

2024-2026



**EU Project Pravo-Justice
Phase III**

Component 1.



Prosecutorial Reform and Accountability for International Crimes

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Conducted the **Crime Survey**, the first nationwide survey in Ukraine to measure crime levels in Ukraine and assess public perception of crime, the work of law enforcement agencies, and the justice system.



Supported the **attestation process of 96 prosecutors**, of whom 74 successfully passed all three stages of attestation.

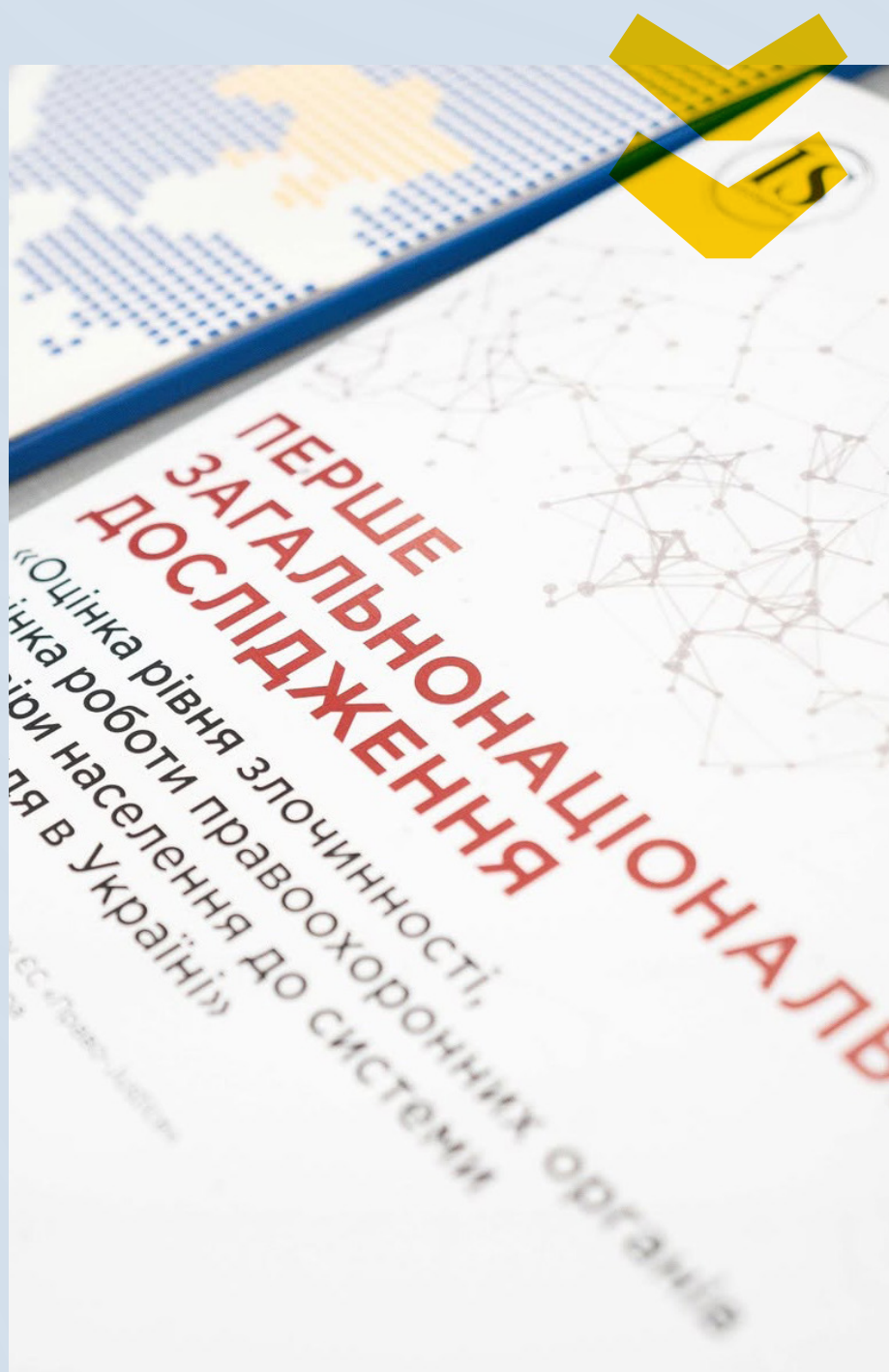
Provided **expert support in the development of the 2025–2028 Strategy for the Development of the Prosecutor's Office and other legislative initiatives related to prosecutorial reform in line with Ukraine's European integration commitments.**

