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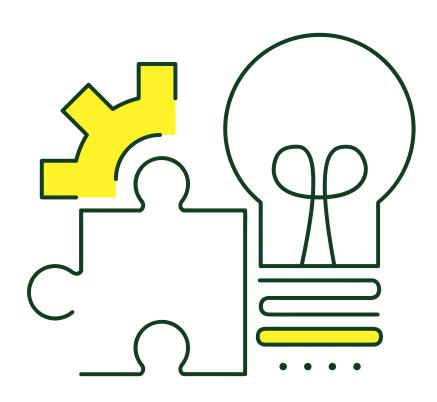
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### **ABOUT US**



## Human Rights Vector NGO is a human rights organization.

31.03.2016
Official
registration
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### Our main areas of activity in 2021:



establishment of a dialogue between the judiciary, prosecutor's office, pretrial investigation and the community



ensuring the right to know the truth about the course of events of armed conflict and war on the territory of Ukraine



development of court journalism



increasing the level of openness and access to justice



promoting child-friendly justice standards



development of human rights education and raising the level of public awareness of human rights

## **OUR ACTIVITY**

### The Year in Numbers\*

	58	online educational, awareness-raising, and advocacy events (webinars, round tables, master classes, discussions, etc.);
0 ~~*	6	offline educational, awareness-raising, and advocacy events (trainings, round tables, strategic sessions);
	2	research projects on the activities of judicial and law enforcement agencies;
	2	programs for volunteers;
	1	international working visit;
	3	promotional videos;
D 0 0	54456	engagements with video recordings and broadcasts of educational, awareness-raising, advocacy activities, and events, as well as promotional videos on social networks.

8174 views on YouTube

46282 reached on Facebook

<sup>•</sup> The number of views in social networks on the pages of the NGO "Human Rights Vector" and the "Trial in Simple Words" project as of June 15, 2022.

## **Human Rights Vector NGO's**



## anniversary!

March 31, 2021, was the 5th anniversary of the official registration of the Human Rights Vector NGO. During these five years, we managed to unite many like-minded people, with whom we jointly protected and developed human rights in Ukraine and beyond. We are sincerely grateful to everyone who has been with us on this path! Together, we implemented hundreds of ideas and dozens of projects, and achieved real changes in affirmation of human rights. There are still many difficulties ahead, with hard work, pain, losses, but also the joy of victories.

Let's continue and support each other!

We saved a video recording of how we celebrated online, remembering important, interesting, difficult, and joyful moments, events, and things that we accomplished and experienced together - <a href="https://youtu.be/ccSAcHJFhmc">https://youtu.be/ccSAcHJFhmc</a>.



# International and all-Ukrainian themed human rights competitions

## Contest of journalistic works "Trial in Simple Words"

The contest of journalistic works "Trial in Simple Words" was founded by the NGO Human Rights Vector in 2019 and is held among journalists, bloggers, and students studying journalism

whose materials have been published in international, Ukrainian national, regional, and local mass media of all types (television and radio companies, print and online media) and forms of ownership (state, communal, private), as well as social networking sites.

### **Goals of the competition:**

- to increase awareness among the population of Ukraine around the judicial system, the implementation of judicial reform, and socially important court cases;
- to increase the level of public interest and trust in the judiciary;
- promote the establishment of the principles of the rule of law, human rights, democracy, public control, and responsibility;
- to promote the development of judicial journalism in Ukraine.

In 2021, the competition was held for the third time, starting in August. Materials created after September 30, 2020, from the moment of the end of last year's competition, were accepted for participation. Acceptance of works continued until September 30, 2021, using the online form (https://bit.ly/3C8tKSt). The regulations on the competition are available at this link: https://bit.ly/2Cl0rlq.

## In total, 71 works from 44 journalists and bloggers were received for the competition.

Most of the works covered court cases. In some works, the court cases illustrated social problems. The authors also highlighted various issues of court activity and clarified the intricacies of legislation by preparing educational materials.

The authors represented 15 oblasts (Vinnytsia, Volyn, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhya, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kyiv, Kirovohrad, Lviv, Odesa, Poltava, Rivne, Ternopil, Kharkiv, Kherson, Khmelnytskyi), the city of Kyiv, and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

Information partners of the Competition: Institute of Journalism of KNU named after Taras Shevchenko, the Academy of Advocacy of Ukraine, the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine, the Coordination Center for the Provision of Legal Aid, the Center for Human Rights ZMINA, the Internews-Ukraine NGO, the Media Initiative for Human Rights NGO, the Educational House of Human Rights in Chernihiv NGO, analytical service "Court in the palm of your hand".





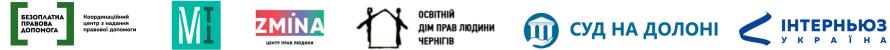














### Interactive map route competition "Human rights and where to find them"

The competition for creation of interactive map routes "Human rights and where to find them" took place within the international project "In Search of Human Rights". Activists and human rights defenders from Ukraine and Georgia were invited to participate.

### Thanks to the competition, the participants were able to:

- learn more about their place of residence;
- learn more about locations in their locality that are related to the development of human rights in their communities;
- show the diversity of their settlements to Ukraine and the world;
- contribute to the development of human rights.

As part of the competition, participants from Ukraine and Georgia prepared maps of "Human rights and where to find them" in their locality on the Padlet resource, marking and describing (with the addition of photos) places related to:

- the history of the development of human rights and democracy in the country and the world;
- the history of the development of the human rights movement in your locality;
- representation of cultural and social diversity.

The participants' maps were assessed by a professional jury consisting of the project team and independent experts in the field of human rights. The evaluation took into account: the number of selected objects, the quality of their description and visualization, and the connection of the objects with the stated topic. The author(s) of the five best maps received mini-grants to hold small outreach events and share their work with others.

The participants from different countries and cities found many interesting places, stories, as well as a lot of similarities in the history of the development of human rights in Georgia and Ukraine, and they were able to learn more about their locality and its importance on a global scale.

Various events were held in the communities of the winners, thanks to which even more people became familiar with the topic of human rights, for example:

### 1) Kramatorsk, Donetsk region:

- quest through the city in places related to human rights for 10th-grade students, September 15-17, 2021.
- open lecture for students and teachers of the city on the history of the struggle for human rights, 09/24/2021.

### 2) the city of Berdyansk, Zaporizhzhia region:

- presentation of the human rights map, September 16, 2021.

### 3) Zhovkva city, Lviv region:

- quest - Human rights in the public space of the royal city of Zhovkva, September 15-21, 2021.

### 4) city Sakhnovshchyna, Krasnogradsky district, Kharkiv region:

- public lecture Memorial Places of Sakhnov Oblast, 09/24/2021.

### 5) Kharkiv city:

- online presentation of the Kharkiv interactive route "Human rights and where to find them", 09/24/2021.

### 6) Tbilisi (Georgia):

- online presentation of the interactive map, 08/24/2021;
- online meeting and discussion about unknown feminists from Georgia who made a major contribution to the development of human rights in Georgia, 08/30/2021;
- meeting "Different approaches to the development of human rights", 09/23/2021.

### 7) Batumi (Georgia):

- walking tour Path of human rights in Batumi, 19.09.2019.

### 8) Huria (Georgia):

- an interactive map, created by a project participants, was handed over to a local cultural center in one of the villages to empower local youth, promote tourism in the region, and inform residents and guests about the human rights history of this place.

The project "In Search of Human Rights" was implemented by the NGO Human Rights Vector (Ukraine) in partnership with the NGO "World of Tolerance" (Georgia) and the NGO "Space of Free Initiatives" (Ukraine) within the framework of the project "In Search of Human Rights" with the support of the Foundation Houses of human rights and financial support of the European Union.











