



## Second phase of the joint work on Human Rights Guide in Eastern Partnership countries

Since 2022 the Baltic Human Rights Society (BHRS) has become an active member of international development cooperation community implementing the human rights education programmes in the Eastern partnership countries.

In June 2024 BHRS launched the project "Human Rights Guide - human rights education for strengthening the respect of rule of law and democratic values" with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia. The project aims to support and expand the Human Rights Guide in Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia and Armenia.

The Guide is an online, community-oriented, universal and easy-to-use platform for human rights education and self-help. Guide acts as an open-access education tool offering the possibility to learn about human rights in a simple, structured and visually supported way. The Guide was first launched in Latvia in 2016 and now is being expanded to other countries. It is already available in 11 countries throughout Europe ([humanrightsguide.eu](https://humanrightsguide.eu)).

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The implementation of the Guide started in Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova already in 2022 and the Guide was launched in these countries in November 2023. During the new phase project partners from the Kyiv Human Rights Hub (Ukraine), the Human Rights Embassy (Moldova) and the Foundation for the Support of Legal Education of GYLA (Georgia) will expand the content available on the Guide in their respective countries, focusing on the most prevalent and pressing human rights issues. For Armenia this is a welcome to the Guide's Network as the project will allow our partners, Europe in Law NGO, to launch the Guide in Armenia. The Guide will be available in Armenian, English and Russian. BHRS believes that this is a great step for human rights education in Armenia as we have already seen in other countries – it will be easier than ever before for the members of the Armenian society and legal professionals to find relevant human rights information and resources.

The project aims to inform and educate people about human rights and to build a human rights culture by developing accessible, modern and community-oriented human rights education tools and programmes in the Eastern Partnership countries of Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Armenia.

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The project involves the following activities to ensure the development, expansion, dissemination and sustainability of the Human Rights Guide in the partner countries:

- Establishing partnerships with associated partners: public institutions, NGOs, and educational institutions in the partner countries
- Development of cooperation agreements, work, research and publicity plans



- Adaptation and development of the content of the Human Rights Guide in each partner country, technical solutions and the continuing online operation of the Guide
- Publicity activities and events
- Online human rights education lectures for professionals
- Organisation of launch events and seminars to disseminate the Guide in all project countries
- Project partner meetings in partner countries.

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In the second phase of the joint work on the Human Rights Guide in Eastern Partnership countries, Human Rights Embassy team planned to develop and adapt for Moldova:

- three new themes for the Human Rights Guide for Moldova: • Human rights restrictions | • Arrest & Detention | • Civic participation,
- ten new rights: • Right to life | • Freedom of expression | • Freedom of assembly and association | • Freedom of religion and belief | • Right to free elections | • Protection of property | • Freedom of movement | • Right to housing | • Right to food | • Right to water & sanitation,
- several thematic tests for assessing knowledge on human rights,
- as well as updates to the content published at the [humanrightsguide.md](http://humanrightsguide.md) platform, according to the latest developments, amendments to national legislation, development of national and international case law, including the EU integration process of Moldova.

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During the first phase, in the framework of the “Inclusive human rights education - a gateway to good governance and civic participation” project, Human Rights Embassy developed and adapted for Moldova:

- seven themes: • What are human rights? | • Human rights institutions | • Organisations that can help you | • Court & Fair trial | • Prisons | • Discrimination | • Family,
- ten rights: • Prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment | • Liberty and security of a person | • Right to a fair trial | • Right to respect for private and family life | • Right to education | • Prohibition of slavery and forced labour | • Right to an effective remedy | • Prohibition of discrimination | • Abolition of the death penalty | • Right to health,
- several thematic tests for assessing knowledge on human rights.

As a result, Human Rights Guide for Moldova will consist of ten themes, twenty rights and several thematic tests for assessing knowledge on human rights, and the content / all materials by the end of the second phase of the work on the Human Rights Guide for Moldova will be presented in three languages - Romanian, Russian and English.

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Human Rights Guide for Moldova is developed in the framework of the two projects, the “Inclusive human rights education - a gateway to good governance and civic participation” Project and the “Human Rights Guide - human rights education for strengthening the respect of rule of law and democratic values” Project, both funded under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia programme “Development Cooperation Projects and International Aid”, and is part of the European Digital Platform for Human Rights Education. Human Rights Guide for Moldova was developed by the human rights organisation Human Rights Embassy, in partnership with the Riga-based organisation Baltic Human Rights Society (BHRS). Project partners in Moldova are the Offices of the People’s Advocate of the Republic of Moldova (Ombudsman) and the Equality Council of the Republic of Moldova.



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