

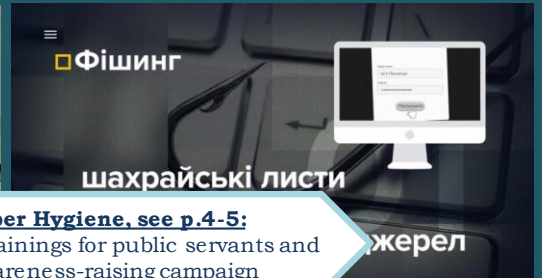


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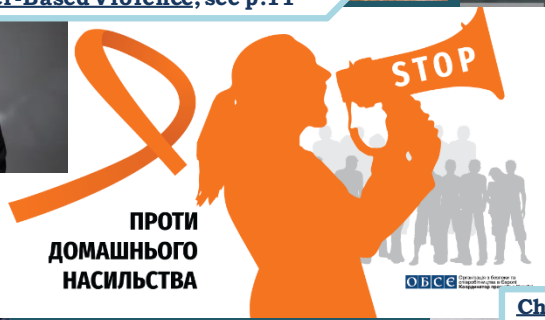
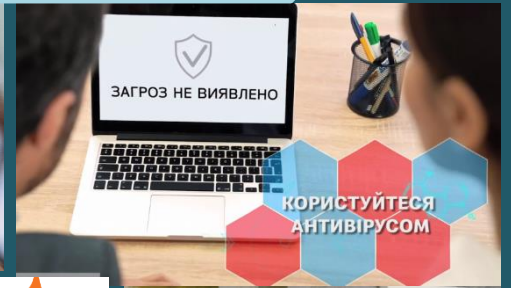


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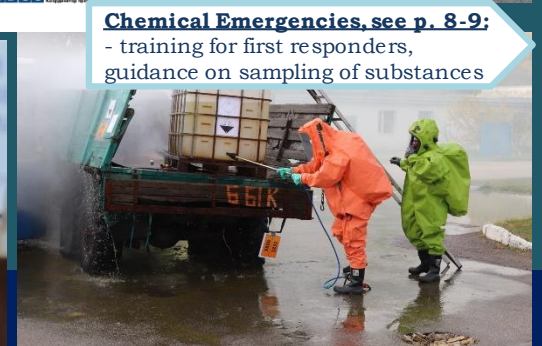
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# DEMOCRATIZATION AND GOOD GOVERNANCE



## ELECTIONS AND DECENTRALISATION

**9 October 2021.** On behalf of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, we are pleased to congratulate the winners of this year's All-Ukrainian Journalism Competition "Local Government and Territorial Organization Reform". The results of the contest, organised by the Ministry for Community and Territorial Development of Ukraine in cooperation with the Council of Europe Programme "Enhancing decentralization and public administration reform in Ukraine", the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine and Internews-Ukraine were announced at the online ceremony on 8 December.

The competition aims to draw public attention to successful examples of work of local communities to address issues of regional development, and to increase the interest of regional media to cover the best practices and results of improving governance in communities. [To learn more](#)

## CIVIL SOCIETY

**10 November 2021.** More than 150 representatives of local executive bodies and local governments from 10 regions and the city of Kyiv had the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and improve their skills in conducting public consultations at a series of 6 training events organized with the support of the OSCE PCU during October-November. The public consultation workshops were attended by representatives from Dnipropetrovsk, Zhytomyr, Kirovohrad, Kyiv, Poltava, Rivne, Sumy, Kharkiv, Cherkasy, Chernihiv regions, Kyiv city, district state administration in Kyiv, and regional and city councils, with which regional state administrations cooperate in the process of implementing state policy. During the workshops, participants learned more about the standards of public consultations, stakeholder analysis and consideration of its results in the process of organizing consultations, features of formalized and informal formats of public consultations. [To learn more](#)



**1 December 2021.** "This year Ukraine has its jubilee, and looking back on these 30 years, it is obvious that it is the active civil position and unity of Ukrainians that led to the country's independence and endurance in its difficult times. Civil society is a powerful partner for different state institutions at all levels. The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, for 20 years of work in Ukraine has had numerous occasions to confirm that in many spheres", with these words Karin Roelke, the Senior Programme Co-ordinator of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine welcomed participants of the 10th Civil Society Capacity Development Forum, organized by ISAR Iednannia and partners on 30 November 2021.

In addition to contributing to the organization of the Forum, the Co-ordinator organized a workshop on on-line procedures of state funding opportunities for CSOs. Also, civic activists could participate in a roundtable to discuss priorities for the implementation plan of the recently approved National Strategy for Promoting Civil Society Development in Ukraine for 2021-2026. [To learn more](#)



**21 December 2021.** "Public consultation is one of the important tools for involving people in decision-making and policy implementation. The OSCE also encourages executive bodies to make greater use of dialogue approaches when interacting with the public, as this brings cooperation with civil society closer to the level of partnership," - Ambassador Henrik Villadsen, the OSCE Project Co-ordinator highlighted the importance of good governance at the presentation of the Draft Law on Public Consultation, updated in preparation for the second reading. The Presentation was organised by the Parliament's Committee on organisation of state and local governance, regional and city development with the support from the Co-ordinator and National Democracy Institute. The OSCE Project Co-ordinator has been assisting in the development and improvement of this law for the past 5 years. The draft passed the first reading in March this year. [To learn more](#)

