



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) is currently implementing a project in Ukraine entitled “Advancing the Human Dimension of Security in Ukraine”. As part of this project, ODIHR is opening a call for applications for a 4-day training event on:

Open Source Human Rights Monitoring

for up to 20 human rights defenders¹ in Ukraine, with a focus on human rights defenders working in southern and eastern Ukraine.

About the training

The purpose of this training is to enable human rights defenders to independently carry out high quality and objective human rights monitoring activities, based on international standards, using open source monitoring techniques.

The training aims to equip human rights defenders with the skill set required to gather, verify and analyse videos and images, to investigate social media, and to perform open source data collection and verification. The training also aims to provide human rights defenders with an understanding of how the internet functions and how it can be effectively utilized for research and human rights investigation purposes. The training curriculum will include sessions on advanced web-searching techniques, strategies and tools; advanced social media research; metadata analysis and geolocation.

The language of the event will be English, Ukrainian and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation from English to Russian and Russian to English will be provided during the training.

The training methodology is based on practical investigation exercises and requires a working laptop and a high level of active participation by all participants.

In short:

Apply by: 28 May 2019

When: 17-20 June 2019

Where: Odesa, Ukraine

Costs: The training is offered free of charge to selected participants, including travel and accommodation expenses within Ukraine.

¹ 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.



Who is this training for?

The training is specifically designed for human rights defenders with proven experience of human rights monitoring in Ukraine. It is aimed at human rights defenders in Ukraine who are or will be using open source techniques to monitor the human rights in southern and eastern Ukraine. ODIHR is dedicated to providing trainings for human rights defenders regardless of gender, ethnicity or age. Human rights defenders from southern and eastern Ukraine, and human rights defenders working on Roma issues, LGBTI and women's rights are especially encouraged to apply.

ODIHR will select participants on a competitive basis. Selected participants will be invited to the training by ODIHR in the week of 3 June. ODIHR does not inform applicants who have not been selected for the training.

The following criteria are used by ODIHR for selection of the participants:

- Proven track record as a human rights defender in Ukraine;
- Demonstrated experience of human rights monitoring and reporting;
- Relevance of the training for future human rights activities in the regions of southern and/or eastern Ukraine;
- Limited or no experience in open source investigation techniques;
- Good level of computer literacy;
- Fluency in Ukrainian/Russian;
- Available for the full duration of the training.

Interested human rights defenders are welcome to submit their applications by **28 May 2019** by filling in the following application form in English, Ukrainian or Russian and emailing this, with their CV, to: Ukraine-CSproject@odihhr.pl.

Questions?

In case you have questions, please contact Iryna Sukhinina at: Ukraine-CSproject@odihhr.pl.