Enhanced the **transparency of the selection of members of the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of Prosecutors by the All-Ukrainian Conference of Prosecutors** through the review of candidates' profiles and the involvement of independent observers.

Supported the **competitive selection process for 413 prosecutorial positions in district prosecutor's offices**; ensured the procurement of over 1,400 general skills tests for the second stage of the qualification assessment.

Supported an **EU expert assessment mission (TAIEX) to evaluate whether the Training Centre for Prosecutors of Ukraine**, its legal status, content and forms of its activities comply with the requirements and standards of EU training institutions for prosecutors.

Supported the **expansion of the network of victim and witness support units by equipping a new unit within the Lviv Regional Prosecutor's Office**. With the Project's support, the unit was equipped with the necessary technical and office infrastructure and officially launched operations on 8 June 2026.



Conducted the **functional audit of the Council of Prosecutors of Ukraine and the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of Prosecutors**, and presented recommendations aimed at strengthening their institutional capacity, independence, and effectiveness.

Developed and implemented an **electronic document management system for the Qualification and Disciplinary Commission of Prosecutors.**

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Supported **Managerial HR Reserve pilot project for filling administrative positions in the Ukrainian public prosecutor's office and the Community Prosecutor project.**



Supported the development and promotion of legislative amendments to **harmonise the provisions of the Criminal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine with the Rome Statute, international criminal law and international humanitarian law, in particular regarding war crimes and the crime of aggression.**

Provided expert support in the development of **the 2026-2028 Strategy on International Crimes and its Operational Plan, which were approved by the Prosecutor General.**

Supported the development and adoption of **the Standards for the Investigation of Crimes of Forced Conscription and Pillaging.**

Provided expert support to the Office of the Prosecutor General within **the thematic clusters of the Atrocity Crimes Advisory Group for Ukraine (ACA).** In total, the Project was represented in 9 out of 10 ACA thematic clusters.

Provided **support to the Specialised Environmental Prosecutor's Office and the regional prosecutor's offices of Kharkiv and Sumy regions** in four criminal proceedings related to environmental crimes. As a result of this cooperation, **two notices of suspicion were referred to court.**



Strengthened the professional capacities of more than 500 prosecutors from the OPG and regional prosecutor's offices on key issues of international humanitarian law and international criminal law.



Provided expert support to the Department of International Legal Cooperation of the OPG, including **the review of extradition requests and mutual legal assistance requests, as well as the development of a decision-making framework for international cooperation in cases related to armed conflict.**

Completed the development of the **EXILA information system** to automate the OPG's work in the field of extradition and mutual legal assistance.

Developed and delivered a **four-month professional development programme for staff of the Supreme Court Secretariat** on the application of international humanitarian and international criminal law in criminal proceedings.

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Through a grant implemented by the NGO Just Group, a comprehensive model of psychological support for prosecutors was developed and introduced for the first time, combining psychoeducation, individual counselling, team-based work, and peer support mechanisms.

Completed the implementation of a grant project by the NGO Projector, aimed at strengthening the capacity of law enforcement agencies in the field of documenting and investigating international crimes, in particular crimes against LGBTIQ+ persons.

Through a grant implemented by the NGO New Ukrainian Narratives, developed a comprehensive communication strategy on the issue of civilian hostages, created a database of personal stories of victims and a mobile multimedia exhibition for international advocacy purposes.