**25 December 2021.** The 3rd Forum of specialists of executive bodies on public relations that took place on December 17-18, 2021, was attended by 67 representatives of structural units for public relations of ministries, central executive bodies, regional and Kyiv city state administrations. During the Forum, participants learned about new tools of interaction with the public, developed communication skills. [To learn more](#)



# DEMOCRATIZATION AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

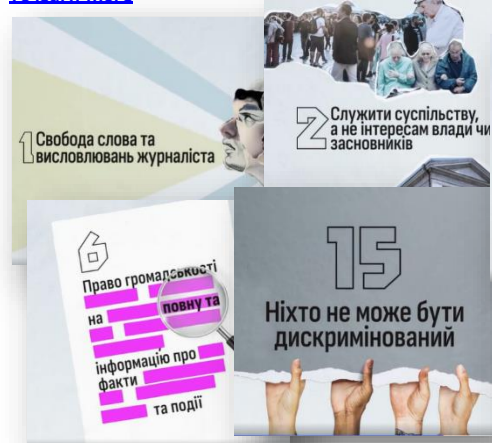


## DIALOGUE

**14 December 2021.** Value of dialogue in bridging differences and supporting complex transformations is not always evident and clearly perceived by both who use the instrument and by those who take part in it. Use of comprehensive and well thought out methodology of evaluation for dialogue events and processes can solve the problem and contribute to higher quality of interventions in this sphere.

The OSCE Project Co-ordinator supports the elaboration of such methodological tools for better use of facilitated dialogue. As a first step in this direction, on 10 December 2021 the Co-ordinator organised the workshop "Impact and Evaluation of Facilitated Dialogues: Problems and Challenges". The event gathered representatives of international and civil society organizations working in the dialogue area in Ukraine, dialogue facilitators, evaluators and researchers. It became a platform for exchanging best practices in working with dialogues, it enabled discussion of needs, problems and challenges in this field, helped to determine further steps in the development of an evaluation methodology. [To learn more](#)

**23 December 2021.** Online communication complicates the process of trust building and search for common ground. It also puts additional pressure on people running and participating in dialogues to prevent or manage conflicts. They all need to adapt to digital environment. Yet, it also expands the toolkit available for managing group meetings, including those related to social cohesion and reforms processes. The annual conference for dialogue practitioners and users "Zoom in on Dialogue: Does the Technology Work in the New Reality and Turbulence?", organized by the OSCE Project Co-ordinator on 21 December, enabled participants to share their stories of success and failure, highlight risks, and exchange life-hacks to overcome challenges. [To learn more](#)



## MEDIA

**1 October 2021.** The OSCE Project Co-ordinator supports the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine with their Media Literacy Project. Together, an online platform was developed where you can find: online courses and methodological materials for trainings, the latest news on media literacy, and a map of initiatives. The platform is easy to navigate and encourages everyone who works with the topic of media literacy to join the map of initiatives! It is available [here](#). [To learn more](#)

**8 November 2021.** "In crisis situations people are looking for information they can rely on. However, in today's world of social media they are tempted to draw on shadowy channels exploiting fear and promoting conspiracy. We see how detrimental this can be to efforts to combat the pandemic. There are no simple solutions to this problem. But I do believe that good journalism can be a strong ally in overcoming disinformation." said Karin Roelke, Senior Programme Co-ordinator of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine at the opening of Donbas Media Forum on 5 November 2021. Donbas Media Forum is a flagship event for Ukrainian media community, bringing together participants from different regions of Ukraine.

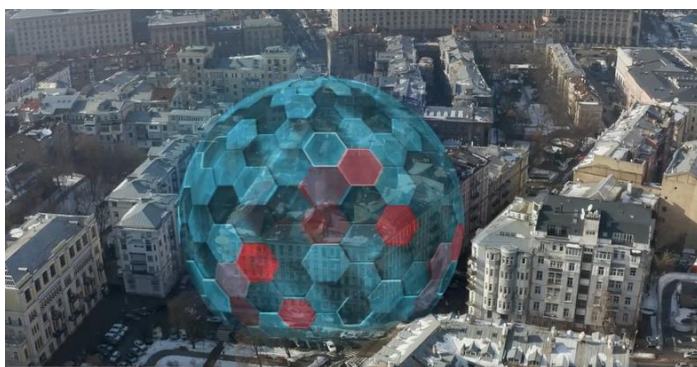
You can watch the recorded videos of Donbas Media Forum, namely some of the panels organized with support of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator:

- ✦ [Opening remarks](#);
- ✦ [Panel discussion](#) "What is regulated by the Government, what can be regulated by the media community itself?";
- ✦ [Panel discussion](#) "New ethics: how to inform correctly and gain the trust of the audience";
- ✦ [Non-Debate](#) "Polarization in society/polarization in the media: are there recipes for counteraction?" [To learn more](#)

**20 November 2021.** Understanding whether you are dealing with a good journalist or a misleading manipulator is important!!! The Code of Ethics of Ukrainian Journalists is a short but very relevant collection of principles created by media professionals to establish the standards and red lines in their work. The video, produced by the Commission of Journalistic Ethics with the support of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, is both a good reminder for those media professionals who may have forgotten the basics, and a quick reference for the people who want to consume quality information.

