



## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

### **for a Human Rights Monitoring and Safety and Security Training for human rights defenders in Ukraine**

The Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of the OSCE is currently implementing a project titled “*Strengthening dialogue among civil society and with key government stakeholders in Ukraine on human dimension issues*”. The objective of the project is to enhance effective mechanisms of multi-stakeholder dialogue, with civil society as a competent and trusted actor, in order to address key human dimension issues in Ukraine in line with OSCE commitments and international standards.

Towards this goal, ODIHR is pleased to offer human rights defenders<sup>1</sup> (HRDs) in Ukraine, with a focus on southern and eastern Ukraine, the opportunity to apply for one of two six-day trainings on human rights monitoring and safety and security. The training workshop is offered free of charge to selected participants (including travel and accommodation expenses).

#### **Objective**

The objective of the trainings is to enable HRDs to independently carry out objective human rights monitoring activities based on international standards and with a solid understanding of safety and security issues that might arise during these activities. More information on the specific components of ODIHR’s training curriculum can be found [here](#).

#### **When and where**

The trainings will be organized regionally, with one in Odessa and one in Dnipro in 2018 in the period of between October and December 2018. Further trainings for human rights defenders are planned for 2019, funds permitting. Applicants who succeeded in this call for applications might be invited to attend future trainings in 2019. The organizers will provide meals and accommodation during the 6-day training sessions and will cover travel within Ukraine for the selected participants, who are expected to attend the complete training. More information on the date and the venue will be communicated to selected participants.

#### **Language**

The language of the event will be English and Ukrainian/Russian. Simultaneous translation from and to English-Ukrainian/Russian will be available.

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<sup>1</sup> The OSCE/ODIHR recognizes as a human right defender any person promoting and striving for the realization of human rights regardless of profession, age or other status. Human rights defenders carry out their human rights activities individually or jointly with others, as part of an informal group or as a non-governmental organization (NGO), and act in a voluntary capacity or professionally. The key characteristic that defines human rights defenders is not who they are, but what they do and the principles they stand for.



## Methodology

The training is based on interactive adult learning techniques and requires a high level of active participation. The training sessions will combine theory and practice and participants will be engaged in role play scenarios. The maximum size of the training group is 25 persons.

## Who can apply?

The trainings aim to instruct local and regional HRDs who are or will be monitoring human rights in southern and eastern Ukraine, in particular those who do not have extensive experience in human rights monitoring and safety and security and have not attended a training programme devoted to human rights monitoring to date.

ODIHR is dedicated to providing trainings for HRDs regardless of gender, ethnicity, age or disability. HRDs working on Roma issues, as well as HRDs working on LGBTI and women's rights issues, are especially encouraged to apply.

The following selection criteria will be used for selection of the participants of the trainings.

- Proven track record as a human rights defender;
- Relevance of the training for future human rights activities in the regions of southern and/or eastern Ukraine;
- Expression of interest in human rights monitoring and safety and security;
- Limited or no experience in human rights monitoring and reporting;
- No or limited previous training in safety and security (including digital security);
- Computer literacy.

## How to apply

If you fit the description of the target audience (see: Who can apply) and you wish to apply, kindly fill in the following application form in English, Ukrainian or Russian and send it together with your resume/CV to [Ukraine-CSproject@odihhr.pl](mailto:Ukraine-CSproject@odihhr.pl). Please note that interested HRDs can only apply for one of the trainings.

The deadline for applications is **17 October 2018**, midnight CET time. Please note that only successful applicants will be informed about the outcome of the selection process by **26 October 2018**.

## Questions?

If you have any questions about the content or the selection procedure of the training, please do not hesitate to contact Iryna Sukhinina and Vadym Makogon at [Ukraine-CSproject@odihhr.pl](mailto:Ukraine-CSproject@odihhr.pl).