Supported **international and national events on accountability for international crimes**, including the United for Justice Conference, the inaugural conference of the Louis B. Sohn Research Centre at the Ukrainian Catholic University, and other related events.

Conducted **specialised training for Supreme Court justices and prosecutors on the investigation and adjudication of environmental crimes and ecocide**.

Developed and delivered the training initiative **“Adjudicating International Crimes Cases: From Theory to Practice”** to strengthen the capacities of 40 defence lawyers, judges, and prosecutors.

Conducted the third and fourth phases of the initiative on **monitoring court proceedings in war crimes cases**.

Provided comprehensive support to the Victims and Witnesses Coordination Centre, including the completion of its **Communication Strategy and conducting a strategic session** with representatives of the central office and regional branches.

Strengthened the capacity of the free legal aid system through **training sessions for defence lawyers** on representation in cases involving international crimes, international humanitarian law and war crimes.

Completed the implementation of a grant provided by the Project to **Ukrainian Women Lawyers Association JurFem aimed at promoting a victim-centred approach in gender-based violence cases**.



Component 2.



Judicial Reform

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Provided analytical support for justice sector reforms and the fulfilment of Ukraine's European integration commitments. In particular, **more than 100 analytical notes, expert opinions** and recommendations were prepared.

Supported the work of the Selection Commission **of the Service of Disciplinary Inspectors (SDI)** of the High Council of Justice in assessing the integrity and professional competence of approximately 400 candidates. As a result, the SDI was established



Supported the work of the **Selection Commission for the Selection of Candidates for the Positions of Members of the High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine (HQCJ)**. As a result, one member of the HQCJ was appointed.

Provided technical and organisational support to the HQCJ during the **qualification examination in the selection process for 1,800 first-instance court judges**.

Provided organisational and expert support to the HQCJ in conducting competitions for judicial positions in the **Specialised District Administrative Court and Specialised Administrative Court of Appeal**. In particular, supported the launch of the **Expert Council**.



Supported the **Advisory Group of Experts** in carrying out the assessment of approximately 160 candidates. As a result of this work, **four new justices of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine** were appointed by the appointing authorities, namely the President of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and the Congress of Judges of Ukraine.

with 23 inspectors, a chairperson and a deputy chairperson.

Supported initiatives to strengthen the **HCJ's cooperation with European judicial institutions**, in particular with the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ), in particular, provided organisational and expert support **for a survey on the independence of judges in Ukraine**.

Supported the **Ethics Council** in assessing the integrity and professional ethics of approximately 100 candidates. As a result of this work, the appointing authorities, namely the President of Ukraine and the Congress of Judges of Ukraine, **appointed four new members to the High Council of Justice**.



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Strengthened the institutional capacity of the HQCJ by enhancing its operational and IT infrastructure, in particular through the provision of **250 Microsoft Windows Server licences and two Core Licence packages** required to ensure the sustainable functioning of the Commission and its Secretariat.



Developed **information exchange and data collection modules for the automated verification and analysis of data** on judicial candidates.

Provided **backup power sources to nine courts in the Dnipropetrovsk and Sumy regions** to ensure the uninterrupted administration of justice amid ongoing shelling.

Modernised the **Supreme Court's Legal Positions Database** through the integration of generative AI, interface improvements and interoperability with the E-Court system to enhance its usability and systemic application.



Supported a number of professional events, including **“Judicial Independence in the Context of Ukraine’s European Integration,”** the 14th Judicial Forum, **the 20th Regular Congress of Judges of Ukraine,** the 2nd Forum of Court Staff, and other related events.

Supported **international cooperation** between the **State Judicial Administration** and the International Association for Court Administration (IACA) through a number of joint events.



Developed a **comprehensive IT service management (ITSM) model** for the State Judicial Administration of Ukraine (SJA) and the State Enterprise Court Information Systems, together with a package of analytical and methodological documents to support its implementation.

Completed the technical component of the upgrade of **the website of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine** to improve the functionality of the Court's register of acts and enhance its user interface.

