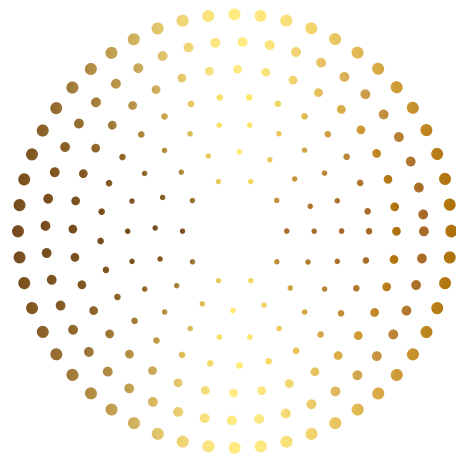




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ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Expert Centre for Human Rights is an NGO founded in 2015 whose core activities include complex sociological and legal research in the area of criminal justice, as well as development and promotion of effective mechanisms of functioning of criminal justice according to the best global practices and international standards.

Our mission is to make the criminal justice system in Ukraine fair and efficient in its strict observance of human rights.

By criminal justice, we mean the activities related to the making and implementation of public policy in prevention and investigation of offences, holding the perpetrators accountable, sentencing, correction and resocialization of persons who have committed offences.

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STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS OF ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES



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COMMUNITY SAFETY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

PROGRAM 1: COMMUNITY SAFETY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Program Manager – Uliana Shadska

“Community Safety and Human Rights” Program

The goal of the program is to strengthen the community’s ability to form and influence security policies at their place of residence.

In 2017, Center experts participated in the comprehensive analysis of interaction practices between the police, local self-government bodies, and the public to develop initiatives in the field of security at the community level. This research was aimed at the subsequent development of tools for strengthening communicative and institutional capacities of these actors. It was conducted with the support of International Renaissance Foundation within the framework of the activities of the expert group on community policing concept development. This expert group also includes representatives of the Public Organization “Human Rights Information Center”, Public Union “Legal Development Network”, and NGO “Institute for Peace and Common Ground”.

In September 2017, the International Renaissance Foundation supported the launch of the project **“The Development of Institutional Capacity of Community Exposure to Security at Their Place of Residence.”** As part of the project, a study was conducted on the powers of key stakeholders responsible for the security at the local level, as well as international practices of



community influence on the security at their place of residence were analyzed. The obtained analysis will form the basis for a practical manual on the safety of communities.

In the course of the year, meetings with the representatives of local authorities, law enforcement, and the public were held in *Kyiv, Lviv, Ternopil, Zhytomyr, Rivne, and Irpin communities*. During these meetings, the actual state of population security arrangements was discussed, as well as the community readiness for the implementation of threat prevention measures and response to them. In addition, the level of community engagement in the formation of and influence on the policies at their place of residence was analyzed.

Among other things, Center experts studied the development of the territorial security infrastructure, in particular, intellectual control system, which monitors, timely informs, and coordinates all units responsible for the security in case of threats. They analyzed the experience of video surveillance systems operation in the Situation Centers on City Safety, as well as the process of cooperation with other services responsible for the population protection.



Uliana Shadska, the specialist of the Expert Center for Human Rights, participated in the development of the toolkit used to monitor the state of territorial communities' safety - a Local Human Rights Index. Using this toolkit, it is possible to assess how the authorities exercise human rights and analyze if the local program for enhancing community safety and order is effective, whether the population opinion is accounted for in the course of local program development, and if modern and technologically informative systems are being implemented. The concept of the Local Human Rights Index was developed by the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in league with the Ombudsman's Office and other state and public institutions.

Expert Center for Human Rights has been implementing a number of initiatives designed to enhance the enforcement of rights of the vulnerable population groups since 2016. Quite often, drug addicts and people engaged in sex business who are unable to effectively resist unlawful actions of the law enforcement officers or protect and restore their rights in case of violations are subjected to right and freedoms violations due to their vulnerable situation. Vulnerability in this context means the condition, in which individuals are deprived of or limited in their ability to resist violent or other illegal acts due to their physical or mental qualities or other



circumstances caused by drug use or involvement in the sex business (for more details on the Expert Center for Human Rights initiative in this field, see Chapter 2 of the report).

In November 2017, Uliana Shadska, the specialist of the Expert Center for Human Rights, participated in the joint event held by non-governmental organizations dealing with vulnerable groups, during which the idea to involve these groups in the implementation of security initiatives within communities appeared.