# Study of the activities of judicial and law enforcement agencies

## "Media openness of courts of Ukraine",



The study "Media openness in the courts of Ukraine" is an annual Ukraine-wide survey of employees of the courts of Ukraine, with the aim of studying external and internal judiciary communications. The study was initiated by the NGO "Human Rights Vector" in cooperation with the Council of Judges of Ukraine in 2021 for the fourth year in a row. A reliable partner of the study is "the Representative Office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Ukraine", which supported the project this year as well.

The research makes it possible to understand how courts function, what problems and tasks court employees deal with every day, what obstacles they overcome and what opportunities they do not use. Having an idea of the general picture, representatives of public associations, media experts, and human rights defenders can understand and propose ways to solve problems in the communication activities of courts.

Based on the results of the study, media representatives can better establish cooperation and improve tools for covering judicial topics. Thanks to the research, representatives of the communication teams of the courts have the opportunity to exchange experience and be inspired by the best practices to apply in the courts of all Ukraine.

Bodies and institutions of the judicial power of Ukraine have a thorough report that illustrates the importance of the first steps to further development and promotion of communication activities of courts. Thanks to the materials of the report - statistical data, qualitative indicators, illustrated quotes from representatives of court communication teams, analytical processed by the expert team of the Human Rights Vector NGO, conclusions, and recommendations - there is an opportunity to confirm or correct your actions.

### **Research goals:**

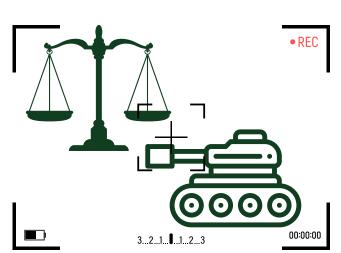
- to establish quantitative and qualitative indicators that characterize the communication work of courts and determine their reactions to new challenges in 2020;
- to analyze the progress in the communication activity of courts during 2017–2020;
- identify the main needs of courts to improve their media openness.

The research is based on the online questionnaire answers developed by the NGO Human Rights Vector team with partners. Every year, the questionnaire supplements and improves, responding to modern challenges. The year 2020 was missed among the fight against the pandemic caused by the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, so this also affected the work of the courts. The questionnaire is supplemented with a section in which the courts describe the work experience and transparency measures in these new and complex conditions. Several questions have been reformulated from an open type to a closed, mandatory confirmation of answers with references added, etc.

The report is based on answers to 88 questions from judiciary representatives. The structure of the report corresponds to the thematic sections of the questionnaire. The survey was conducted from March 30 to April 29, 2021. Participation invitations were sent to official e-mail addresses of all active courts in Ukraine. According to the information provided to the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine at the request of the NGO "Human Rights Vector", the total number of courts is 676. We received responses from 229 courts out of 676 available on the government-controlled territory of Ukraine, which is 34% of all courts.

We invite you to examine the full version of the report - Media openness of the courts of Ukraine. Results of the Ukraine-wide survey of Ukrainian court employees, 2020 / V. Rybak, N. Boyarskyi; under the editorship O. Davlikanova — Kyiv: Human Rights Vector NGO, Representation of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Ukraine, 2021 — 152 p. - <a href="http://hrvector.org/zviti/21-12-06-2020">http://hrvector.org/zviti/21-12-06-2020</a>

Study of the impact of coverage of court decisions in cases related to the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine on the public's attitude to the judicial branch of government.



**The purpose of the study** is to investigate the relationship between the level of trust in the courts and the coverage of court decisions in cases related to the armed conflict in the east of Ukraine, and to improve the attitude of citizens towards the judicial branch of government.

### To achieve this goal, the following points have been set:

1) find out the attitude of citizens to the judicial branch of government and their awareness of court cases related to the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine;

- **2)** find out the influence of the content of media publications, pre-trial investigation bodies, and the prosecutor's office regarding court decisions in cases related to the armed conflict in the east of Ukraine, on the state of the public's attitude towards the judicial branch of government;
- **3)** to determine trends regarding the observance of journalistic standards and tones of voice in the coverage of cases related to the armed conflict in the east of Ukraine;
- **4)** to outline the trends in coverage of cases related to the armed conflict in the east of Ukraine, pre-trial investigation bodies, and the prosecutor's office regarding court decisions of local general and appellate courts and the Supreme Court;
- **5)** receive specific recommendations on improving the level of trust, attitude towards the judicial branch of government, and objective coverage of the content of court decisions.

## To achieve the goal and objectives of the study the activities described below were conducted.

- 1. Survey of public opinion. During the survey, the entire adult population of Ukraine was chosen as the general population, except for the territories of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions temporarily not under the control of the government of Ukraine, and the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol (Ukraine). The sample is proportionally stratified according to the macroregions of Ukraine Central (Cherkasy region), North (Zhytomyr region), East (Donetsk and Kharkiv regions), West (Ivano-Frankivsk and Rivne regions), South (Kherson region), Kyiv. The sample is representative in terms of age, gender, and type of settlement. The statistical error with a probability of 0.95 does not exceed 3.1% for one-dimensional distributions of all respondents3. Sample population: 1,000 respondents were interviewed using a face-to-face, formalized interview. The survey was conducted by the NGO "Kharkiv Institute of Social Research" in December 2021.
- **2.** Focus group research. Focus group interviews were conducted in the following format: the first part of the interview was devoted to citizens' awareness and interest in the work of courts in Ukraine and court cases related to the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine; the second part was a discussion of specific publications and court decisions regarding such cases. A total of nine focus groups were conducted with the participation of 60 people. The focus group study was conducted by the NGO "Kharkiv Institute of Social Research" in December 2021.
- **3.** Interviewing judges. 10 interviews were conducted with judges representing courts where cases related to the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine were considered. The interviews are devoted to both the general issues of courts' implementation of communication activities and the specifics of this work in cases related to armed conflict. Interviews were conducted by the NGO "Human Rights Vector" from November to December 2021.

**4.** Analysis of publications in the media. During the research, 143 publications were analyzed. These were published on the Internet on 78 different sites (sites of online media, human rights organizations, and state authorities (SBU, police stations, prosecutor's offices)) and covered court cases related to armed conflict in the east of Ukraine. All the analyzed publications are devoted to the coverage of 33 court decisions passed by courts in various instances. All the examined court decisions were no earlier than January 1, 2018, and belong to the civil, administrative, and criminal branches of justice. The analysis of the publications was carried out by attorney Vitalia Lebid. This publication contains general information on the understanding of cases related to armed conflict and separate reports for each of the research activities. The results of these studies were used to formulate general conclusions and recommendations.

The research was carried out within the UN Program for Reconstruction and Peacebuilding with the financial support of the Kingdom of the Netherlands government.

We invite you to familiarize yourself with the full version of the report - Fiat iustitia! The impact of coverage of court decisions in cases related to the armed conflict in the east of Ukraine on the public's attitude towards the judicial branch of government / comp.: N. Boyarsky, K. Zakharov, V. Lebid, O. Martynenko, V. Rybak, M. Tarakhkalo, E. Chekarev, A. Chernousov, S. Shcherban. — Kyiv: NGO "Human Rights Vector", 2022. — 188 p. - <a href="http://hrvector.org/zviti/22-04-05-fiat-iustitia">http://hrvector.org/zviti/22-04-05-fiat-iustitia</a>

## International working visit to Georgia

During the quarantine restrictions around the world, online events have become commonplace, but live communication plays an important role in cooperation, the creation of joint projects, and the development of partnership relations. The working visit made it possible to learn more about partner organizations work, and conduct common strategic planning.