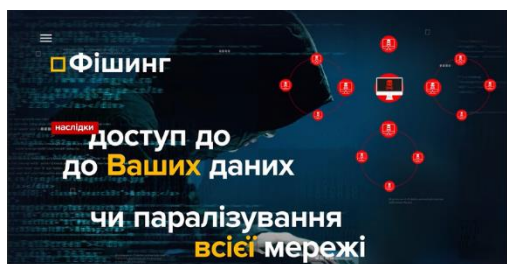
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# HUMAN SECURITY



## CYBERSECURITY

**15 October 2021.** The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine and partners launched a cyber hygiene awareness raising campaign among Ukrainian governmental institutions with a series of promotional videos highlighting the need for creating a more secure cyber environment in Ukraine's governmental sector and encouraging civil servants to become key drivers of this process. The first video of the campaign introduced the basic rules of cyber hygiene espousing to eliminate cyber risks by getting audience aware of the frequent threats, vulnerabilities and recommendations. [To learn more](#)



**19 October 2021.** IT sphere develops faster than regulation and efforts to combat cybercrime. Yet, Ukraine's legal and law enforcement system already has some tools for you to defend your rights in cyberspace, and punish criminals if they succeed to cause damage.

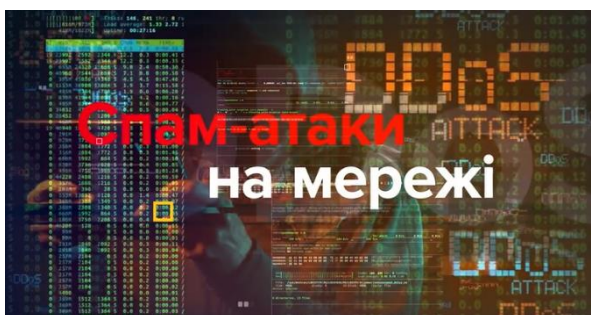
The second video of the awareness-raising campaign, organised by the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine and partners, to promote cyber hygiene among civil servants and Ukrainian governmental institutions, helps audience to learn more about digital security dos and don'ts. [To learn more](#)



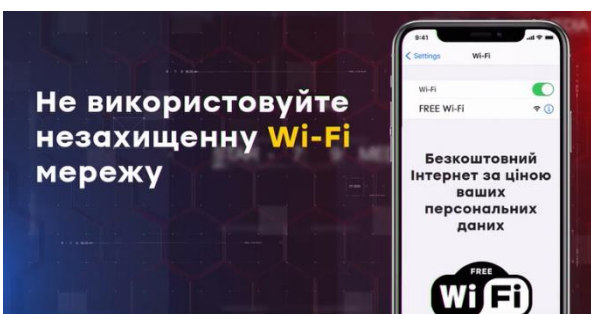
**22 October 2021.** They pretend to be your relative, a friend, a banker or a prince of Nigeria. Some messages or calls may seem funny and hard to believe to, some situations - scary or just unrealistic, yet these scammers still manage to find clues to unlock people's trust, data and wallets. There is a lot you can do, to minimize your risks to fall victim of phishing.

The third video of the campaign to promote cyberhygiene among public servants highlights phishing attacks as the most frequent fraud schemes in cyberspace. [To learn more](#)

**26 October 2021.** Every public servant can contribute to strengthening defense of its institution from digital threats – by learning and using basic rules of cyberhygiene. OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine developed an online course on cyber hygiene available now at two platforms: [Diia Digital Education](#) and [DESPRO](#). [To learn more](#)



**29 October 2021.** Trying to keep abreast of the latest developments and following the news online are a part of our daily routine. Yet, in a digital world, we often come across manipulative headlines, misinformation and even fakes. The video explains why the information hygiene is an important part of cyber security. It will also provide tips to public servants on how to avoid participation in manipulation campaigns. To develop cybersecurity skills, the OSCE Project Co-ordinator developed an online course, available now at two platforms: [Diia Digital Education](#) and [DESPRO](#). [To learn more](#)



**12 November 2021.** Tips for securing your organisation from digital threats and links to resources to learn more about cyber hygiene are promoted in a new leaflet, developed with the support of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator. The leaflet is to be circulated in Ukraine's government and public service institutions as part of the ongoing campaign on safe use of modern information technologies run in partnership with the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine, IFES Ukraine and Vodafone Ukraine.

The leaflet is charged with useful data and statistics on cyber incidents and cyber-attacks occurred worldwide, including Ukraine, with special focus on the effect brought about to countries' public and private sector infrastructure. It provides a set of useful rules Ukrainian civil servants should follow at their workplace to minimize the risks of such incidents. [To learn more](#)



# HUMAN SECURITY



## CYBERSECURITY

**23 November 2021.** Last year experts of Cyber Polygon, one of the world's top discussion platforms, estimated that the population of malicious software reached a threshold of 11 billion programmes. Luckily, major part of modern cyberthreats is still comprised of rather primitive level efforts, with only 6% medium and highly sophisticated attacks. Yet, even simple scams still manage to affect or disrupt operations of businesses and public sector.