Based on the discussion results, Expert Center for Human Rights introduced a new course for its activities aimed at the development of effective initiatives related to the integration of vulnerable groups, including drug addicts, into the community life. For this purpose, the following measures are planned in 2018:

- Comprehensive analysis of the conditions and factors that may affect the process of integration of drug-addicted individuals into the community life
- Development (based on the analysis conducted) of the action plan, which will include specific community policing-based security initiative adapted to the conditions of specific community initiative on the integration of vulnerable groups.



Awareness raising and educational events (trainings, seminars) related to community safety enhancement for representatives of the police, local self-government bodies, public organizations in Ukrainian regions, constitute an essential component of the Expert Center for Human Rights activities in the field of safety. In addition, Center specialists participate in international events both in Ukraine and abroad as trainers and speakers.

In March, Uliana Shadska, a specialist of the Expert Center for Human Rights, delivered a speech at the Community Policing international conference in Moldova, which was dedicated to the best practices of police activities. The event was organized by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova in partnership with the Institute for Public Policy. The aim of the Conference is to represent international examples of implementation of the police activities concept based on the partnership with the community (*community policing*), representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, General Police Inspection, local self-government bodies and civil society organizations in the Republic of Moldova.

Invited participants included international experts from the OSCE, Albania, Estonia, Belgium, Latvia, Ukraine, and the European Union Advisory Mission.



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PREVENTION AND INVESTIGATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

PROGRAM 2: PREVENTION AND INVESTIGATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Program Manager – Viktor Chuprov

The goal of the program is to introduce mechanisms for civic engagement in the prevention and investigation of human rights violations and to improve public institution capacity for prevention of human rights violations.

2.1. Introduction of mechanisms for civic engagement in the prevention and investigation of human rights violations

Throughout the year, Center specialists have been working on the project “Strengthening Regional Mechanisms for Protection of the Rights of Vulnerable Population Groups (Drug Users, Participants of SMT Programs, Sex Workers)». It is a logical continuation of the initiative introduced in 2016 by the Expert Center for Human Rights, which is related to the creation of mechanisms to combat human rights violations of vulnerable population groups most often suffering from

unlawful actions of the police (drug users, patients of the substitution maintenance and/or antiretroviral therapy, and employees of the sex business).



The project started with the presentation of an analytical report at the press conference for national media. Organizers intended to draw attention to the issue of police fighting people addicted to drugs instead of exposing channels of drug sales and distribution.

The report was also presented during roundtables in Kyiv and the regions - in Kropyvnytskyi, Sumy, Odessa, Kherson, Dnipro, and Lviv. Events were held for the state legal institutions and the public. Representatives of Regional Centers for free secondary legal aid, Human Rights Directorate of the National Police of Ukraine, Central administrations of the patrol police, healthcare institutions, as well as representatives of regional communities, service and human rights public organizations took part in these events. Event participants could see the scope of violations of the rights of vulnerable groups and specific examples in various regions. **These roundtables resulted in the agreement between the parties on possible ways to respond to facts of violations.**

In the course of the project, independent from the authorities regional teams on combating violations of the rights of vulnerable groups (hereinafter - regional



teams) were established and mechanism to protect said population group rights were developed **in 10 regions of Ukraine** (Sumy, Kirovohrad, Lviv, Kherson, Dnipro, Odessa, Zhytomyr, Mykolaiv, Zaporizhia, and Khmelnytskyi).

The main task of these regional teams consists in promoting and enhancing the rights of said groups in the course of their interaction with law enforcement, including the police. To ensure maximum efficiency and independence, based on the open competition, lawyers, human right activists, reporters, and service organization employees dealing with the issues of vulnerable groups were selected to supplement the composition of the newly formed regional teams. In addition, these teams include representatives of the most vulnerable groups, in the interests of which regional teams function.

“The police and yourself” master-classes were held in four regions of Ukraine. During these master-classes, project target groups learned about the rights and authorities of the police, as well as how to deal with the police in order to protect themselves from the violation of rights.

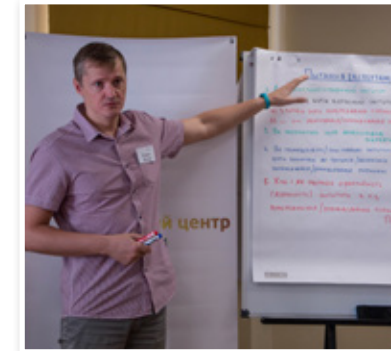


In the course of the project, the interaction between regional teams and local legal institutions was established with an aim of preventing violations of the rights of vulnerable population groups and ensuring adequate response of said legal institutions to such violations.

