

Introduction to and use of the ECHR Knowledge Sharing platform (ECHR-KS) in domestic legal practice



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Background and key concepts

The HELP course on "Introduction to the ECHR Knowledge Sharing platform (ECHR-KS) " is a comprehensive training resource aimed at raising awareness and assisting those who wish to use the [ECHR-KS platform](#) in their daily work. It provides easy access and guidance for navigating the platform efficiently. The Council of Europe notably promotes the use of the ECHR-KS and other ECHR tools among national judiciaries.

This includes awareness-raising and training for judges and other legal professionals about the platform, but also work with member states aimed at progressively associating national case law search tools or other IT tools used by judges and other legal professionals with the ECHR-KS. Ensuring that the ECHR-KS is made available in as many languages as possible, will maximise the number of member states that can be supported in embedding the ECHR-KS into national practices and institutional procedures. A range of methodological and technical support can be developed with interested member states (including specific IT solutions), strengthening the ability of national courts to identify Convention-related issues early and effectively address them in a coherent manner at home.

About the HELP course

The course was developed in 2025 under ["Enhancing subsidiarity: support to the ECHR knowledge-sharing and superior courts dialogue"](#) project, which is a collaboration between the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights and the Council of Europe Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law and [Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals \(HELP\) Programme](#) of the Council of Europe.

Developed using the [HELP methodology](#), the course is tailored to the learning needs of legal professionals involved in the protection of the human rights.

Target audience

This free on-line course is primarily addressed to legal professionals:

- judges
- prosecutors
- lawyers
- senior court staff

State representatives, civil society organisations, along with students can benefit from the course, too.

Course outline

The course is comprised of the following modules:

- 1** **Introductory section**
 - Navigation overview
 - Course introduction
 - About the course
 - Course structure
- 2** **Chapter 1 - Introduction to the ECHR-KS platform**
 - Chapter overview
 - Learning objectives
 - The purpose of the platform
 - A complete and updated content
- 3** **Chapter 2 - Use of the ECHR-KS – the platform in practice**
 - Chapter overview
 - Learning objectives
 - An intuitive and easy-to-use platform in practice
 - Implementation in national level
- 4** **Knowledge check**
 - Questions

How to access the HELP online course

The course is freely available in self-learning format on the [CoE HELP e-learning platform](#). The overall length of the course is of approximately **45 minutes**.