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Through a grant provided to **the NGO La Strada-Ukraine**, implemented a project to reduce barriers to children's access to justice in domestic violence cases and developed corresponding recommendations for the judiciary.

In cooperation with the French National School for the Judiciary (ENM), delivered **two training courses for judges and prosecutors on working with vulnerable victims and witnesses**.

Designed technical requirements for the upgrade and development of **the following E-Court modules**: the Unified State Register of Court Decisions, the Unified State Register of Enforcement Documents, the Judges' Dossier System, and the ERP system.

In line with **the recommendations of the TAIEX mission** and the measures set out in the Rule of Law Roadmap, prepared a package of documents on enhancing the status of the National School of Judges of Ukraine (NSJU), as well as the system for identifying training needs and evaluating the effectiveness of judicial training.

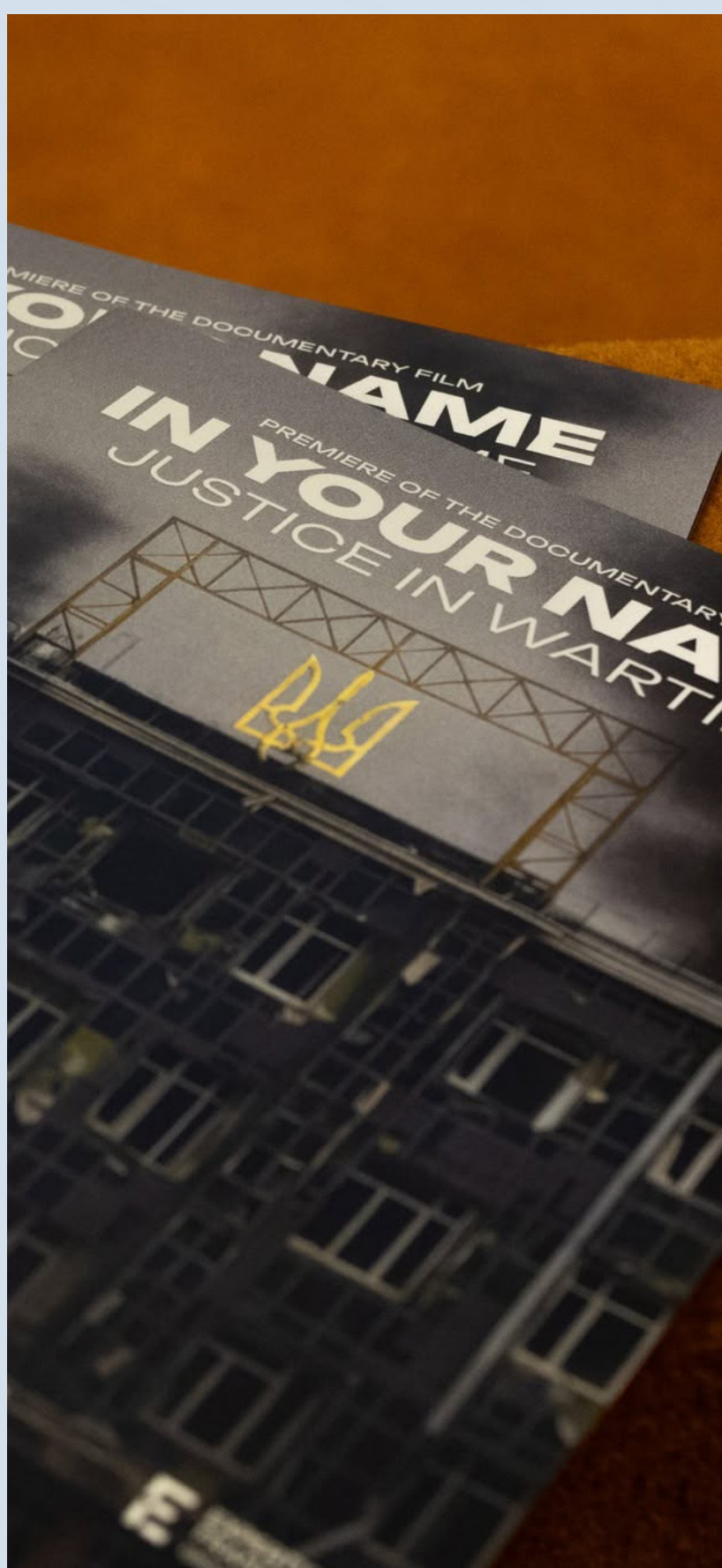
Completed the preparation and presentation of **the Handbook for Newly Appointed Judges**.