Representatives from the Prosecutor General's Office, Patrol Police Administrations, Regional Centers for Secondary Legal Aid, local representatives of the Ombudsman's Office of Ukraine and members of regional teams were involved in 3 three-day specialized seminars "Interaction of National Human Rights Institutions and the Public with the aim of preventing human rights violations and ensuring their proper investigation in the activities of law enforcement agencies".



At these seminars, each legal institution informed the participants on its activities, described possible areas where regional team representatives could be engaged in addressing the issues of prevention and proper investigation of human right violations, including the rights of vulnerable groups. Speakers included representatives of the Prosecutor General's Office, Centers for free secondary legal aid, Human Rights Directorate of the National Police of Ukraine and the Commissioner for Human Rights.



In addition, 3 two-day working meetings for representatives of the state authorities and the public named «Working out forms and methods of cooperation between state legal institutions and the public with the purpose of preventing human rights violations and ensuring their proper investigation in the activities of law-enforcement agencies» were held. Representatives of territorial units of prosecution bodies, Human Rights Directorate of the National Police of Ukraine, patrol police administrations, Regional Centers for free secondary legal aid, local representatives of the Ombudsman's Office and regional team members were among the participants.

During these events, specific response mechanisms were tried and tested using real-world examples. Participants reviewed situations related to human rights violations that had taken place in the region and had a systematic nature. Each state legal institution described its actions upon obtaining information on human rights violations, as well as specified the circumstances and stages when regional teams could be involved.

Such format of the working meeting enabled the participants to understand the help they may get from each legal institution and learn the points of contact in case of a situation related to the violation of human rights of the vulnerable group.



Regional teams conducted four public and 10 public-and-parliamentary (involving powers of the Ukrainian Ombudsman) investigations into the facts of gross violations of rights and freedoms of vulnerable group representatives.

Here are some of them:

May 23 - June 13, 2017. Joint actions of the regional team managed to arrange detoxification of the individual who was detained in Zhytomyr remand prison and did not receive appropriate treatment.

April 20 - May 6, 2017. In Berdychiv (Zhytomyr Region), the regional team and the lawyer of the Center for free secondary legal aid convinced the investigating judge in the need to replace the remand in custody for the SMT patient. He was detained in Berdychiv remand prison without any access to the doctor. The Court replaced the judicial restraint with the house arrest.

April 3-7, 2017. Steps were taken to restore the right to medical assistance of the man who was detained in Lviv penal facility and suffered from an active form of tuberculosis. Regional team Coordinator in Lviv region initiated the verification of facts confirming the violation of man's right to medical care, namely:

- Attendance of Lviv penal facility (No. 19) and municipal institution "Lviv Regional Phthiopolmonological Center" by employees of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights.
- During the inspection, violations of the legislation on healthcare and medical assistance were found.
- The letter with a request to conduct a respective inspection and respond to the facts of man's rights and freedoms violation was sent to the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine.

On December 11, 2017, the forum in Kyiv gathered representatives of regional teams on combating violations of rights of vulnerable population groups from 10 regions of Ukraine - Lviv, Sumy, Kirovograd, Odesa, Dnipro, Kherson, Khmelnytskyi, Zhytomyr, Mykolaiv, and Zaporizhia.

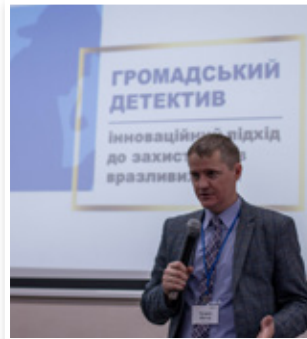
At the forum, regional team representatives described the results of their work, shared their success stories, and participated in the discussion on the prospects of the mechanics of civic engagement in the prevention and investigation of human rights violations.

The participants shared their achievements using real-world examples.

The prospects of Expert Center for Human Rights development and its new initiatives aimed at strengthening regional team capacity were also presented at the forum.

In 2018, the activities of regional teams are planned to be expanded from ten to fifteen regions. Rivne, Vinnytsia, Cherkasy, Chernihiv, and Poltava will be added to already existing teams.