The OSCE PCU promotes cyberhygiene among public servants, knowledge and use of basic cybersecurity rules, as a tool to defend institutions from large portion of digital threats. For that the Co-ordinator and partners run an awareness-raising campaign. Everyone can join the campaign and use the promotional resources, to access them, visit the dedicated page of our website in [English](#) and in [Ukrainian](#). [To learn more](#)

**17 December 2021.** Protection of an organisation's system from cyber threats goes well beyond technical knowledge and efforts to configure software. Working with people, establishing vulnerability management procedures, cybersecurity compliance checklists and guidelines, action protocols and threat response processes are equally important. To help IT personnel of Ukraine state agencies learn best practices in information security management system, the OSCE Project Co-ordinator developed and launched piloting of a specialized training programme.

On 15-17 December 2021 in Lviv the first training on the "Development and Implementation of Information Security Management System" welcomed ICT personnel of 6 Ukrainian ministries. Upon completion of four pilot trainings, the programme will be refined based on participants' feedback and handed over to the Ukrainian School of Governance. With this assistance, the School will be able to implement it in future as part of its work in qualification improvement for public servants. [To learn more](#)



## ANTI-DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The OSCE Project Co-ordinator joined the global campaign "16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence" that runs from 25 November to 10 December every year. To support this UN initiative the Project Co-ordinator developed and published information materials on its [Facebook page](#), shared the resources it had developed to help a wide range of experts of public and civil society sectors, as well as general public in their efforts to tackle this problem. [To learn more](#)

Also for more details, see "Outreach \ Coordination" section

## PSYCHOLOGICAL REHABILITATION

**23 October 2021.** Accidents, natural disasters, robberies, fights and even murders - such crisis conditions become a difficult experience for the average citizen, but, fortunately they do not happen too often. There are professions where people have to deal with such cases almost every day. Rescuers and law enforcement officers definitely need access to quality and professional psychological support and a properly organized follow-up.

On October 21, the last of a series of trainings "Psychological support in extreme situations" was completed at the Lviv State University of Internal Affairs. The



training was developed in the framework of the project implemented by the OSCE PCU at the request of the Ministry of Interior. The training program aims at providing participants with the skills to quickly and effectively get out of stress, people who work with relieving the consequences of human-made and natural disasters, terrorist attacks, as well as social and military conflicts. [To learn more](#)

**11 December 2021.** "The OSCE has gained significant experience in the sphere of psychosocial rehabilitation and the PCU makes every effort to assist our national partners and to ensure that rehabilitation and recovery measures in Ukraine are comprehensive, systematic, and sustainable. During the last two years, we provided support to the Ministry of Veterans Affairs in creation of an effective system of psychological rehabilitation of veterans and their family members at national and local level. We also help to develop an online system for services to this category of people," – said Ambassador Henrik Villadsen, the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, addressing participants of the Forum "A Veteran to a Community: Potential Multiplied by Trust" in Kramatorsk, in the east of Ukraine. [To learn more](#)

# RULE OF LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS



## CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE

**25 October 2021.** Constitutional justice can and should serve as a tool to combat discrimination and to protect the foundations for gender equality. A new publication by Oleksandr Vodyannikov, National Legal Advisor of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine provides an advanced overview of the relevant case law by constitutional justice bodies of various countries. The book "Gender Equality. Theory and Practice in Comparative Constitutional Law" is now available online at our website [in Ukrainian. To learn more](#)

**28 December 2021.** Gender equality is an integral part of constitutional paradigm and many constitutional issues that seem to be gender-neutral actually have deep gender implications. Classical and contemporary theoretical, philosophical and practical aspects of gender dimension of constitutionalism were proposed for discussion at the Forum "Great Dialogue, the Idea of Constitutionalism and Women's Rights" held on 20 December 2021 in Kyiv. The Forum brought together key gender experts, constitutionalists, representatives of public authorities, civil society, judges, academia, practitioners. [To learn more](#)

**29 December 2021.** The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine facilitated a series of professional discussions on access to constitutional justice. Upon invitation of the Project Co-ordinator, on 26 November 2021, international experts – Special Advisors to the Constitutional Court of Ukraine – Miroslaw Granat, Alexandru Tanase and George Papuashvili held a joint event with judges and staff of the Court to share experience in using amici curiae in international and foreign constitutional law practice. The study of international experience also helps in the practical improvement of the system of processing constitutional complaints. Thus, on 17 December 2021, Special Advisors conducted a training for the Secretariat of the Constitutional Court's staff, sharing foreign experience on issues of admissibility, judicial argumentation, and execution of decisions of the Constitutional Court in cases upon constitutional complaints. [To learn more](#)