Through a grant provided to **the All-Ukrainian Association of Court Employees (AAACE)**, completed the implementation of the next phase **of the Model Court Initiative**, covering nearly 3,000 court staff members.

Completed the implementation of a grant to **the NGO Union of Dead Lawyers Society** for the implementation of the dialogue project **"The Strongest Branch"**. Through this grant, a series of video interviews and analytical materials on judicial reform and the development of justice in Ukraine were produced.

Completed and disseminated the study conducted by **the NGO Dnistriansky Centre** on the functional effectiveness of judicial governance and judicial self-governance bodies in Ukraine.

Through a grant to **the Ukrainian Bar Association**, an awareness-raising campaign was conducted to increase the legal community's awareness of **the Supreme Court's IT tools**.



Component 3.



Enforcement of Court Decisions and Protection of Property Rights

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Provided **expert support in drawing up a number of draft laws** aimed at improving the effectiveness of the enforcement of court decisions, refining enforcement proceedings, and strengthening the work of private enforcement officers.



Conducted an **analysis of the criteria for assessing the effectiveness of the enforcement system** based on EU legislation, standards and recommendations of the Council of Europe and the CEPEJ, as well as the practices of EU Member States.

As part of the implementation of the Ukraine Facility Plan, provided expert support to a number of authorities in drafting legislation on insolvency, as well as on establishing **a data collection system on the enforcement of court decisions.**



Conducted a systematic analysis of the application of **insolvency proceedings for natural persons during martial law**; in particular, prepared **a clause-by-clause commentary on Book V of the Code of Ukraine on Bankruptcy Proceedings, "Insolvency of Natural Persons."**

Conducted a **comprehensive analysis of judicial review of the enforcement of court decisions** in commercial, civil and administrative proceedings.

Conducted an **analysis of the challenges associated with the non-enforcement of court decisions concerning the recovery of compensation for damages caused by the Russian Federation.**

Provided expert support to the State Property Fund of Ukraine, in particular regarding **the assessment of the Unified Database of Property Valuation Reports.**



Held a number of **public events on cross-border insolvency, the role of judges in bankruptcy proceedings, and the modernisation of corporate legislation.**

Supported the development of **the Automated System "Bankruptcy and Insolvency"**.

Supported the development of **the new official website of the Ukrainian National Insolvency Trustees Association of Ukraine.**

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Supported the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine in **updating the database of test questions for the qualification examination for insolvency practitioners.**

Conducted a systemic analysis of the forensic and judicial expertise sector and prepared an analytical report **“Improving the System of Forensic and Judicial Expertise in Ukraine.”**

Delivered a **specialised training programme on the application of ISO 21043 standards** in the field of forensic science.

Delivered a six-month **specialised online course for judicial experts in Ukraine, “Towards Establishing a Professional Organisation.”**



Developed a **standardised reoffending risk assessment tool** and delivered **training for probation mentor-trainers** on its application. Supported the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine in **improving the reoffending prediction system (“Cassandra”).**

Supported a **joint training project between the Training Centre for Prosecutors of Ukraine and the Centre for Forensic Expertise and Expert Research of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine** aimed at professional development of prosecutors in the field of forensic expertise.

Developed, piloted and approved **the correctional programme “Developing Assertive Communication Skills”** and **provided all institutions with the materials required for its implementation.**

Developed and implemented **screening function and a case management planning tool for working with juvenile defendants** in the Unified Register of Convicted and Accused Persons.