Moreover, there will be a position of the regional coordinator to be elected from among the team members. His/her duties will include the development and expansion of teams, organization, and holding of «cluster» meetings, participation in the selection of public detectives, promotion of regional team activities, the



establishment of interactions with state legal institutions and the media, participation in public and public-and-parliamentary investigations.

Next year, public detectives will work as part of the teams. They will collect data on violations of target group rights perpetrated by police officers, systematize and process information on such cases and prepare applications on committed crimes to prosecution bodies and the State Bureau of Investigations (in the future).

As part of criminal proceedings, the public detective will collect information for official investigation; his main task will consist in launching this mechanism.

Expert Center for Human Rights has taken advocacy steps to enhance the rights of vulnerable groups in the course of interaction with the police.

In November 2017, the Center held a working meeting with the Human Rights Directorate of the National Police of Ukraine, where they confirmed the intention of the National Police of Ukraine to enhance the rights of

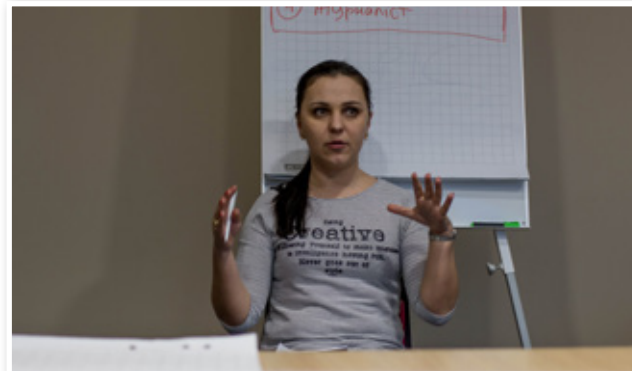


SMT participants by introducing respective changes into the agency-level statutory instruments. As part of the previous project implementation, Expert Center for Human Rights made respective recommendations to the National Police; however, they were not introduced at the time due to long-term legislative framework reform (during the transit from militia to police).

During the working meeting, the agreement was confirmed regarding the introduction of respective changes related to SMT participants to the Provision on temporary detention facilities and Pre-trial Detention Rules of the National Police of Ukraine.

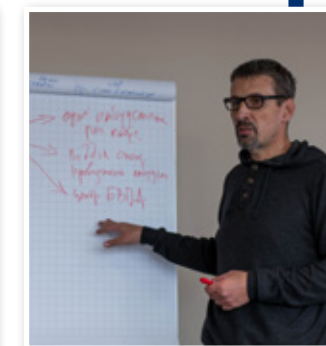
On February 21-22, the Expert Center for Human Rights aided by the Human Rights Information Center, which is supported by the International Renaissance Foundation, conducted a training for reporters “Drug Crimes and Sex Work: how and why to highlight it in the media”. The representatives of “Legalife-Ukraine” UCO, The Association of Ukrainian Human Rights Monitors on Law Enforcement, and Club Chance, also attended the event.

Coordination work of media representatives and other participants of regional teams for combating violations of the rights of vulnerable population groups may



help victims find justice and avoid lawlessness, while the reporters will be able to prepare quality and unbiased stories on the socially important topics. The reporters may become a power that will help monitor human rights observance within the activities of law enforcement agencies.

Specialists of the Expert Center for Human Rights described the role of the reporter at each stage of the public investigation. As part of the separate exercise, participants practiced the order of reporter's actions as a member of the regional team, in particular, reporter's actions that may minimize the risks of violations of vulnerable group rights in case they are detained by the police officer.



2.2. Enhancement of the capacity of public institutions in the prevention of human rights violations

Working in this area, in 2017 we have:

- conducted a comprehensive analysis of the practice of detaining an individual on suspicion of criminal offense commission;
- completed a comprehensive assessment of the activities of public officials responsible for detainees' confinement conditions;
- started implementing an electronic system registering any actions with respect to detainees in the temporary detention facilities of the National Police of Ukraine;
- held a number of educational events for Prosecutor General's Office and the National Police of Ukraine



aimed at introducing modern standards for combating torture and ill-treatment into the activities of Ukrainian law enforcement agencies.

With the support of the Council of Europe and aided by the Human Rights Directorate of the National Police of Ukraine, the comprehensive analysis was conducted on practices used to detain individuals suspected of the commission of criminal offenses.

The fundamental analysis showed that current criminal procedural legislation contains a number of gaps being one of the reasons for a significant number of unregistered detentions in the activities of the National Police.