The international working visit took place in September 2021 as part of the international project "In Search of Human Rights", which was implemented by the NGO "Human Rights Vector" (Ukraine) in partnership with the NGO "World of Tolerance" (Georgia) and the NGO "Space of Free Initiatives" (Ukraine) with the support of the Human Rights Houses Foundation and financial support from the European Union.

Representatives of the NGO "Human Rights Vector" and the NGO "World of Tolerance" summarized the implementation of the joint project, outlined future cooperation vectors, and prepared plans for future projects.

During the visit, together with colleagues, we recorded a video about the project, in which we talk about the impressions and results of the project "In Search of Human Rights" - <a href="https://youtu.be/Mv8ruHVKcdo">https://youtu.be/Mv8ruHVKcdo</a>.

An important event during the visit was also a visit to the "Spiritual Council of the Yezidis of Georgia", where together with colleagues we were able to talk with its head, Dmitry Pirbari, and discuss ways to involve young people in studying the cultural diversity of their communities. We had the opportunity to get acquainted with the history and principles of the Yezidi religion during a tour of the "Ziyarata Ezid" temple and at a photo exhibition in the library on the premises of the "Spiritual Council of the Yezidis of Georgia".



## Informational promotional videos

For the NGO Human Rights Vector's team, it is important to conduct a dialogue with its audience in different ways. One of them is with short informational videos.



An important area of activity of the NGO Human Rights Vector is the development of dialogue between the court and the community. So we talked about it in the video "Communication activity of courts: who, how, and for what?" - <a href="https://youtu.be/WcYtYexl">https://youtu.be/WcYtYexl</a> I

The video provides answers to the following questions:

- Who is part of the court's communication team, and why does the court have a press service?
- What do the judge-speaker and the press secretary do?
- How does the judiciary cooperate with public organizations and international partners?

#### Speakers in the video:

- Valeriya Rybak, Director of the Human Rights Vector NGO.
- Natalya Mishchuk, press secretary of the Khmelnytskyi City District Court of the Vinnytsia Region;
- Nazarii Boyarskyi, member of the board of the NGO "Human Rights Vector";
- Dmytro Tkachenko, Judge-Speaker of the Boryspil City District Court of the Kyiv Region;
- Olga Kakaulina, spokeswoman of the Council of Judges of Ukraine;
- Olena Davlikanova, project coordinator of the Representative Office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Ukraine.

The video was created within the "Court and Community Dialogue" project, which has been implemented since 2016 by the NGO "Human Rights Vector", the "Trial in Simple Words" project, the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the press service of judicial self-government bodies, the Representative Office of the Foundation named after Friedrich Ebert in Ukraine.













A vivid example of the activities of the NGO "Human Rights Vector" within the direction of the development of human rights education and raising the level of public awareness of human rights is the "In Search of Human Rights" project. We prepared a separate video about this project - "About the project 'In search of human rights" - <a href="https://youtu.be/Mv8ruHVKcdo">https://youtu.be/Mv8ruHVKcdo</a>

In the video, the project team share their impressions, recall the most interesting moments, and discuss how such activities affect youth and the community in general.

### Speakers in the video:

Nazarii Boyarskyi, member of the board of the NGO "Human Rights Vector", Mykhail Lazginani, executive director of the NGO "World of Tolerance", Oleksandra Zuryan, director of the NGO "World of Tolerance", Stanislav Klosovsky, co-founder and coordinator of the Museum and Cultural Center "Na Untervalyu",

Valeriya Rybak, Director of the Human Rights Vector NGO.

Director and cinematographer – Lukas Kacinauskas.

The video was created within the project "In Search of Human Rights", implemented by the NGO "Human Rights Vector" (Ukraine) in partnership with the NGO "World of Tolerance" (Georgia) and the NGO "Space of Free Initiatives" (Ukraine) with the support of the Human Rights House Foundation and financial support from the European Union.











Continuing the work in the direction of the development of human rights education and raising the level of awareness of the population about human rights, the NGO "Human Rights Vector" team conducted a dialogue on important topics about various human rights with young people on Instagram broadcasts, with the help of scribblings within the project "InstaTalk: Conversations about human rights".



You can learn more about this activity in the video "InstaTalk: Conversations about human rights. Treatment of the Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Ukraine, Gernot Pfandler"-https://youtu.be/gk9ieLWdyKk

In the video, the ambassador discusses what human rights mean for the European community, why it is important to talk about them with young people, and cooperation with the NGO "Human Rights Vector".

### Speaker of the video:



Gernot Pfandler, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Ukraine.

The video was created within the project "InstaTalk: Talks About Human Rights" (InstaTalk: Talks About Human Rights) with the support of the Embassy of Austria in Kyiv.

## **Programs for volunteers**

It is extremely important for the NGO "Human Rights Vector" to develop a volunteer movement to involve as many people as possible in human rights activities.

Volunteer program for the joint processing of the results of the Ukraine-wide survey of representatives of communication teams within the annual study "Media Openness of the Courts of Ukraine".

In this volunteer program, we combined theory with practical tasks, the implementation of which helped the author team prepare the report "Media Openness of the Courts of Ukraine, 2020".

Valeriya Rybak, director of the NGO "Human Rights Vector" and Nazariy Boyarskyi, a member of the board of the NGO "Human Rights Vector" held online meetings where they discussed such topics as the right to a fair trial; development of mechanisms that help protect the right to a fair trial and its elements; formation and current state of communication activity of courts.

Students, journalists, teachers of higher education institutions, and public activists joined the team of volunteers. The volunteers checked the information provided by the survey participants and additional information that the study authors set out to discover. Volunteers worked with court pages on social networks and websites.

Volunteer program participants who completed all tasks received certificates of participation in the program and were noted in the above report, namely: Veronika Ryabcheno, Yana Tverdokhlib, Olena Kozynets, Olena Yushkevich, Viktoriya Pankratova, Solomiya Zubyk, Viktoriya Shmulina, Yuliya Nanyuk, Serhiy Repov, Yana Sadikova, Anastasia Yablonska.

We are sincerely grateful to everyone who participated at all stages our of joint work, and we hope for further cooperation and expansion of the field of joint opportunities.

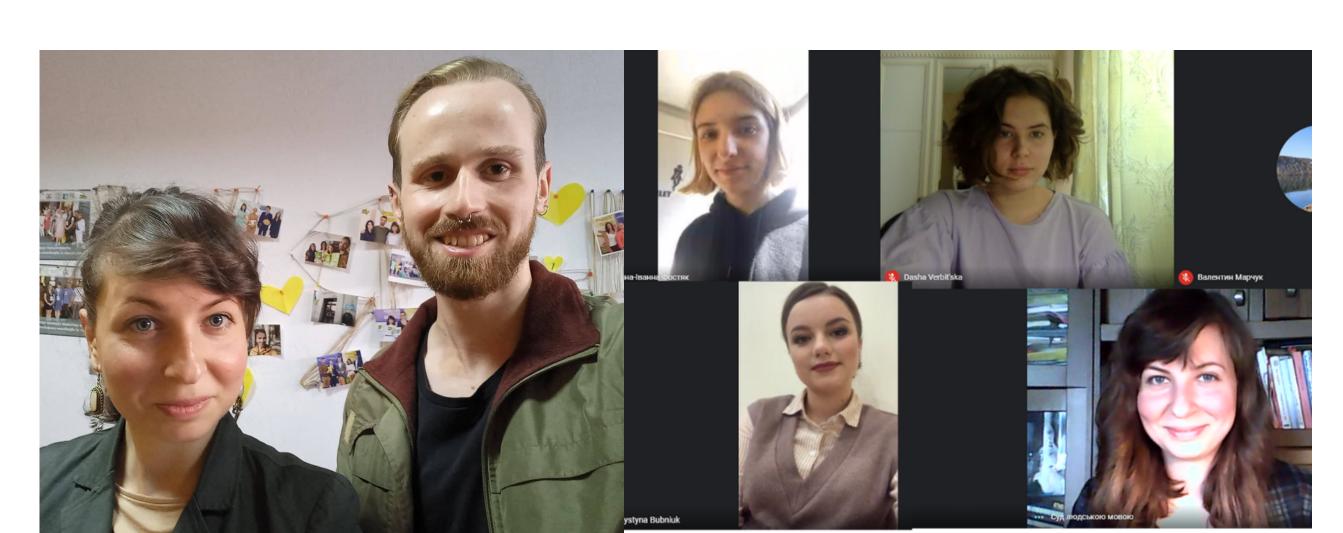
## The Human Rights Vector NGO's general activities involvement of volunteers from abroad.

