

Judiciary & Society in Ukraine

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OBJECTIVES

The project aims to strengthen the connection between the judiciary and society by focusing on:

- *promoting self-government of judges and developing judicial governance*
- *supporting the professionalism of judges and court staff*



RATIONALE

The right to a fair, timely and efficient trial by an independent, professional and predictable court is a prerequisite for the *rule of law*. By facilitating cooperation between Ukrainian and Dutch judges, legal professionals and experts the project works on strengthening the self-government and professionalism of judges, improving court procedures and enhancing the quality of court decisions. By focusing on these areas, the project aims for a more effective and efficient administration of justice, which in turn will promote trust of Ukrainian citizens in their judiciary.



APPROACH

The project is tailored to the specific requirements and needs of several Ukrainian courts. By initiating a programme that is focused on mutual learning and exchange of best practices, the project brings together Ukrainian and Dutch peers.



ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the project will be realised through a variety of activities, including:

- analysis of judicial core values and public trust in the judiciary
- trainings on the quality of court decisions, legal reasoning and public acceptance
- roundtables on the efficiency, timeliness, transparency and predictability of court proceedings
- workshops to draft guidelines on court proceedings
- peer coaching and knowledge exchange on leadership, teamwork and communication;
- working visits to Dutch courts



PROJECT TEAM



Project Director

Esther de Rooij is Deputy President focusing on international cooperation and the rule of law for the District Court of Amsterdam. She has worked as a judge and court manager at several courts in the Netherlands for over twenty-five years. In addition, she has implemented international cooperation projects in Bosnia, Greece and Ukraine. She is a member of the board of the Dutch foundation Judges for Judges.

Lino Brosius has extensive experience in international legal cooperation and justice reform projects. He has designed and implemented capacity building projects for the EU and the Dutch government in Eastern Europe and the Western Balkans. In Ukraine, he worked on promoting self-government of judges, building confidence in the judiciary and supporting the use of probation and alternative sanctions..



Project Leader



Project Manager

Joke Pisters has contributed to the formulation, implementation and monitoring of international legal cooperation projects in Ukraine and the Western Balkans. Before joining CILC, she worked for large-scale and multi-country development cooperation programs focusing on the establishment of strategic partnerships among civil society, public and private sector actors.



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