



The new educational course **“Council of Europe System of Human Rights Protection”** is organized by the Legal Transformation Centre (Minsk, Belarus), Foundation for Legal Technologies Development (Kiev, Ukraine) and the “People in Need” (Prague, Czech Republic). The course is designed for former participants of the Summer Camps on Human Rights 2005-2010 and Competitions of Essay on Human Rights, as well as for law students of Belarusian universities, and is being held from November 2010 to May 2011.

The Course consists of 8 theoretical and practical modules. At the beginning of each Module a lecture by an expert possessing outstanding experience in the related field is delivered for the participants. Lectures are scheduled to take place on weekends during the winter and summer semesters. At the end of each module participants are invited to write an essay or to fulfill other types of assignments aimed at expanding their understanding of Conventional provisions and case law of the European Court on Human Rights. Organizers and experts also provide the participants with additional reading materials on the topic of each Module.

At the end of the Programme participants will take part in the Moot court proceedings. The winning team as well as the authors of best essays will have the opportunity to make a study visit to the European Court of Human Rights or have an internship in a Czech NGO.

“The Council of Europe System of Human Rights Protection” Course Programme:

Module 1: Human Rights and the Council of Europe

- Concept and Philosophy of Human Rights
- Origin and development of the Council of Europe;
- Structure of the CoE (main bodies, functions, activity);
- ECtHR (origin, reformation, overview of its competence (inter-state complaints, individual complaints, advisory opinions), structure of the Court (single-judge formation, chambers, Grand Chamber);
- “Supervisory bodies” (Committee of Ministers, Parliamentary Assembly)

Module 2: Individual complaints and related procedures of the ECtHR

- Registry of the Court. Application evaluation system.
- Admissibility criteria
- Rules of the Court
- Interim measures (Rule 39)

Module 3: ECtHR case law + legal approaches of the ECtHR towards:

- Article 2 ECHR – right to life
- Article 3 ECHR – prohibition of torture
- Article 4 ECHR – prohibition of slavery and forced labor

Module 4: ECtHR case law + legal approaches of the ECtHR towards:

- Article 5 ECHR – Right to liberty and security
- Article 14 and Protocol 12 – Prohibition of Discrimination

Module 5: ECtHR case law + legal approaches of the ECtHR towards:

- Article 6 ECHR – Right to a fair trial
- Article 13 ECHR – Right to an effective remedy

Module 6: ECtHR case law + legal approaches of the ECtHR towards:

- Article 9 ECHR – Freedom of thought, conscience and religion
- Article 10 ECHR – Freedom of expression

Module 7: ECtHR case law + legal approaches of the ECtHR:

- Article 11 ECHR – Freedom of assembly and association

Module 8: Protocol no. 14 and the EU Accession to the ECHR. Jurisdiction of the ECtHR and the European Court of Justice

Moot Court*

Final Essay (research paper)*