Human rights unite the world, and people from different countries come together to protect them. Even though human rights violations occur within countries themselves, this is an international issue. Thus, in Belarus, the situation with human rights violations worsened even more after the presidential elections in 2020. Many Belarusians were forced to leave their native country and seek refuge from the repressions of the illegal Belarusian government. At the same time, Belarusians who arrived in Ukraine are ready to actively participate in the work of human rights organizations, helping with issues of human rights violations both in Belarus and Ukraine. Therefore, the Human Rights Vector NGO also invited Belarusian activists to volunteer and worked with them during the year on solidarity actions towards Belarus and other activities of our organization.

A volunteer from Australia - Benjamin Murdoch - also joined our team. Benjamin said that after visiting Ukraine a few years ago, he fell in love with the country and people there, so he decided to return and help with his skills and abilities as a journalist. Benjamin actively helps with all current tasks of the Human Rights Vector NGO and establishes better coverage of the organization's activities for the international community.

### Open lectures for students.

For example, during the online lecture held on April 22, 2021, Valeriya Rybak, director of the Human Rights Vector NGO presented the activities of the organization and discussed joint vectors of cooperation in the direction of the development of judicial journalism with first-year master's students (educational - professional program "Social and Human Rights Journalism") and teacher Tetyana Sashchuk of the Taras Shevchenko Institute of Journalism of KNU. Development of court journalism in Ukraine is important. High-quality coverage of judicial topics contributes to ensuring the right to a fair trial, in particular through the formation of the trust level, understanding of the activities of the judiciary, and mechanisms of judicial protection.



### **Publications**



**1.** Media openness of Ukrainian courts. Results of the Ukraine-wide survey employees of the courts of Ukraine, 2020 / V. Rybak, N. Boyarskyi; under the editorship O. Davlikanova — Kyiv: Human Rights Vector NGO, Representation of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Ukraine, 2021 — 152 p. - <a href="http://hrvector.org/zviti/21-12-06-2020">http://hrvector.org/zviti/21-12-06-2020</a>

"Media openness of the courts of Ukraine" is an annual study conducted for the fourth year in a row by the public organization "Human Rights Vector" within the framework of the "Court in Human Language" project. Currently, it is the only systematic study of the communication activity of courts, which makes it possible not only to outline the state of affairs of the current year, but also to analyze the dynamics as a direction of work for the protection of the right to a fair trial.

229 courts of Ukraine took part in this year's survey. This study was conducted by the Human Rights Vector NGO in cooperation with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Ukraine, and with the support of the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the Higher Council of Justice, and the National School of Judges of Ukraine.

## 2. Standards of child-friendly justice and its implementation in Ukraine (criminal aspect) - http://hrvector.org/zviti/21-06-01-osce2021

This publication was developed and issued at the request of the Secretariat of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine by the Coordinator of OSCE projects in Ukraine in cooperation with the non-governmental organizations "Center for Political and Legal Reforms" and "Human Rights Vector".

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This report presents the results of a pilot study of the state of compliance by courts with child-friendly justice standards in criminal cases (criminal proceedings and administrative cases), which was implemented in 2020. The conclusions of this study are based on the results of interviews with 71 specialists (judges, lawyers, prosecutors, police officers, guardianship and care authorities, experts), monitoring of 41 court sessions, of which 13 open court sessions were held, and analysis of 53 court decisions in criminal cases in which children participated. The study aims to identify the key problems in ensuring the procedural rights of the child in criminal cases, as well as problems in the implementation of the state's positive obligations towards the child during the resolution of such cases. For these purposes, a methodology was developed and tested within the framework of this pilot study.

3. General principles of communication by the Department of Supervision in criminal proceedings regarding crimes committed in the context of armed conflict of the General Prosecutor's Office (calendar) - http://hrvector.org/publikacziyi/22-03-24-kp

General principles of communication of the Department of Supervision of criminal proceedings in crimes committed in the context of armed conflict of the Office of the Prosecutor General (calendar).

The calendar was prepared by the Human Rights Vector NGO with the Media Initiative for Human Rights within the "Armed Conflict in Ukraine: Communication for Justice" project. The idea of the project was supported by: the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the Department of the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine for the supervision of investigations of crimes committed in the context of the armed conflict in Ukraine, the Representation of the President of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the Coordination Center for the provision of legal assistance.

The project "Armed conflict in Ukraine: communication for justice" is implemented within the framework of the joint competition of the "Human Rights and Justice" program of the International Renaissance Fund and the UNDP project "Civil society for the development of democracy and human rights in Ukraine" which is implemented with the financial support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. The views expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect the views of the International Renaissance Foundation, UNDP, the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or the organizations where the author(s) work.

4. Message box with answers to the most frequently asked questions to representatives of the Department of the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine for the supervision of investigations of crimes committed in the context of the armed conflict in Ukraine - http://hrvector.org/publikacziyi/22-03-24-mb

The material has been prepared for use by representatives of the Department of the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine for the supervision of investigations of crimes committed in the context of the armed conflict in Ukraine as of October 2021 within the framework of the project "Armed conflict in Ukraine: communication for justice".

The project was implemented by the Human Rights Vector NGO with the Media Initiative for Human Rights within the competition of the "Human Rights and Justice" program of the International Renaissance Fund and the UNDP project "Civil Society for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights in Ukraine", which is implemented under financial support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. The idea of the project was supported by the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the Department of the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine for the supervision of investigations of crimes committed in the context of the armed conflict in Ukraine, the Representation of the President of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the Coordination Center for the provision of legal assistance.

**5.** Educational needs in the field of civic education and non-discrimination in the countries of the Eastern Partnership and Russia: manual / O.A. Melnyk, N.F. Boyarskyi, V.V. Kaygorodiv - Kyiv: "Vistka" LLC, 2021. - 40 p. - http://hrvector.org/publikacziyi/22-01-17-obrazov

The handbook was developed by a collective of authors of the Civic Education Network in Eastern Europe (EENCE) as part of the project "Encouraging Diversity", which is implemented by the EENCE Network's working group "Civic Education in Working with Discriminated Groups" with the support of the Federal Agency for Civic Education (Bundeszentrale für politis) and funded by the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany. The views expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect the views of the Federal Agency for Civic Education (Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung) or the organizations where the authors work.

**6.** Desktop guide to the coverage of cases related to the armed conflict in Ukraine / O. Martynenko, N. Boyarsky — Kyiv: Vistka LLC, 2021. — 122 p. - http://hrvector.org/publikacziyi/21-10-25-ww1

The guide will be useful for employees of the courts, the prosecutor's office, the police, the Security Service of Ukraine, and other state institutions involved in the process of communicating the course of the armed conflict in Ukraine. The publication will be useful to representatives of mass media, as well as public associations concerned with issues of armed conflict.