Thus, today law enforcement agencies have no legal grounds to detain individuals suspected in the commission of offenses that are punishable by imprisonment under Article 208 of the Criminal Procedure Code or detention based on the court order. Moreover, there exist some difficulties related to the implementation of the mechanism used to detain individuals based on the court order. In particular, lack of the status of a “suspect” constitutes an obstacle to obtaining a court order authorizing detention of the suspected individual with a purpose of his/her participation in the consideration of the petition on restrictive measures. Accordingly, if the individual



does not have this status, the court does not even have a right to consider such a petition. Therefore, under Criminal Procedure Code, if the identity of the offender is identified some time after the offense and the need to detain such individual arises, law enforcement officers first need to inform the said person about the suspicion and then address the court with a request to authorize detention. It is obvious that such legal requirement is especially difficult to comply with in certain cases, as said notice itself may create a risk of escape of the actually suspected individual. For more information on the issues of application of the norms of Criminal Procedure Code at the stage of detention, see Chapter 1 of the Report. <http://ecpl.com.ua/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Sluzhbovi-osoby-vidpovidalni-za-zatrymanyh.pdf>

In the framework of the above research (Chapter 2), activities of public officials responsible for detainees' confinement conditions were comprehensively assessed.

The results of such analysis let us draw an overall disappointing conclusion confirming the extremely low efficiency of these officials. In practice, those responsible for the stay of detainees at the police units are either not appointed for this task due to lack of the respective position or are appointed but physically unable to monitor the state of detainees' rights observance 24/7 or they simply engage in other activities that are not related to ensuring detainee's rights. <http://ecpl.com.ua/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Sluzhbovi-osoby-vidpovidalni-za-zatrymanyach.pdf>

In the framework of the project “Enhancing guarantees of detainees’ protection from mistreatment in the activities of the National Police of Ukraine», which is being implemented with the support of the International Renaissance Foundation, and in league with the Center, the introduction of the electronic system - Custody Record ITT - started. It registers any actions taken in relation to individuals detained in temporary detention facilities of the National Police of Ukraine.



The main goal of the project is to strengthen guarantees related to the protection of detainees from mistreatment in the activities of the National Police of Ukraine by facilitating the introduction of Custody Record system and adequate external control over the observance of detainees' rights at the temporary detention facilities.

Custody Record System is a modern innovative mechanism used to ensure rights and freedoms of a detained individual during his/her stay in the police custody.

In late 2016, the working group was created⁶ which includes representatives of the Expert Center for Human Rights, Ukrainian Legal Aid Foundation, Human Rights Directorate within the National Police, and field-specific experts.

The implementation of the Custody Records ITT system started in two pilot temporary detention facilities of the National Police of Ukraine: TDF No. 1 of the Central Administration of the National Police in Dnipro Region and TDF No. 1 of the Central Administration of the National Police in Kherson Region. Future inspectors for human rights observance were selected in the said



TDFs and the first training module was held. Detention facilities were equipped with modern video surveillance systems that allow remote control over the state of TDF detainees' rights observance from the headquarters of the Human Rights Directorate within the National Police of Ukraine.

Expert Center for Security Issues held a number of educational events for Prosecutor General's Office and the National Police of Ukraine aimed at introducing into the activities of law enforcement agencies of Ukraine modern standards for combating torture and ill-treatment.

As part of the joint project of the European Union and the Council of Europe "Strengthening the implementation of European human rights standards in Ukraine" intended for the employees of the Office of Supervision over Compliance with Enforcement of Judgments in Criminal Proceedings and Other Forced Measures in Detention Facilities of the General Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine and the Human Rights Directorate within the National Police of Ukraine, the training was held named "Introduction of modern standards for combating torture and ill-treatment into the activities of Ukrainian law enforcement agencies".

During the event, human rights experts introduced employees of the Prosecutor General's Office and the National Police of Ukraine to the European and national experience in monitoring adequate treatment of the detainees by law enforcement officers.

Specialists of the Expert Center for Security Issues took part in the basic training for new employees of the Human Rights Directorate.

Yuriy Bielousov, Head of the Expert Center for Human Rights explained the requirements to the detention

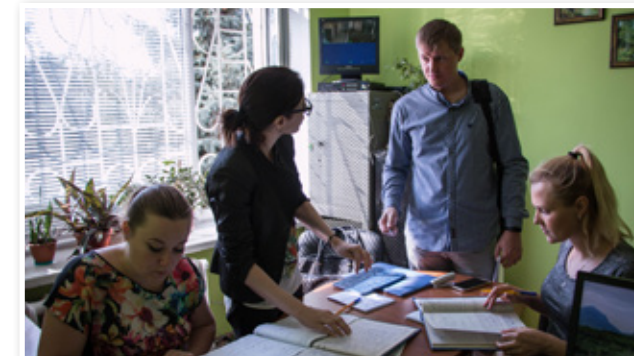


procedure, appropriate detention conditions and grounds for the use of special equipment to employees of the Human Rights Directorate.