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Supported a number of public events, including **the First National Forum of Psychologists Working in Correctional Institutions and the First All-Ukrainian Forum of Probation Volunteers.**

Supported **the first HR school for human resources specialists at the Probation Centre and the Mentoring School.**

Awarded a grant to **the NGO Safe Ukraine 2030** to facilitate the introduction of preventive restructuring procedures in Ukraine.

Developed **Guidelines on Effective Work with Juveniles in Pre-Trial Detention Centres.**

Through the grant provided to **the NGO IEC Pro Justice**, conducted a study on the practice of judicial oversight of the enforcement of court decisions across different jurisdictions.

Provided support and expert assistance in the development of **a Roadmap for the Implementation of Veteran Policy within the Probation System, including the respective Action Plan and performance indicators.**

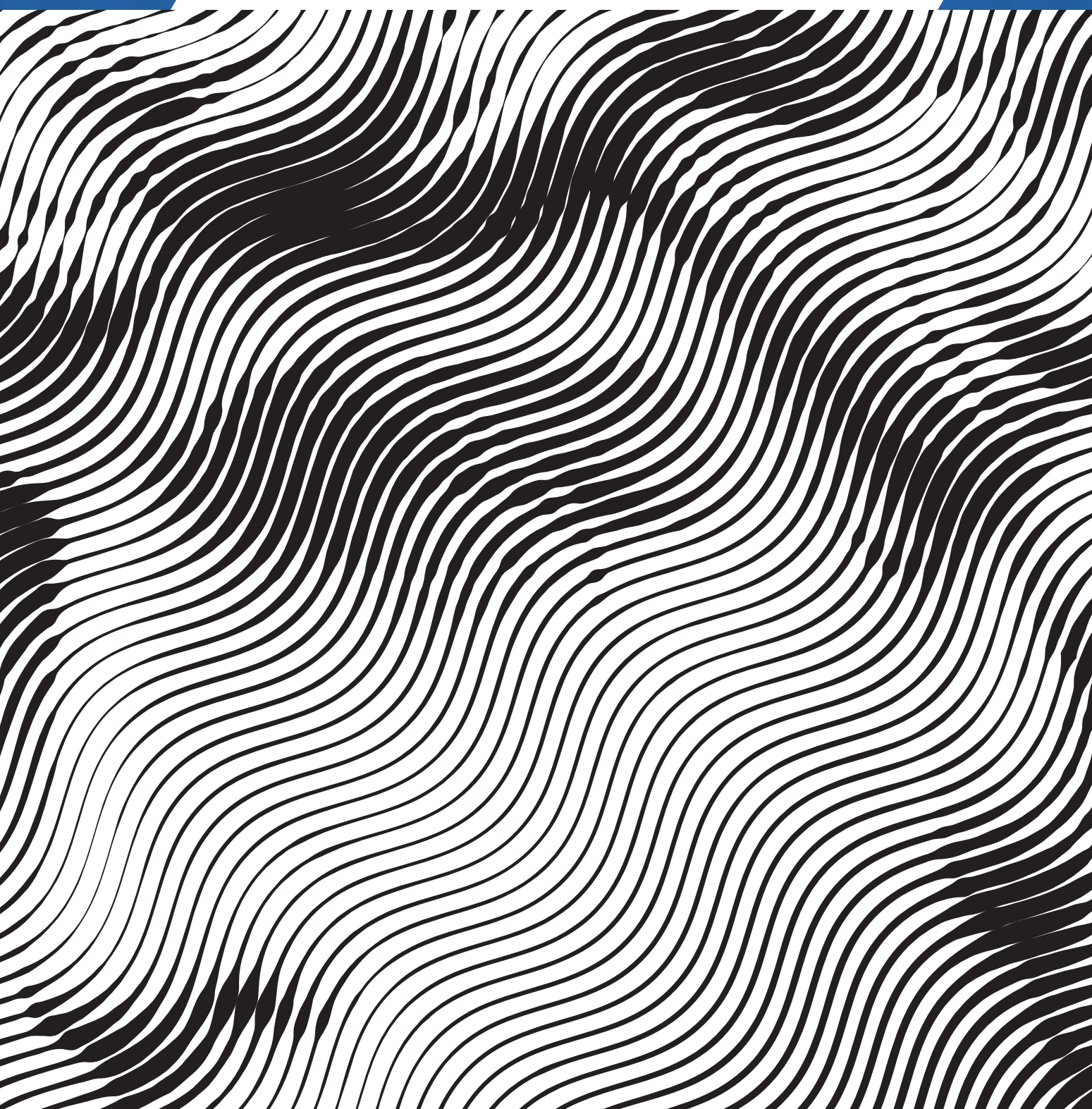


Developed a **comprehensive training programme** on motivational interviewing for probation clients, and designed and delivered **webinars for staff of social, educational and psychological support units in penitentiary institutions.**