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## JUDICIAL REFORM

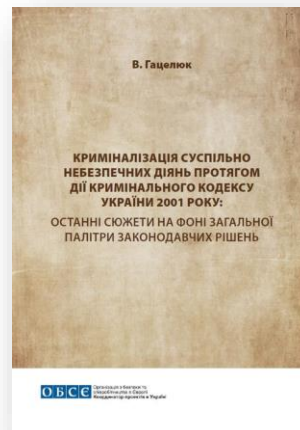
**29 October 2021.** Implementation of the Judicial Reform is one of the key demands of both the national expert community and of international partners of Ukraine. Ukrainian society as well insist on the inevitability and imminence of judicial branch transformation. Thus, the core task of this reform is to develop a fair judicial system in Ukraine. The Conference "Contemporary Challenges of Judicial Reform in Ukraine" was held in Chernivtsy end of October to contribute to the consolidation of efforts of national legal scholars, national and foreign expert community, civil society representatives in framing further steps of the judicial reform and on discussing the best international experience in this field. [To learn more](#)

**15 December 2021.** Judicial reform in Ukraine is to encompass, as one of its components, further development and gradual evolution of national bar and its institutions. The Round Table, organised with the support of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator, gathered eminent national scholars, legal professionals, governmental officials and civil society activists to discuss the achieved results in the process of this reform, and the challenges faced. [To learn more](#)

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**15 November 2021.** This year marks the 20th anniversary of the entry into force of the Criminal Code of Ukraine. Since then, the lawmakers introduced more than 240 amendments to it. This evolution has demonstrated an ongoing competition of the overall trend for more humane handling of wrongdoings with an expansion of the list of criminal offences, i.e. their criminalisation.

A recent publication of Gatseliuk Vitali, National Project Manager of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator scrutinizes the trends of legal amendments in this sphere and outlines the need for balanced and well grounded approaches to criminalisation in law-making. [To learn more](#)





# RULE OF LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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## LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

**23 December 2021.** The research "Unified Entrance Exam: Regulatory Impact Analysis and Effectiveness of Educational Services" was presented and discussed, at an event in Kyiv on 23 December 2021. The research was developed under the request of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and with the support of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine.

The research covers standardized educational dimensions in higher education, issues of quality of education and educational services, regulatory impact and public education management. It also considers the current state and quality of the legal professionals training. [To learn more](#)

**1 December 2021.** The Annual International Forum, organised with the support of the Co-ordinator, provided a platform for all branches of state power in Ukraine, judges of the European Court of Human Rights (the ECHR), legal practitioners, academia, prominent think-tanks, and other experts in the field of human rights protection, to discuss important issues on the application of the case-law of the ECHR and its impact on Ukraine ([Video recording](#)). [To learn more](#)



## FREE LEGAL AID

**20 December 2021.** During the round table "Improvement of Legislation on Free Legal Aid Provision in Ukraine", representatives of the Ministry of Justice, Coordination Centre for Legal Aid Provision, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Council of Europe and UNDP discussed best practice of free legal aid regulation in other countries as well as recommendations for integrating

alternative dispute resolution to the FLA system, improvement of communication strategy, use of mediation within the secondary legal aid, other topics. [To learn more](#)



## ANTI-CORRUPTION EFFORTS

**9-10 December 2021.** 5th Medical Law Forum "Legal Regulation of Public Health: Corruption Challenges in Times of Pandemic" gathered legal practitioners and academia to discuss current challenges arising in the area of public health in the context of the ongoing pandemic. Special focus will be devoted to ensuring rule of law and access to justice as a prerequisite for mitigating corruption related risks in the public health area. [To learn more](#)

**26 December 2021.** How to maintain legal order in Ukraine and to make criminal justice effective?

More than 80 representatives of judiciary, academia, bar, law enforcement, and civil society discussed the issues related to the rule of law, human rights protection and fair justice at V Kyiv Polylogue, organized by the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, High Anticorruption Court, Supreme Court and V. Koretsky Institute of State and Law of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine in Kyiv on 23 December 2021.

During three thematic sessions, the participants had an opportunity to share their views and discuss recent challenges for the legal reform and for the coherence of judicial practice in the context of criminal justice effectiveness, as well as current trends in combating corruption for maintaining legal order. [To learn more](#)



**30 December 2021.** Coherence of judicial practice is a key prerequisite for proper access to justice and ensuring rule of law.

The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine supported one-day Workshop on the peculiarities of criminal process during HACC's hearings conducted on 2 December in Kyiv. The event gathered Supreme Court and High Anticorruption Court judges to discuss a wide range of issues in their everyday challenges, including practical criminal proceedings issues not clearly defined by the law.

[To learn more](#)

# ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND POLITICO-MILITARY PROJECTS



## MINE ACTION

**25 October 2021.** International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) are a collection of recommended requirements for all aspects of operations in clearing lands from explosive ordnance. Ukraine recently created two specialized authorities responsible for systemic work in this sphere: the Mine Action Centre and Humanitarian Demining Centre. The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining - GICHD organized a five-day training for the Centres' personnel on various aspects of the IMAS in Kharkiv on 18-22 October 2021. [To learn more](#)



**3 November 2021.** "Whereas women's participation in many spheres of peace and security remains limited, expansion of opportunities for them is a key priority for OSCE projects in Ukraine. It is also very important to take into account the various needs women and men have in the planning and delivery of assistance," said Henrik Villadsen, the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine on the occasion of 21st anniversary of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325. The Resolution recognizes the important roles of women and girls in peace and security efforts, and calls for their increased and meaningful participation in related decision-making processes. See the joint statement of the Co-ordinator and OSCE SMM - Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine [here](#).

