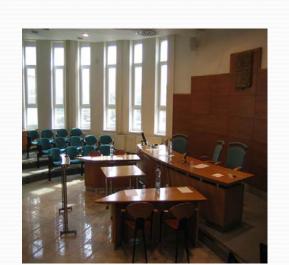
- Legal practitioners: **guardians of human rights**, including (evolving) European system of HR (ECHR, EU Charter, ESC)
- HR complaints solved at national level
- National implementation of ECHR- shared responsibility
- Direct link between good training and good judgments

## "Learn by doing" as HR training methodology





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### **Moot courts**

Applicant Court Government

### Case study

In a seminar the actual facts of a case or a combination of cases to be studied



- cheap (e-learning platform available for free and allowing transfer of materials on other national e-learning platforms)
- **Flexible:** adaptation to
  - ✓ national legal orders
  - ✓ Audiences
  - ✓ Experience in the field of ECHR and HR
- accessible to legal professionals
- Blended learning



## HELP as a news forum for HR in Ukraine



Дякуємо Вам за увагу, і я чекаю ваші запитання!