Viktor Chuprov, Head of "Prevention and Investigation of Human Rights Violations" program conducted a practice session with the employees of the Human Rights Directorate within the National Police of Ukraine on the topic of "Monitoring over Human Rights Observance in the Territorial Units and Specialized Facilities of the National Police of Ukraine."

Seven territorial police units in Cherkasy Region were inspected as part of the specialized training "Peculiarities of inspecting the observance of rights of vulnerable population groups at territorial police units".

The training for Human Rights Directorate employees was organized by the management of said Directorate and the Expert Center for Human Rights and supported by the International Renaissance Foundation. During these visits, Human Rights Directorate employees assessed the state of human rights and freedoms observance in the activities of Cherkasy Region police. Based on the monitoring results, they made recommendations to the heads of inspected bodies and units.



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INVESTIGATION OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

PROGRAM 3:

INVESTIGATION OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Program Manager – Andriy Orlean

The goal of the program is to enhance the capacity of public authorities to investigate criminal offenses.

In 2017, the Expert Centre for Human Rights and the International Renaissance Foundation completed the research **“Prosecutors’ role at the pre-trial stage of the criminal proceedings”**.

In 2012, the new Criminal Procedure Code introduced a new prosecutor’s function during the pre-trial investigation - the function of a procedural manager, which greatly expanded prosecutor’s powers.

The team of study contributors analyzed a 5-year experience in implementation of this reform. Experts studied the daily performance of prosecutors, their efficiency in fulfilling functions of procedural management and conformity of existing practices to the current legislation and international standards.

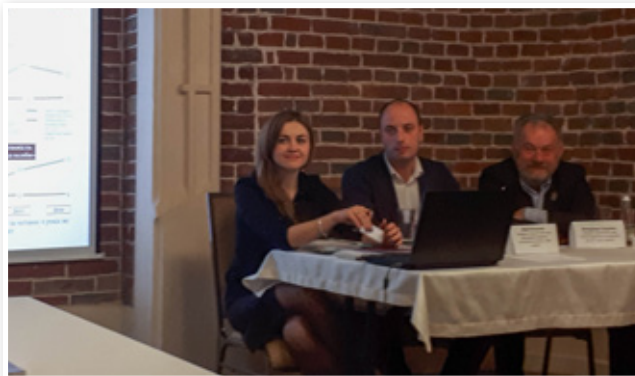


This resulted in the study that answers the following questions: *Have there been required institutional transformations after the amendments in the procedural legislation? What is the attitude of other process participants to the new prosecutor's role? Is it possible to assess the impact of the new procedural role of the prosecutor? What prevents the proper execution of the procedural management function and how can we change it?*

The research conducted under the auspices of the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine and Coordination Center for Legal Aid Provision

Researchers interviewed **503** prosecutors, held seven focus groups involving prosecutors, lawyers, investigating judges, heads of investigation units of the National Police in five regions (Dnipro, Lviv, Sumy, Kherson, Khmelnytskyi) and in the city of Kyiv, and analyzed thousands of pages of **2013-2016** documents and statistics of the General Prosecutor's Office.

Main conclusions based on the study results were presented in October 2017. Representatives of the management of Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office, National Prosecution Academy, Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office, and experts from



international and national state and non-governmental organizations attended the discussion.

In 2017, regional presentations of the report based on study results were also held for the management of Lviv and Kherson regional Prosecutor's Offices, as well as for the heads of local prosecutor's offices in these regions.

Joint activities on dissemination and implementation of the study results continue in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

The report is available on the website of the Expert Centre for Human Rights in English and Ukrainian: <http://ecpl.com.ua/analytics/rol-prokurora-na-dosudovij-stadiji-kryminalnoho-protseesu/>



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HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PENITENTIARY SECTOR

PROGRAM 4: HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PENITENTIARY SECTOR

Program Manager – Yuriy Bielousov

The goal of the program is to implement innovative models of penitentiary management in line with the human rights standards.