As a good example of such effort, the role of women in humanitarian demining can actively contribute to making communities safer, whilst inclusion of women's perspectives into such operations ensures better clearance of the affected lands. This year, among other project efforts, the OSCE Project Co-ordinator translated into Ukrainian and provided to the country's mine action agencies two key documents, developed by Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining:

- [Gender-Sensitive Recruitment and Training in Mine Action](#);
- [Gender and Priority-Setting in Mine Action](#).

[To learn more](#)

**6 December 2021.** When clearance of conflict-affected land occurs, and humanitarian deminers find an explosive object, they need to remove it, transport to a designated area (if possible) and destroy it – all of it with a high level of precaution, with due regard for safety of civilians and demining personnel.

Ten experts from Ukrainian mine action agencies completed a specialized two-week Explosive Ordnance Disposal training (EOD Level 3), organized by the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine in co-operation with the FSD Ukraine in Berane, Montenegro on 22 November – 3 December 2021. [To learn more](#)

## CHEMICAL SAFETY

**13 October 2021.** Unintentional releases of toxic substances, accidents at enterprises and during the transportation of chemicals, are a systematic challenge in such a highly industrialized country as Ukraine.

To strengthen the capacity of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine to train first-responders dealing with chemical emergencies the Co-ordinator designed recommendations on developing a comprehensive training programme on CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear) emergency response, provided equipment for practical exercises, organized a series of intensive theoretical and practical trainings for the SESU staff of specialised CBRN units. [To learn more](#)



**27 October 2021.** In case of an emergency with chemicals involved, it is of critical importance to identify swiftly and correctly what substances were spilled or released. This defines all the further decisions and actions taken by rescuers and other services dealing with the situation. Ukrainian rescuers will now be able to gather samplings of substances at a location of such emergencies in line with international best practices, as they are using the methodological guidelines developed by the OSCE PCU.

The order, mandating the use of the Methodology as the official standard procedures for sampling, was published at the State Emergency Service's website [here](#). The guidelines are also already being used by SESU training institutions preparing first responders dealing with chemical emergencies. Full text of the "Methodological guidelines on sampling during chemical emergency response" is available at OSCE PCU website [here](#). [To learn more](#)



# ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND POLITICO-MILITARY PROJECTS



## ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY

**24 November 2021.** There are nearly 63 thousand rivers in Ukraine, of which 90% are small rivers with basin area of up to 2 thousand sq. km. Many of them are in dire state because of human actions and climate change. This year the OSCE has presented results of a pilot project on restoration of a small river flow. Now Iahorlyk river, a tributary to Dniester in Odesa Oblast, is a positive example of how a well-planned effort can revert damage to an environmental system. Watch this video to learn more about the project in [English](#) and in [Ukrainian](#). [To learn more](#)

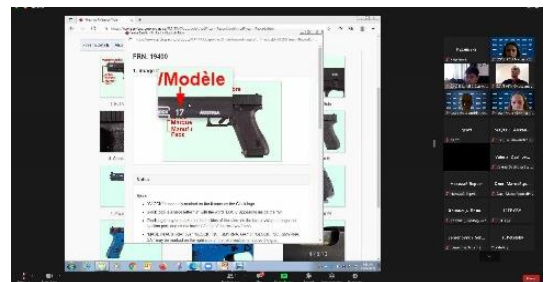


## CONTROL OVER SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS

**5 October 2021.** With the support of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator, cynologists of the Spanish Guardia Civil Canine Training Centre visited Ukraine September 26 to October 2. The purpose of the visit was to demonstrate the State Border Guard Service and the State Customs Service of Ukraine canine team training programmes in the field of detecting and combating illicit trafficking in weapons, ammunition and explosives to Spanish counterparts. The visit was also aimed at facilitating professional dialogue between Ukrainian and Spanish counterparts. [To learn more](#)

**14 November 2021.** An online presentation on the use of the Canadian Firearms Reference Table (FRT) was held for 14 Ukrainian experts representing the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the National Police, the State Border Guard Service, the State Customs Service and the Security Service of Ukraine on October 26. In the course of the workshop, the participants have been taught how to work with FRT in practice, in particular, to search for firearms in the database, to interpret its results, as well as they have been acquainted with the database glossary used in the identification and classification of firearms. Canadian experts – representatives of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, conducted the presentation.

In addition, with the assistance of the OSCE PCU, the above mentioned Ukrainian agencies have already received 25 users web-access to the FRT. [To learn more](#)



**30 October 2021.** “To get better understanding of where we actually start with planning an information campaign. Learn more about practices of involving different stakeholders and building effective partnerships to raise public awareness. Get advices on how we can use available resources and data to communicate with public more effectively. Discuss what we can do to encourage citizens to safer and more responsible behaviour with weapons. To exchange our experiences, get new knowledge, improve our skills”...