The publication was prepared by the NGO "Human Rights Vector" together with the Media Initiative for Human Rights within the framework of the "Armed Conflict in Ukraine: Communication for Justice" project. The project was implemented within the framework of the joint competition of the "Human Rights and Justice" program of the International Renaissance Foundation and the UNDP project "Civil Society for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights in Ukraine", which is implemented with the financial support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. The views expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect those of the International Renaissance Foundation, UNDP and the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or the organizations where the authors work.

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**7.** The court cooperates! Practical guide to organizing communication and educational events / Nazarii Boyarskyi, Valeriya Rybak, Olena Davlikanova / NGO "Vector of Human Rights", Representation of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Ukraine - Kyiv, 2021 - 164 p. - http://hrvector.org/publikacziyi/21-09-26-sud-in-action

The manual contains methodological recommendations for the organization and conduct of communication and educational activities, the main purpose of which is to establish a dialogue between the court and the community. The publication also highlights examples of such initiatives implemented by Ukrainian courts. The initiatives are described by the representatives of the communication teams of the courts within the marathon "The court cooperates!", which was organized and held in 2020 by the NGO "Human Rights Vector" in partnership with the Representative Office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Ukraine within the framework of the "Court in Human Language" project.

This guide will be useful for court press officers, public relations and media personnel, and anyone interested in effective communication with the courts.

Practical recommendations and examples are intended to promote the spread of positive practices of communication and educational activities, to help exchange experience, and also to be useful in training and improving the qualifications of court employees involved in the field of public relations and social communications.

## 8. Collection of enlightening illustrated notes "InstaTalk: Conversations about human rights" - http://hrvector.org/publikacziyi/22-05-06-instatalk

The materials are prepared based on the results of broadcasts on Instagram, during which experts discuss important human rights topics relevant to young people. Illustrated notes together with video recordings will help young people to learn more about human rights, and teachers to prepare their lessons for young people.

All videos are saved on our YouTube channel - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqjeimokzHuf4-v6TmfXZ5w

The materials were prepared by the Human Rights Vector NGO as part of the "InstaTalk: Talks About Human Rights" project with the support of the Austrian Embassy in Kyiv.

# Offline educational, awareness-raising, advocacy events

1. Training and planning meetings with state authorities within the "Armed conflict in Ukraine: communication for justice" project, which was implemented by the NGO "Human Rights Vector" together with the Media Initiative for Human Rights within the joint competition of the "Human Rights and Justice" program International Foundation "Renaissance" and the UNDP project "Civil Society for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights in Ukraine", with the financial support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. The project is a good example of cooperation between state bodies and civil society because its idea was supported by the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the Department of the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine for the Supervision of Investigations of Crimes Committed in the Conditions of Armed Conflict in Ukraine, the Representation of the President of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the Coordination Center on providing legal aid.

Project activities were held in both online and offline formats.

• Training-simulation "Communication of legal proceedings related to the armed conflict in Ukraine."

The purpose of the event: to establish interdepartmental cooperation for the implementation of communication activities during the pre-trial investigation, and judicial review of cases related to the armed conflict in Ukraine. The training brought together participants wich represent local and appellate courts, the Prosecutor's Office of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, the Training Center for Prosecutors of Ukraine, investigative departments of the main regional departments of the National Police, the Security Service of Ukraine, the VRU Commissioner for Human Rights, the Coordination Center for providing legal aid, bar associations, public organizations, institutions of higher education, media in 10 regions of Ukraine and the city of Kyiv.



### Trainers, experts, and partners of the event:

Valeriya Rybak, human rights activist, and director of the Human Rights Vector NGO. Expert and trainer on judicial monitoring of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine. Developer of the mechanism of court broadcasts using in-house technical capabilities of the courts, author of several studies on the subject of communication activities of the judiciary;

*Nazarii Boyarskyi,* human rights defender, and member of the board of the Human Rights Vector NGO. Independent expert of the East European Network of Civic Education, member of the coaching pool of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe. The author of several studies on the subject of communication activities of the judiciary;

Oleg Martynenko, head of the analytical department of the Ukrainian Helsinki Union for Human Rights, director of the Center for Law Enforcement Research NGO;

Maksym Tymochko, lawyer of the Ukrainian Helsinki Union for Human Rights, member of the committee of the National Association of Lawyers on International Law, partner of the "Umbrella" Bar Association;

Olga Reshetylova, journalist, human rights defender, coordinator of the Media Initiative for Human Rights;

Maria Tomak, journalist, human rights defender, coordinator of the Media Initiative for Human Rights;

Anastasia Rozlutska, communications specialist, candidate of political sciences, director of communications and marketing of the "Archidata" company. She was the chief specialist in the press service of the Ministry of Education and Science. She also worked as the head of the "Help" hotline for people injured during the war in the east, was the coordinator of the "E-data" project, and the editor-in-chief of the open data magazine "Mind lab";

Serhiy Goncharenko, candidate of legal sciences, professor, head of the department of human rights, international and European law of the Academy of Advocacy of Ukraine, honored lawyer of Ukraine. Has several scientific works on criminal law, processes, problems of advocacy, and international protection of human rights. In 2011–2012 and since 2014, he was an ad hoc judge of the European Court of Human Rights.

The event took place *on August 9-10, 2021, in Kyiv,* at the premises of our permanent partners, the Academy of Advocacy of Ukraine.

• Meeting with the Department of the Office of the General Prosecutor of Ukraine for the supervision of investigations of crimes committed in the context of the armed conflict in Ukraine.

The head and representatives of the Department, together with representatives of the Human Rights Vector NGO, the Media Initiative for Human Rights NGO, including a specialist in strategic communications, discussed the importance of communication during the pre-trial investigation and trial of cases related to armed conflict in Ukraine, what role the Department can play in this process and what the Department's communication strategy should be.

The meeting took place on June 7, 2021.

2. Trainings and advocacy activities within the project "Strengthening the capacity of civil society to monitor and advocate child-friendly justice in Ukraine", which was implemented by the Coordinator of OSCE projects in Ukraine in cooperation with the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine with the participation of public organizations. "Human Rights Vector" and "Center for political and legal reforms".

Activities within the project were held in both online and offline formats.

• 2 trainings for representatives of civil society "Monitoring and advocacy of child-friendly justice"

The event brought together representatives of public organizations, the teaching community, lawyers, and regional representatives of the Plenipotentiary of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

During the training, the participants reviewed international standards of child-friendly justice, tasks, and basics of monitoring child-friendly justice.

A professional team of trainers organized the training process and shared their knowledge and experience so that **the participants learned to:** 

- define the tasks and prepare the methodology of justice monitoring;
- plan a monitoring program;
- choose and apply various methods of monitoring, primarily interviews and observation of court sessions;
- summarize monitoring results;
- develop advocacy plans based on the results of the monitoring program.

#### The trainers were:

Aksana Filipishyna, Representative of the Commissioner of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine for observing the rights of the child and family;

Roman Kuybida, expert of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, deputy chairman of the board of the Center for Political and Legal Reforms;

Valeriya Rybak, expert of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, director of the public organization "Human Rights Vector";

Maksym Sereda, expert of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, expert of the Center for Political and Legal Reforms.



The team was represented by Nataliya Betsa, national manager of projects in the field of rule of law and human rights of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, and Nina Reshetar, assistant of projects in the field of rule of law and human rights.