In 2017, specialists of the Expert Center for Human Rights conducted a research **“Prison through the eyes of a prisoner”**, where the research methodology was based on the British MQPL method (*Measuring the Quality of Prison Life*). The study was conducted as part of the project “Further Support to the Penitentiary Reform in Ukraine”, which is co-funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe.

During the study, 106 interviews with prisoners (56 women and 50 men) were conducted in five correctional facilities: *Chernihivska correctional colony No. 44, Zbarazka correctional colony No. 63, Naderzhynshchynska correctional colony No. 65, Boryspilska correctional colony No. 119, Zhytomyrska correctional colony No. 4.*

Unlike other studies in the prison sector, the relevance of this research consists in it not being concentrated on the study of the compliance of detention conditions with Ukrainian laws and other international standards or assessment of the legality of administration’s actions, which is typical of various checks and inspections, monitoring visits to the penal facilities, etc. This study focused on a human being, his/her thoughts, feelings, peculiarities of his/her perception of the reality in a custodial setting.

The analysis of the prison with a focus on the prisoner him/herself takes us to a completely new level when assessing the conformity of the penitentiary system to the needs of the individual. At the same time, understanding how prisoners perceive the prison helps to see a number of issues preventing prisoner correction and re-socialization, and hence - penal facilities’ correspondence to its intended purpose.

It is worth noting that this is a pilot study, which consists in a preliminary cross-section of certain prison life

areas (respect to human dignity, security, support/ assistance, justice, personal development), and its results may subsequently serve as a ground for large-scale representative studies aimed at a comprehensive analysis of correlations between various factors and variables.

Researchers did not intend to deeply analyze reasons underlying the existence of certain issues in the activities of penitentiary facilities. **The main goal** is to show a “picture” of the reality as seen by prisoners.

At the same time, study results may be used in further debates and discussions with the specialists and experts in the penitentiary field in order to identify ways to address the highlighted problems.

On November 16, 2017, study results were presented at the Final Conference of the Project **“Further Support to the Penitentiary Reform in Ukraine”** involving Ukrainian MPs, Ministry of Justice management, international and national experts in the prison sector.

The full report on the study results (*in Ukrainian and English*) is available on the Expert Center for Human Rights website at: <http://ecpl.com.ua/analytics/1306/>

On December 19-20, 2017, Yuriy Bielousov, Head of the Expert Center, who was invited by the International Committee of the Red Cross in Ukraine, participated as a moderator of the seminar **“Strengthening coordination in penitentiary reform”**. The event was also attended by the Deputy Minister of Justice Denys Chernyshov, Heads of all inter-regional territorial departments of the



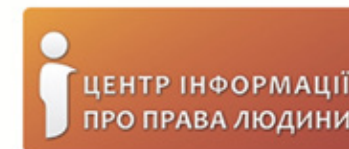
State Criminal Executive Service, and leading experts in the prison sector.

The purpose of the event consisted in detailed explanation to the Heads of inter-regional SCES departments of strategic and operational goals and tasks of the Passport of Prison system reform, which includes the following components:

- creation of reintegration system to ensure a suitable environment where a person would be ready to live without committing any offenses;
- observance of human rights by creating treatment and detention conditions in line with the international standards;
- establishment of a secure environment within the prison system bodies and facilities;
- creation of institutional capacity, which will ensure the transition from the punitive to rehabilitation approach.



OUR PARTNERS



APPENDIX 1 FINANCIAL REPORT

APPENDIX 1. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2017

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Aid – 260,429.00 UAH

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Project duration: November 11, 2016 - April 1, 2018.
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4. The Project “Additional Funding of the Project No.51099 “Strengthening Regional Mechanisms for Protection of the Rights of Vulnerable Population Groups (Drug Users, Participants of SMT Programs, Sex Workers)»

Project duration: April 12, 2017 - December 12, 2017
Aid – 158,000.00 UAH

5. Project “The Development of Institutional Capacity of Community Exposure to Security at Their Place of Residence.

Project duration: September 1, 2017 - August 31, 2018.

Aid – 436,044.00 UAH

6. The Project “Institutional Capacities of the Expert Center for Human Rights for Strengthening of the Analytical Support of the Criminal Justice Sector Reforms»

Project duration: October 1, 2017 - March 30, 2018.