Awarded a grant to **the Association of Private Enforcement Officers of Ukraine** to improve the professional development system for private enforcement officers and strengthen the institutional capacity of the APEO Training Centre.



Component 4.



**Support to EU
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Launched and conducted **the first round of workshops to support the implementation of the Rule of Law Roadmap.**

Developed a **comprehensive tool for coordinating donor assistance** aimed at supporting the implementation of the Rule of Law Roadmap. This coordination tool enabled the alignment of efforts of **more than 40 donor organisations, projects and programmes.**

Developed a **centralised table (matrix) to monitor and coordinate legislative initiatives** covering the measures set out in the Rule of Law Roadmap. The matrix includes more than 220 measures requiring legislative action.



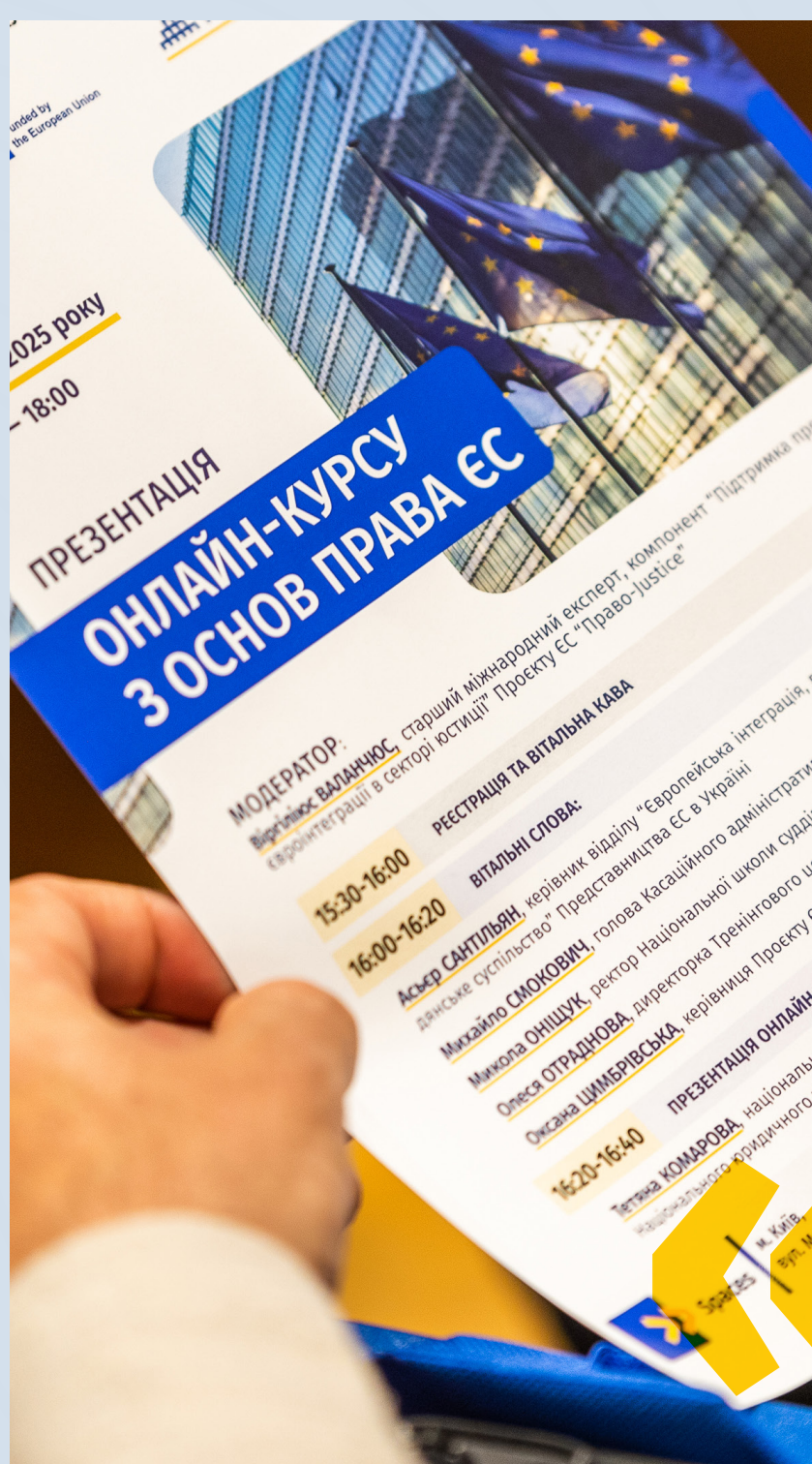
Provided expert and organisational support to government authorities **in preparing and conducting mock sessions for bilateral meetings under Chapters 23 “Judiciary and Fundamental Rights” and 24 “Justice, Freedom and Security”**, helping the authorities prepare for the official bilateral screening with the European Commission.

