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Council of Europe - HELP Course launch: Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence



Launch Date: 12 December 2023

Duration: 12 December 2023- 12 February 2024

Format: online tutored course

**Open to: lawyers from Spain; lawyers, judges and
prosecutors from other EU MS**

Language: Spanish and English

**Council of Europe HELP Certificates delivered for
successful participants**

Organised under EU-CoE HELP EU III Project

Participation in this training contributes to the goal set by **EU Judicial Training Strategy** in training legal professionals on EU law, by 2024.

Launch of the HELP course on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence

Concept paper and Agenda

Course	Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence
Type	Online
Duration	2 months (approx. 1h per week)
Format	Certified HELP Tutored Course
Cost	Free
Participants	Lawyers, judges and prosecutors from EU MS
Launch event	12 December 2023
Location	Madrid – Abogacía Española – P.º de Recoletos, 13, 28004 Madrid, Spain
Language	Spanish and English (with interpretation)
Travel Cost	Reimbursed according to EC rules ¹

Background

The **Council of Europe (CoE) Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP)**² supports the CoE member states in implementing European human rights standards at the national level, focusing on the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), other key CoE instruments, and, since 2015, EU legal content. This is done by raising the capacities of professionals to apply those instruments in their daily work.

The objective of HELP is to provide high quality education on human rights to judges, prosecutors and lawyers throughout Europe. Law enforcement authorities such as police and prison staff may also be targeted by HELP. Thanks to HELP courses, legal professionals can better protect human rights on a national level and keep up to date with the ever-evolving standards and case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR). HELP courses specifically designed for EU countries increasingly incorporate relevant EU legal content.

HELP's three pillars are:

1. A European Network of national training institutions for judges, prosecutors and lawyers in the 46 CoE member states.
2. Free online courses on human rights hosted on an e-learning.
3. A human rights training methodology for mainly legal professionals.

¹ Travel Cost ([per distance](#)), Accomodation Cost (117€ per night), Subsistence cost (88€ per day)

² For more information on HELP please visit HELP's website: www.coe.int/help

The HELP in the EU III Project

The joint EU-CoE project 'European Programme for **H**uman Rights **E**ducation for **L**egal **P**rofessionals in the European Union' (**HELP in the EU III**³) is funded by the EU and implemented by the CoE from 1 March 2022 to 31 August 2024. Its overall objective is to enhance EU justice professionals' capacities to effectively and coherently apply European fundamental rights standards at the national level through training, mainly referring to the Council of Europe instruments (the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), the (revised) European Social Charter (ESC) etc.) and EU framework (EU Charter on Fundamental Rights, EU Law). It also aims to strengthen the HELP Network in the EU, as well as the capacity of the Network members to effectively implement the HELP methodology and courses and contribute to increasing mutual trust and exchanges between EU practitioners.



The HELP course on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence

Cybercrime and other crimes involving electronic evidence affect the right to private life of hundreds of millions of individuals whose personal data are stolen; attack the dignity and the integrity of individuals; are a threat to the freedom of expression, public security but also democratic stability. An effective criminal justice response is needed in order to protect societies against cybercrime while also protecting individuals' fundamental human rights. The new Council of Europe HELP course will introduce you to the basic concepts related to cybercrime and electronic evidence. In doing so, the course makes an overview of the challenges in investigating cybercrime, as well as the difficulties in collecting and handling of electronic evidence. The Council of Europe Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and its Additional Protocols remain the key source throughout the whole course as it provides tools to deal with the above challenges for the protection of human rights and enforcement of legal order.

The launch event

The activity is organised under the EU-CoE HELP in the EU III Project, in partnership with the General Council of Spanish Lawyers (*Consejo General de la Abogacía Española* (CGAE)). The **launch event will be held in Madrid (Spain)**. The travel and accommodation of participants will be covered by the CGAE (selected participants will be contacted directly by the CGAE for their travel arrangements). Its main goal is to introduce participants to the topics of the course and to the HELP platform and the course page on which the groups will follow the course with the assistance of their respective tutors. The working languages of the launch event will be Spanish and English (with interpretation). The working language the tutored courses will be **Spanish** for the Spanish group and **English** for the international group.

³ For more information about the HELP in the EU project, please go to <https://www.coe.int/en/web/help/help-in-the-eu>

The course preparation and implementation

Before the online launch event, participants should create an account on the [HELP e-learning platform](#)

For creating your HELP account, please follow these steps:

- go to this link and fill in the form (it takes about 2 mins):
<https://help.elearning.ext.coe.int/login/signup.php>
- once submitted, you will receive an activation link on the email you used for creating the account
- go to your email inbox and click on the link to activate your account.



VIDEO TUTORIAL
how to create a HELP account

During the launch event, the participants will be registered on their course page, prepared in advance by their respective tutors. Over the following weeks and based on the planning set by the tutors, the participants will go through the **online course**, complemented by the additional materials and resources prepared by their respective tutors.

The participants who have successfully completed the course and passed the evaluation set by the tutors will receive **certificates issued by the HELP Programme of the Council of Europe**.

Registration

Interested participants should:

- be available to **attend the launch event**
- undertake to **follow and complete the online tutored course** (approx. 1-2 hours of work per week)
- **register** for the event
- **For the international group: have the necessary knowledge of English** to follow the launch event and the course
- have a laptop/tablet/smartphone available for accessing the HELP e-learning platform

Applications

Please send applications to the following e-mail address: proyectos-ue@abogacia.es

In the subject line of the email should be indicated: "HELP CYBERCRIME: FAMILY NAME First name"

Example: "HELP CYBERCRIME: SMITH Elizabeth"

The application must consist of:

- Curriculum vitae
- Contact e-mail address
- Contact telephone number

Deadline: 22 November 2023

Agenda – 12 December 2023

08.30 – 09.00	Registration of participants
09.00 – 09.30	Welcome address <i>Representative of Abogacía Española (TBC)</i> <i>Jorge Jiménez Martín, Director Escuela Judicial</i> <i>Representative of Spanish Prosecutor Office (TBC)</i> <i>Representative of Council of Europe – Eva Pastrana, Head of the Justice and Human Rights Training Division</i> <i>Representative of CCBE (TBC)</i>
09.30 – 10.00	Tour de Table – Introduction of the tutors and of the participants <i>Group from Spain (tutor: Maitane Valdecantos)</i> <i>Group from EU MS (co-tutors: Attila Kökényesi-Bartos and Jiří Novák)</i>
10.00 – 10.30	Presentation of the HELP Programme and the ‘HELP in the EU III’ Project Presentation of the HELP platform and walk through <i>Oana Girlescu, EU-CoE HELP in the EU III Project Coordination, Council of Europe</i>
10.30 – 11.00	The HELP course on Cybercrime and Electronic evidence <i>Eva Pastrana, Head of Justice and Human Rights Training Division, Council of Europe</i>
11.00 – 11.20	Coffee break and group photo
11.20 – 12.00	Cybercrime against Women <i>Aleid van den Brink, GREVIO member</i>
12.00 – 12.30	Overview of the Budapest Convention and the work of the CoE in combatting cybercrime <i>Eva Pastrana, Head of Justice and Human Rights Training Division, Council of Europe</i>
12.30 – 13.00	The work of the Abogacía Española and INCIBE on cybercrime <i>TBC</i>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.00	The implementation of the course: tour de table, presentation of the course pages, planning, evaluation - Separate sessions by groups moderated by the HELP Course Tutors <i>Group from Spain (tutor: Maitane Valdecantos)</i> <i>Group from EU MS (co-tutors: Attila Kökényesi-Bartos and Jiří Novák)</i>

*Agenda may be subject to change