The participants worked in the format of interactive learning and had the opportunity to conduct a research interview to learn how to work with this research method and better understand the topic for the implementation of their projects in the future. The respondents were Nataliya Shcherbyna, acting Head of the Solonya District Court of Dnipropetrovsk Region, Serhiy Sokolov, Head of the Department of Communications and Legal Education of the Regional Center for Providing Free Secondary Legal Aid in Dnipropetrovsk Region, Iryna Shyba, Executive Director of the DE JURE Foundation, Expert on Judicial Reform, Restorative Justice and Justice for Children, Liliya Oliynyk, lawyer, expert of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine.

The trainings took place *on June 23-25 and July 7-9, 2021* in Kyiv and Dnipropetrovsk regions.

• Meeting of the Interagency Coordination Council on Juvenile Justice.

**The purpose of the event:** presentation of monitoring results and discussion of the practical implementation of child-friendly justice standards.

The event was attended by representatives of central executive bodies, the judiciary, law enforcement agencies, local authorities, international organizations and public organizations, national experts, and other participants.

**The chairman** was Oleksandr Banchuk, Deputy Minister of Justice of Ukraine, and Chairman of the Interdepartmental Coordination Council on Juvenile Justice.

### The following spoke and held a discussion:

Lyudmila Denisova, Commissioner of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine for human rights;

Aksana Filipishyna, Representative of the Commissioner of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine for observing the rights of the child and family, member of the Interdepartmental Coordination Council on Juvenile Justice;

Naira Avetisyan, Head of the Child Protection Program of the Office of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Ukraine;

*Karin Rölke,* Senior Program Coordinator of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine; *Roman Kuybida,* expert of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, deputy chairman of the board of the Center for Political and Legal Reforms;

Valeriya Rybak, head of NGO "Human Rights Vector", expert of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine;

*Maksym Sereda*, lawyer of the DEYURE Foundation, expert of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, and others.

The event took place *on November 23, 2021*, in a mixed format - an offline meeting on the premises of the Secretariat of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine with online inclusion of some participants.

• Advocacy meeting "Interdisciplinary training of child-friendly justice specialists".

The event included a presentation of a report on the training of child-friendly justice specialists; a discussion of the needs of specialists who work with cases involving children; identification of opportunities for the state and public sectors in conducting interdisciplinary training events.

Representatives of institutions for training and advanced training of specialists involved in the process of investigation and consideration of cases with the participation of children took part in the discussions.

During the event, the results of the reports "Standards of child-friendly justice and their implementation in Ukraine (criminal aspect)" and "Standards of child-friendly justice and their implementation in Ukraine (non-criminal aspect)" were presented by Aksana Filipishyna, Representative of the Commissioner of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine for observing the rights of the child and family, member of the Interagency Coordination Council on Juvenile Justice Issues, Nataliya Betsa, national project manager in the field of rule of law and human rights of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, Roman Kuybida, expert of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, deputy head of the board of the Center for Political and Legal Reforms, Valeriya Rybak, head of the NGO "Human Rights Vector", expert of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, Maksym Sereda, lawyer of the DEYURE Foundation, expert of the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine.

The event took place *on November 23, 2021*, on the premises of the Secretariat of the Verkhovna Rada Commissioner for Human Rights.



# Online educational, awareness-raising, advocacy events



1. 12 online events within the framework of the project "Armed conflict in Ukraine: communication for justice", which was implemented by the NGO "Human Rights Vector" with the Media Initiative for Human Rights within the joint competition of the "Human Rights and Justice" program of the International Renaissance Foundation and the project UNDP "Civil society for the development of democracy and human rights in

Ukraine", which is implemented with the financial support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. The idea of the project was supported by the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the Department of the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine for the supervision of investigations of crimes committed in the context of the armed conflict in Ukraine, the Representation of the President of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the Coordination Center for the provision of legal assistance.

Activities within the project were held in both online and offline formats.

- 2 online discussions with representatives of courts, judicial authorities and self-government bodies, law enforcement and security agencies, media, and public associations: online discussion of the study "Right to the truth. Coverage of trials related to the armed conflict in Ukraine" "War trials: how to interest the media?" (https://fb.watch/6bgElrkl5q/, https://youtu.be/vYROJHTGsPI) February 10, 2021, and "War Trials: Why It's Important to Explain Them to the Public?" (https://youtu.be/CstkZft2a1c ) April 2, 2021.
- 5 online workshops workshops for the above-mentioned audiences "Communication of socially important cases (using the example of court processes related to the armed conflict in Ukraine)". The events took place in a closed format, so you can familiarize yourself with the introductory open parts of the events with speeches by Daria Svyridova, the first deputy of the Permanent Representative of the President of Ukraine to the ARC (https://youtu.be/DfegRPmWszs) and Arkady Bushchenko, a judge of the Criminal Court of Cassation in of the Supreme Court (https://youtu.be/q0Dndd-SYTI?list=PLFkJwhgWDciz-U1OSAtrKiXSyfBTqgS4a).

• 4 webinars for representatives of courts, bodies of judicial power and selfgovernment, law enforcement and security agencies, media, and public associations:

"War and justice: how not to get lost in concepts and find the right court decisions?" - (https://youtu.be/o15tbsQaQoA), *March 16, 2021;* 

"Peculiarities of Qualification and Investigation of War Crimes" (https://youtu.be/vij3CZfPmN4), *April 8, 2021;* 

"Practical Aspects of Effective Communication in Cases Related to Armed Conflict" (https://youtu.be/A\_R7KepZTDM) *April 15, 2021,* 

War Crimes: How to Get Rid of Concepts and Track Court Cases? (https://youtu.be/gMTzJDyshwQ), June 3, 2021.

- Online discussion for the above-mentioned audiences "Coverage of court cases in the context of the armed conflict in Ukraine: publicity for the sake of justice", October 25, 2021 (https://youtu.be/wzVjsP179MU).
- 2. Within the scope of cooperation with the Representation of the the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, 3 online events were held in Ukraine, during which the results of the research were presented, publications were developed, and educational workshops were held.
  - Presentation of the study "Media openness of courts of Ukraine-2020" (https://youtu.be/n-uP8MEVkEE), December 7, 2021.
  - Webinar "Infographics to strengthen the public position of courts", *April 30, 2021.* Participation in the webinar was available to participants of the annual survey "Media Openness of the Courts of Ukraine", the video of the event is not public.
  - Presentation of the guide "The court cooperates!" (https://youtu.be/FNtbA4Ocfz4), September 6, 2021.
- **3.** 11 webinars and online educational events about the history of the development of human rights and its impact on the present as part of the project "In Search of Human Rights", which was implemented by the NGO "Human Rights Vector" in partnership with the NGO "World of Tolerance" (Georgia) and the NGO "Space of Free Initiatives" (Ukraine) with the support of the Human Rights Houses Foundation and the financial support of the European Union.
  - "Human rights and the rule of law in historical events and figures" (https://youtu.be/k8B30f91gP4), *April 10, 2021.*
  - "Development of human rights in Georgia" (https://youtu.be/WSenTls9Ydo), April 10, 2021.
  - "Equality Movements in Georgia" (https://youtu.be/lue-443MkHc), *April* 19, 2021.
  - "The movement for equality in Ukraine and the world on the example of feminist and LGBT movements" (https://youtu.be/EBbWSa6GhKA), *April 24, 2021.*