Established a **coordination mechanism for civil society representatives** working on the themes **of the Rule of Law Roadmap**. This mechanism covers **more than 70 civil society organisations.**

Ensured **monthly monitoring of Ukraine’s progress in implementing judicial sector commitments under the Ukraine Facility Plan.**

Provided expert support to the Ministry of Justice and other Project beneficiaries **in assessing the concordance of Ukrainian legislation with the EU legal framework.**

Developed a **comprehensive mechanism for monitoring and coordinating the implementation of the Rule of Law Roadmap.**



Provided expert support to the working group under the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legal Policy in developing the **Concept for Legal Education Reform** and drafting a new law on higher legal education.

Supported the development and implementation of **the curriculum for the academic course “EU Fundamental Rights”** in seven Ukrainian universities, **based on the Project’s Handbook on EU Fundamental Rights.**

Component 4. Integration Process in the Justice Sector

Developed online interactive courses on the fundamentals of EU law for legal practitioners, as well as advanced online interactive courses on EU law for prosecutors and judges adjudicating criminal cases.



Developed a **Report on Mediation in Civil and Family Matters**, based on EU standards and best practices, to be used by the Inter-Agency Coordination Council.

Supported initiatives of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine to raise awareness of the benefits of mediation and other alternative dispute resolution methods.

Developed a **Casebook on the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union** for university lecturers and legal practitioners, including judges and prosecutors, drawing on the relevant jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union.

Supported the implementation of **the Law of Ukraine “On Administrative Procedure” (LAP)** through webinars, seminars and roundtables involving judges and public administration representatives, as well as through a comprehensive study on the application of the LAP carried out through a grant provided to the NGO IEC Pro Justice.

Supported the establishment and operation of **the Inter-Agency Coordination Council on Mediation, chaired by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.**



For the first time in a long period, the Project initiated an **open discussion on bar reform**. As part of this discussion, it organised a roundtable with key stakeholders, facilitated a professional discussion on protecting the legal profession, and prepared a series of analytical documents.

The Project supported the preparation of **Shadow Reports for 2024 and 2025**, presenting civil society monitoring findings and the assessment of Ukraine’s progress in European integration under **Chapter 23 “Justice and Fundamental Rights”** and **Chapter 24 “Justice, Freedom and Security”**, accompanied by recommendations and analysis of current challenges.