Those are some major expectations that were voiced by the participants of the training “Development of information-based awareness campaign on the risks posed by illegal possession, misuse and trafficking in weapons, ammunition and explosives”, which took place in Kyiv on 27-28 October with the support of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine. [To learn more](#)

**4 December 2021.** With the support of the OSCE PCU, a delegation of Ukrainian canine experts visited the Kingdom of Spain to get acquainted with the methods of Spanish Guardia Civil canine teams training on detection and prevention of illicit trafficking in weapons, ammunition and explosives on 21-26 November. The visit offered Ukrainian delegates an opportunity to see the fieldwork of canine teams at the external borders of the European Union. [To learn more](#)





# ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND POLITICO-MILITARY PROJECTS



## CONTROL OVER SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS

**24 December 2021.** The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine handed over to the State Border Guard Service 15 GPS systems that will assist its canine teams in daily operations. In addition, relevant training on using these systems was conducted with the support of an international expert.

The official donation ceremony and training event, attended by 15 SBGSU representatives, including 2 women, took place on December 21 in the SBGSU Canine Training Centre in Lviv region.

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## ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING

**12 December 2021.** Two hundred sixty seven practitioners from law-enforcement, regulatory bodies representing more than 40 governmental institutions as well as private sector and civil society organizations joined discussions on latest anti-money laundering trends at an event organised by the OSCE Project Co-ordinator jointly with the State Financial Monitoring Service on 02-03 December 2021 in Lviv. [To learn more](#)

# COORDINATION & OUTREACH



**12 October 2021.** Involvement of young people in governance and policy-making is an investment in the stable and democratic future of the country. The OSCE Project Co-ordinator promotes meaningful participation of youth in activities and projects, provides opportunities to build skills and knowledge.

We've produced a brief reference for anyone interested to learn about what we do for youth and how we do it, the leaflet "Opportunities for Youth with the OSCE Project Co-ordinator" can now be downloaded at our website in [English](#) and in [Ukrainian](#). [To learn more](#)



**28 October 2021.** Ukraine puts into work a new National Strategy Promoting the Development of Civil Society for 2021-2026, developed earlier with the support of the OSCE Project Coordinator;

- The Co-ordinator supported the decentralization reform by elaborating maps of the recently established 1,469 local communities;
- Over 1,600 people joined online trainings for representatives of newly established local self-government bodies, including starostas, a new position that emerged in the process of the decentralization reform;
- The Co-ordinator organised a series of anti-trafficking simulation exercises for migration police officers and investigators, social service providers, labour inspectors, and NGO representatives from 10 oblasts of Ukraine;
- Discussions on media ethics, summer schools for youth on constitutional law and anti-domestic violence work, TV contest for school-children on Constitution were conducted;

These are some of the recent efforts mentioned by Ambassador Henrik Villadsen, as he presented outcomes of our work for the period from June to mid-October at the meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council in Vienna. [To learn more](#)



# 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

ОБСЄ Організація з безпеки та співробітництва в Європі  
Координатор проєкту в Україні



**24 November 2021.** The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine joins the Global Initiative and, with support of experts, seeks to raise awareness, share knowledge and encourage Ukrainians not to be indifferent to the problem of violence.

In just 8 months of 2021, the National Police of Ukraine received more than 203,000 complaints about domestic violence. The real figure is even higher, as it is a latent phenomenon, and official statistics are just the tip of the iceberg. [To learn more](#)

**26 November 2021.** The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, notably through its field operation the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, actively supports the country's efforts to combat gender-based violence and to develop awareness-raising activities to inform Ukrainians about the issue and the need to invest into prevention:

- In 2018, the OSCE conducted a systemic survey on violence against women in Ukraine, that can serve as a baseline and a comparison tool, as it was done with the use of a methodology applied for 37 other European countries;
- In 2019, together with the online education studio EdEra, a new online course on combating domestic violence named "HOME of (IN)SECURITY", was developed to raise public awareness about the system of measures aimed at preventing and combating domestic violence, its causes and consequences;
- In 2019, the OSCE Project Co-ordinator provided modern equipment designed to better train the police to respond to domestic violence;
- In 2020, the thematic manuals were developed and posted on the website of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine;
- [Methodical manual](#) for specialists who implement the Standard Program for Domestic Violence Perpetrators;
- [Collection of practical materials](#) for working with domestic violence perpetrators;

[To learn more](#)

**30 November 2021.** A person who commits violence at home can continue to be a source of danger to loved ones if such person is not helped to solve their psychological problems and learn other ways of communicating.

In international practice, working with perpetrators and conducting psychological correctional programs for them is an important tool to prevent recurrence of violence. The OSCE Project Co-ordinator is working to introduce these approaches into Ukrainian practice.

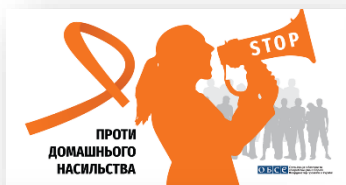
The manuals and practical materials developed with the support of the OSCE will be useful to psychologists and practicing psychotherapists who conduct correctional work with domestic violence perpetrators, as well as who work in the field of psychological rehabilitation with trauma and PTSD. [To learn more](#)

**1 December 2021.** Quite often, victims of domestic violence do not know who to turn to for help and, by keeping silent about this incident, only make the situation worse. The OSCE Project Co-ordinator calls upon everyone to join the "16 Days against Gender-Based Violence" campaign and share the provided information about contacts that may be useful to those who need such support.