- "Human rights defenders: myths and facts" (https://youtu.be/wxbDyZDYI88), 10 May 2021.
- "History of human rights and dissident movements in Ukraine" (https://youtu.be/DlW6FzRis7g), May 15, 2021.
- "How to find and tell the history of your area? Let's make excursion routes together." (https://youtu.be/W3sSGmyxbLI), June 12, 2021.
- "History of human rights development in Georgia." (https://youtu.be/kRZwY\_IELK4), *April 5, 2021.*
- "History of the development of human rights in the world" (https://youtu.be/gy3FY2Kk4Bo), *March 29, 2021.*
- Workshop "Involvement of public organizations in the life of the territorial community" (https://youtu.be/WxR0cT47h38), *August 6, 2021.*
- Online meeting "Project 'In search of human rights': results and prospects" (https://youtu.be/yrYrq0VSAoA), September 28, 2021.
- **4.** "Human Rights Vector" birthday celebration! On March 31, 2021, 5 years have passed since the official registration of the organization. These were important and busy years, but the most important thing is the people who were close to us and with whom we jointly defended people's rights. The celebration caught us during the period of quarantine due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so we celebrated online (https://youtu.be/ccSAcHJFhmc).
- **5. 20 online meetings and webinars within the framework of Civic Education Week and the project "Encouraging Diversity"** by the EENCE Network Working
  Group "Civic Education in Working with Discriminated Groups" with the support of
  the Federal Agency for Civic Education (Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung / bpb)
  with funding from the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany.
  - "The importance of engaging allies among bloggers and influencers for the LGBT community" (https://youtu.be/VOzwTnw572Q).
  - "Best practices of informational and educational informal events in the field of gender equality" (https://youtu.be/az5SBxfuuM4).
  - "Hate speech: features of online countermeasures" (https://youtu.be/nrWoY4LYAJw).
  - "Working with ageism in the labor market. The Ukrainian experience of BF "Zhyttelyub" (https://youtu.be/M6YfjwTAB4Y).
  - "Features and challenges of civic education in Ukraine" (https://youtu.be/OpAkGe6laFl).
  - Online training "Vision" (https://youtu.be/Ljgl6wf4Y\_g).
  - "We are different, but we are equal" a workshop on human rights, non-discrimination and gender equality (https://youtu.be/cj-NftgeTm8).
  - "Achievements of cadets of Kharkiv National University of Internal Affairs" (https://youtu.be/7TjWl5bLli8).

- "Visualize it!" master class on data visualization tools for educators (https://youtu.be/oTLtw1zspeM).
- "Using Theater of the Oppressed to Promote Peacebuilding" (https://youtu.be/rrUHurbbyW8).
- "Civic education: possibilities of mass online courses" (https://youtu.be/Inzv6vAOwSI).
- "What? Where? When? about human rights" (https://youtu.be/ZX84kn8cAmQ).
- "Approaches and methods of informal education of people living with addictions" (https://youtu.be/zaOf4BExALw).
- "Features of organizing and conducting educational events taking into account the needs of LGBTI+ people" (https://youtu.be/W\_jjrVhbRK8).
- "Educational programs and special features of working with people with disabilities" (https://youtu.be/95AcBwdzgyM).
- "The specifics of educational activities taking into account the needs of different national and religious groups" (https://youtu.be/LQoiG2gXGjc).
- "Features of organizing and holding educational events for women" (https://youtu.be/8Wo6pMi8hzc).
- "Hate speech: how to avoid in educational activities" (https://youtu.be/29U0FunOuL4).
- "How to consider cultural and social diversity in educational activities: tips" (https://youtu.be/OP3YbhqsAe8).
- "Educational needs in the field of civic education and non-discrimination research results" (https://youtu.be/6w3YPki6e4Q).
- **6.** Advocacy activities Within the framework of the project "Strengthening the capacity of civil society to monitor and advocate child-friendly justice in Ukraine", which was implemented by the Coordinator of OSCE projects in Ukraine in cooperation with the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine with the participation of public organizations "Human Rights Vector" and the Center for Political and Legal Reforms.
  - Round table "Respecting the rights of the child during criminal proceedings: development of best practices in police activity" (https://youtu.be/7ylZ9k-PyNc), December 2, 2021.
  - Round table "Upholding the rights of the child during criminal and civil proceedings: development of best practices", November 30, 2021.
- 7. Insta-live about human rights within the project "InstaTalk: Talks About Human Rights" with the support of the Embassy of Austria in Kyiv.
  - "How can a young person realize themself in public life?" (https://youtu.be/t67tyuWKkS8), September 15, 2021.

- "How can a young person exercise their voting rights?" (https://youtu.be/TMRMPW-M3qg), September 19, 2021.
- "How should a young person deal with the police?", (https://youtu.be/dKis6GXKsqo), 2 October 2021.
- "How can a young person find a profession of the future?" (https://youtu.be/uEEfRqarstU), October 7, 2021.
- "How can a young person use their rights in an educational institution?" (https://youtu.be/fQ6q\_u\_FKUQ), *November 4, 2021.*
- "How a young person can avoid discrimination" (https://youtu.be/gbym9xKgNFo), December 20, 2021.
- "How to avoid hate on the Internet?" (https://youtu.be/eHpYlcNcLao), January 27, 2021.
- "How can a young person avoid being harmed online?" (https://youtu.be/\_2kafmKtnjg), February 8, 2021.

### **OUR SUPPORTERS**

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL SUPPORT - FINANCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, EMOTIONAL, RESOURCEFUL, AND INFORMATIONAL.

### **Grant projects**

**Project "Armed conflict in Ukraine: communication for justice"** 

January 18 - November 18, 2021 795,325.00 UAH

The goal of the project is to ensure the right to know the truth about the course of events of the armed conflict by establishing cooperation and increasing the competencies of the parties involved in the investigation, consideration, and coverage of court cases.

The project was implemented by the NGO "Human Rights Vector" together with the Media Initiative for Human Rights within the framework of the joint competition of the "Human Rights and Justice" program of the International Renaissance Fund and the UNDP project "Civil Society for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights in Ukraine", which was implemented with financial support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.

The project is a good example of cooperation between state bodies and civil society because its idea was supported by the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the Department of the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine for the Supervision of Investigations of Crimes Committed in the Conditions of Armed Conflict in Ukraine, the Representation of the President of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the Coordination Center on providing legal aid.

















### **Project "In Search of Human Rights"**

March 21 - September 21, 2021 19,680 euros

The goal of the project was to increase social support for the protection of human rights in Ukraine and Georgia. This goal was achieved through a series of online educational activities focused primarily on the non-human rights community, and informational and educational activities in the local context in the local communities of Ukraine and Georgia.

The advantage of the project is that it encourages dialogue between Georgian and Ukrainian youth: video recordings of events are translated into Ukrainian and Georgian, respectively, and joint activities are in English.

The project was implemented by the NGO "Human Rights Vector" (Ukraine) in partnership with the NGO "World of Tolerance" (Georgia) and the NGO "Space of Free Initiatives" (Ukraine) within the framework of the project "In Search of Human Rights" with the support of the Human Rights Houses Foundation and financial support from the European Union.











### **Project "Encouraging Diversity"**

July-November 2021 5000 euros

The goal of the project is to develop the competencies of civil society stakeholders to work with socially vulnerable groups in the region of Eastern Partnership countries and Russia.

The project was implemented by the public organization "Human Rights Vector" (Ukraine) within the framework of the "Encouraging Diversity" project, which is implemented by the working group of the EENCE Network "Civic Education in Working with Discriminated Groups" with the support of the Federal Agency for Civic Education (Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung / bpb) with the help of the funds of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany.











Project "Monitoring the impact of coverage of court decisions in cases related to the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine on the public's attitude towards the judicial branch of government"

June 29, 2021 - February 28, 2022 25,812 USD

The goal of the project is to improve the level of trust and attitude towards the judicial branch of government through proper coverage of court decisions in cases related to the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine.