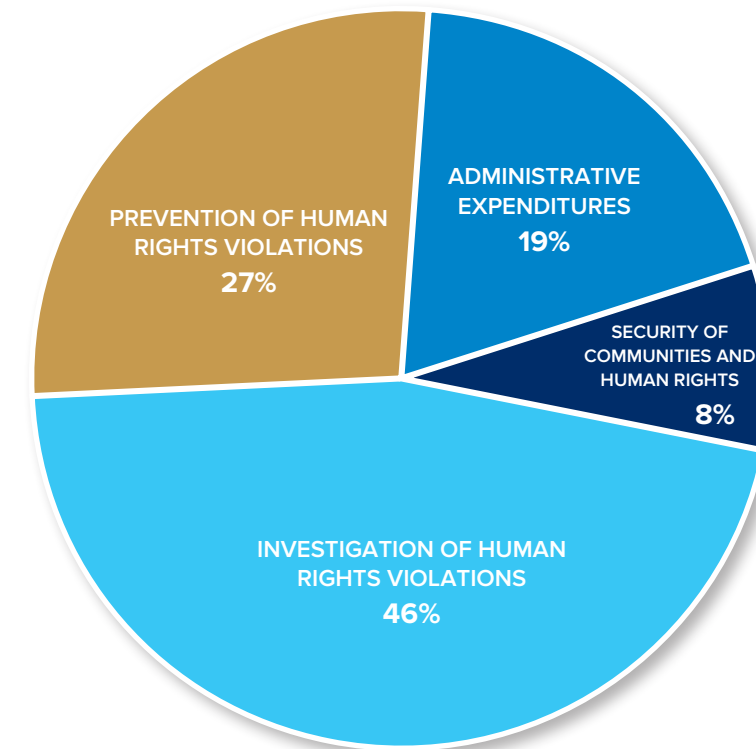
Aid – 1,090,830.00 UAH

7. The Project “Further Implementation of the Electronic Registration System - Custody Records - into the Activities of the National Police in order to Strengthen Guarantees of Protection of Detained Individuals from Improper Treatment on the Part of Law Enforcement»

Project duration: December 11, 2017 - December 11, 2018

Aid – 969,166.00 UAH

EXPENDITURES



DETAILED EXPENDITURES

Type of expenditure	Amount, UAH	
Administrative expenditures	763 676	19%
Staff remuneration	276 239	
Involved experts	69 000	
Rent of office premises	171 000	
Stationery	16 558	
Communications	3 106	
Equipment	197 271	
Consumables for office equipment	480	
Other expenses	11 228	
Printing	18 794	
Software expenditures	3 193 891	81%
The security of communities and human rights	310 032	8%
Specialist	50 000	
PR Services	47 000	
Involved experts	47 000	
Consulting	7 000	
Activities (educational events, work meetings)	75 713	
Equipment to be delivered to the Administration on Human Rights Protection	83 319	
Investigation of human rights violations	1 805 075	46%

Type of expenditure	Amount, UAH	
Management	264 000	
Specialist	144 000	
Consulting	72 000	
PR	75 000	
Involved experts	576 000	
Trainer	40 200	
Activities (educational events, seminars, round tables, workshops)	362 210	
Activities (public inquiry)	159 399	
Activities (annual forum)	112 266	
Prevention of human rights violations	1 078 784	27%
Management	140 000	
Specialist	70 000	
PR	56 000	
Involved experts	376 000	
Travel	2 906	
Equipment to be delivered to the Central Administration of the National Police of Ukraine in Kyiv	59 218	
Equipment to be delivered to the Central Administration of the National Police of Ukraine in the regions	374 660	
Total amount	3 957 567	

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board and Members of
Expert Center For Human Rights Public Organization

Opinion

We have audited 2017 financial reporting of the Expert Center For Human Rights PO (hereinafter – the Organization), which consists of the statement of balance as of December 31, 2017 and the statement of financial results for the year then ended.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and unbiased view on the financial standing of the Organization as of December 31, 2017, and on its financial results for the year then ended in line with the National Provisions (Standards) of Ukraine.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted the audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Our liabilities under these standards are further described in the Section "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements". We are independent of the Organization within the meaning of ethical requirements applied in Ukraine to our financial audit, and we have fulfilled all of our ethical obligations based on these requirements. We consider audit evidence obtained to be sufficient and appropriate to serve as a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

Complete audit opinion is available at the following links:

In Ukrainian
http://ecpl.com.ua/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Audit_ECHR_ukr.pdf
In English
http://ecpl.com.ua/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Audit_ECHR_eng.pdf

Audit partner,
Resulting in this independent auditor's report:
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March 22, 2018

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