[To learn more](#)



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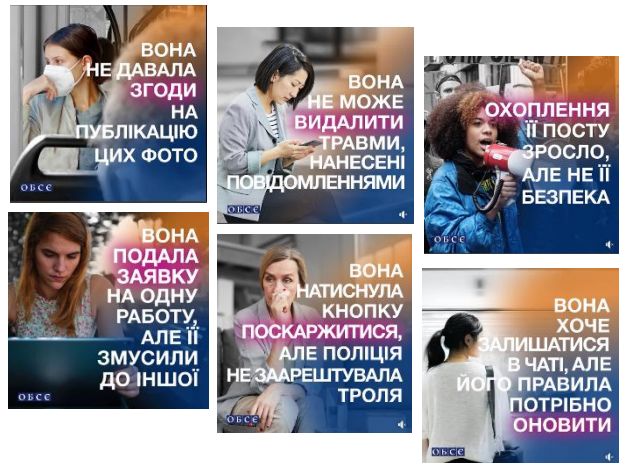


# 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



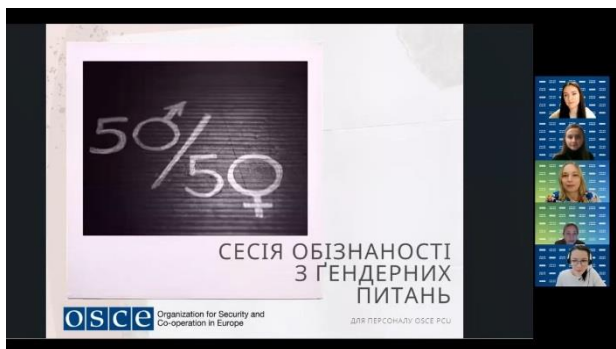
**12 December 2021.** With the campaign “16 days of activism against gender based violence” ending, the need to keep up the efforts on elimination of abuse stays urgent. PCU expressed sincere gratitude to all who took part by organizing events, producing and publishing articles, talking to friends and relatives, taking other actions or even simply sharing messages.

Your further personal contribution is of great importance! For inspiration have a look at videos recorded by three Heads of Missions – Tobias Thyberg, Ambassador of Sweden to Ukraine (current Chair of the OSCE), Bartosz Cichocki, Ambassador of Poland to Ukraine (next year’s Chair) and Ambassador Henrik Villadsen, the OSCE Project Co-ordinator. The videos are available [here](#). [To learn more](#)



The Co-ordinator also supported the regional campaign “Could you tell that she is experiencing violence?”, initiated and implemented by the OSCE WIN Project to highlight modern challenges of gender based violence. For that the co-ordinator helped to translate into Ukrainian and distributed online awareness-raising messages on the OSCE’s work to create safe spaces for women in all spheres of public life to live free of discrimination and violence. More information about the campaign can be found [here](#)

## GENDER FOCAL POINTS GROUP



Since its establishment in late August 2021, the Gender Focal Points Group (GFPG) has started to work on implementing the Action Plan for the OSCE Project Co-ordinator’s Strategy for the Promotion of Gender Equality for 2020 – 2022.

The GFPG has drafted its terms of reference approved by the senior management, along with the GFPG operational plan for November 2021 – March 2022. Following the gender strategy and action plan, GFPG has developed the following documents and training activities to support staff in promoting gender mainstreaming and gender sensitive environment in the OSCE Project Co-ordinator:

- To support the recruitment processes for both future OSCE staff and external experts, Mainstreaming and Gender Equality Awareness Interview Questions were developed under the co-ordination of GFP Natalia Kosmach.

- GFPs Nadiia Kyzyska and Liubov Fedorova elaborated and delivered a training session on gender basics and gender sensitive communication for the Co-ordinator’s staff. One more gender mainstreaming training was delivered by the external gender consultant Ms. Olena Kharytonova.



- GFP Natalia Romanova initiated the establishment of OSCE Project Co-ordinator’s Gender Equality Champion Awards, to acknowledge exceptional achievements made by our leaders, individual women and men, or teams to promote gender equality. Ms. Romanova elaborated the draft procedure pending final approval.

Currently GFPG is working on drafting an all-staff survey on Gender Equality in the Workplace. To get feedback from the staff on gender equality related matters in the office the survey is planned to be launched in January-March 2022. The survey results are expected to serve as a solid baseline for developing precise training activities for staff, as well as drafting and/or adjusting internal policies. Furthermore, GFPG is working on the guidelines on the use of feminines in Ukrainian texts, to be finalized early in 2022.



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**The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine** is mandated to plan, implement, and monitor projects that help Ukraine enhance its security and develop its legislation, institutions, and practices in line with democratic standards. The goal is to support the country in adapting legislation, structures, and processes to the requirements of a modern democracy built on a secure environment for its people.

This newsletter provides a brief overview of the Co-ordinator's efforts to support ongoing reforms, promote dialogue and help the country meet crisis-related challenges.

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