The project was implemented by the NGO "Human Rights Vector" within the framework of the UN Program for Reconstruction and Peacebuilding with the financial support of the government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

The UN Program for Reconstruction and Peacebuilding was implemented by four UN agencies: the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the United Nations Framework for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

The program was supported by twelve international partners: the European Union (EU), the European Investment Bank (EIB), the US Embassy in Ukraine, as well as the governments of Denmark, Canada, the Netherlands, Germany, Norway, Poland, Switzerland, Sweden, and Japan.









### Project "InstaTalk: Conversations about human rights"

September 1 - February 28, 2022 8,000 euros

The goal of the project is to promote awareness of human rights among young people through a series of educational online events, using formats available to young people, including work on Instagram (broadcasts, videos, photos) and podcast platforms. The events will be devoted to the general system and principles of human rights and a more detailed introduction to specific human rights that are especially relevant for young people.

The project was implemented by the NGO "Human Rights Vector" with the support of the Embassy of Austria in Kyiv.





### **Activity partners**



Coordinator of OSCE projects in Ukraine



Representation of the Foundation named after F. Ebert in Ukraine



Coordination center for the provision of legal assistance



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National Union of Journalists of Ukraine



NGO "Internews-Ukraine"



NGO "Kharkiv Institute of Social Research"



NGO "World of Tolerance" (Georgia)



NGO "Space of Free Initiatives"

### **New partnerships**

The Memorandum on Cooperation between the Donetsk Regional Prosecutor's Office and the NGO "Human Rights Vector" was signed on December 6, 2021.

The joint document defines directions for further cooperation, in particular regarding ensuring the right to know the truth about the course of events of the armed conflict, facilitating the effective investigation of criminal offences that are war crimes by the norms of international humanitarian law, and other violations of human rights that were committed during the armed conflict on in the east of Ukraine and continue to commit crimes on this territory and the consideration of relevant court cases.

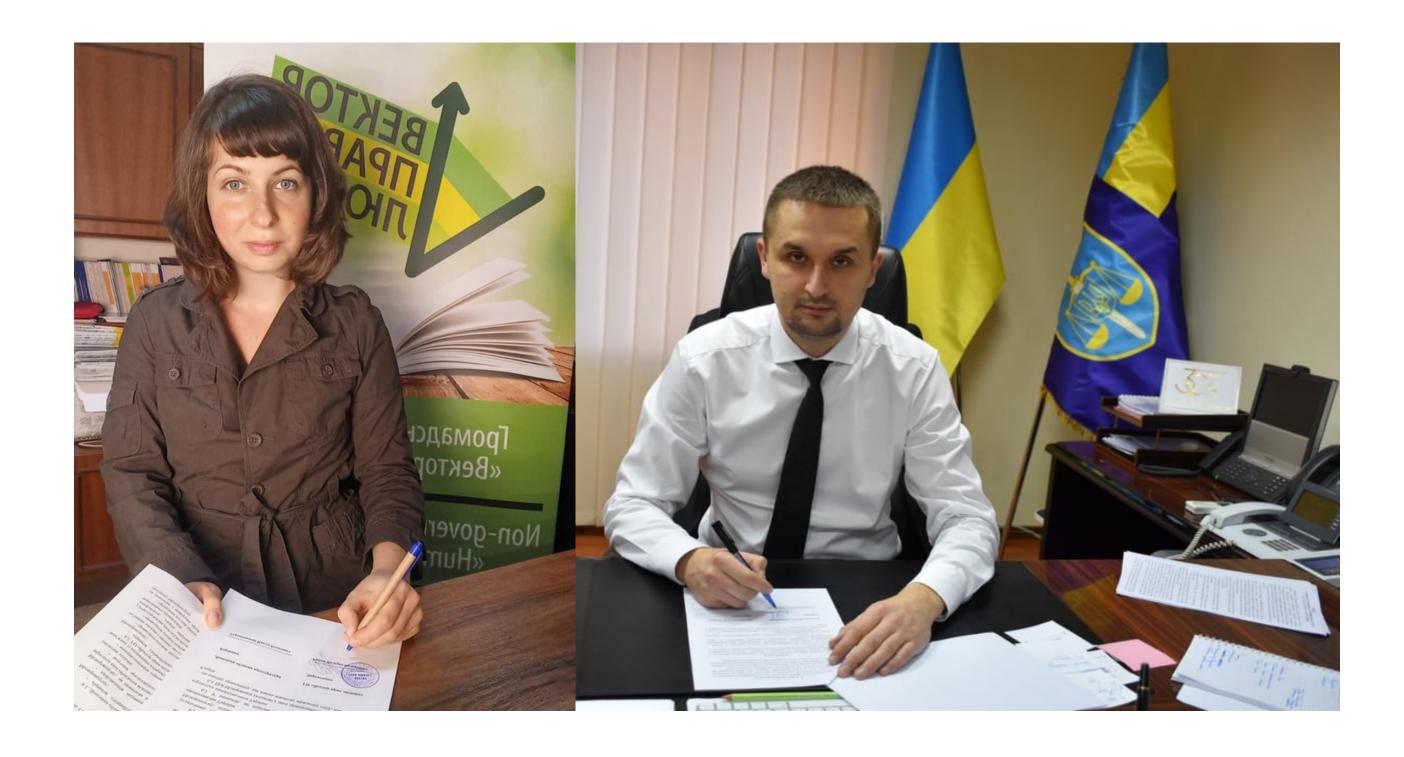
"Cooperation between state bodies and public associations is an important condition for the development of civil society. That is why the NGO "Human Rights Vector" systematically works to establish a dialogue between the authorities and the community for the protection of human rights.

The signing of the memorandum on cooperation between the Donetsk Regional Prosecutor's Office and the public organization "Human Rights Vector" is a good example of the openness of the state body and the readiness to join forces for the protection of human rights.

I am glad that our team will be able to strengthen the activities of the Donetsk Regional Prosecutor's Office, using our many years of experience in protecting the right to a fair trial, the right to the truth, and developing educational programs for improving the qualifications of representatives of state bodies. In turn, we expect active steps from each other." - said Valeriya Rybak, director of the Human Rights Vector NGO.

In turn, the head of the regional prosecutor's office, Pavlo Ugrovetskyi, emphasized that the public's help in documenting the events of the armed aggression of the Russian Federation will contribute to a more effective collection of the evidence base, which will further allow punishing the guilty, calculating reparations, and ensuring the right to the truth and guarantees of non-repetition.

The text of the memorandum: http://hrvector.org/dokumenti-organizaczyjy



### **Expenses**

Administrative expenses - UAH 99,812

Accrued income to individuals for 2021 - UAH 152,961

Taxes paid by individuals for 2021 - 63,479 of them: personal income tax 18% — 27,553 UAH; VZ 1.5% — UAH 2,294; EUV 22% — 33,651 hryvnias

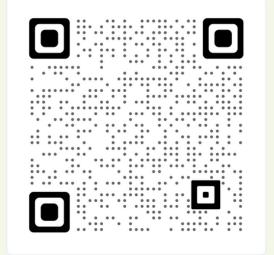
Statutory activity - UAH 1,588,250

Most of the financial assistance for the implementation of projects comes from donor support. However, not all of our ideas can become real within the limits of donor aid, and they need immediate implementation and do not fall under the priorities of donor policy, etc. On the other hand, even within the supported projects it is often impossible to predict the necessary costs for organization functioning. And even though we do most of the work on a volunteer basis, the activity needs funding.

Therefore, we will always welcome donations, which will help us do even more than what you read in this report! :)

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