

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine



Who we are

The OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine — in line with our mandate — plans, implements and monitors projects across the politico-military, economic and environmental, and human dimensions of security, engaging both governmental and non-governmental bodies of Ukraine.

The OSCE Project Co-ordinator pursues four strategic objectives:

- Supporting government reforms that strengthen the implementation of Ukraine's OSCE commitments;
- Promoting dialogue among various sectors of society;
- Assisting in the OSCE's overall response to the impact of the crisis in and around Ukraine;
- Co-ordinating programming and project activity in accordance with the OSCE's overall mission and aligning our objectives with other OSCE institutions.

All projects are developed at the request of Ukrainian partners and implemented following the approval from the country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mainstreaming gender is an integral part of the Co-ordinator's project management. The Co-ordinator promotes equal opportunities for women and men across all its spheres of work with special attention paid to implementation of the Women, Peace, and Security agenda.

History

The OSCE Permanent Council established the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine on 1 June 1999. The Project Co-ordinator replaced the OSCE Mission to Ukraine, which functioned from 1994 to 1999.



Civil society activists with the OSCE support explain changes in governance system to people in Poltava region on the eve of first elections in the newly created communities. 11 December 2018. Inna Sokolovska/OSCE



Dialogue on impact of changes in legislation on minority language education, organized by the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Kyiv, 29 May 2019. Yevhen Maloletka/OSCE

What we do

In line with the OSCE's concept of comprehensive security, the Co-ordinator's projects cover a range of activities with a focus on democratization and good governance; the rule of law and human rights; human security; and economic, environmental and politico-military issues.

Democratization and good governance

Functioning institutions are an essential element of any democratic society. To improve the conduct of elections, the Co-ordinator trains election commissioners, promotes digital solutions for election administration and runs campaigns on voters' rights. To support ongoing decentralization reforms and activities related to elections, the Co-ordinator also works to empower good governance in new communities.

To ensure a balance between media freedoms and security concerns, the Co-ordinator's projects focus on media ethics and

self-regulation, media literacy and supporting the sustainability of local independent media outlets. The Co-ordinator supports enhancing the government's co-operation with civil society and encourages greater public funding for civic initiatives.

The Co-ordinator promotes a culture of dialogue as a tool for policy-making and conflict prevention and resolution. We help the government engage Ukrainians in a dialogue on reforms and train different social groups in dialogue skills.

Rule of law and human rights

As part of our support to Ukraine's reform efforts, the Co-ordinator works to develop legislation and legal practices that conform to the OSCE commitments on judicial independence and integrity. This includes assistance in developing and implementing a comprehensive reform strategy, providing expert support and enabling inclusive discussions on the substance of the reforms. We assist in strengthening constitutional justice tools to uphold the rule of law, reinforce the use of international human rights protection tools by Ukrainian courts, develop courses and methodologies for standards-based judicial education, and promote gender-sensitive justice and quality legal aid. Jointly with the Ombudsman and civic activists, the Co-ordinator supports a court monitoring system.

Our assistance in criminal justice reform is based on raising awareness of human rights-oriented approaches among security and law enforcement agencies. Special emphasis is placed on empowering anti-corruption agencies to professionally and independently address relevant issues.

The Co-ordinator also promotes education reform through policy-level support and development of educational standards and courses.

Human security

With information and communication technology (ICT) and e-solutions gaining more importance, cybercrime is also on the rise worldwide. To help Ukraine respond to this challenge, the Co-ordinator promotes safety rules in digital space among public servants and builds the capacity of a new cyber-police force in handling ICT-facilitated crimes, notably in the trafficking of human beings.

To mitigate threats of modern slavery, the Co-ordinator strengthens prevention and prosecution capacities, facilitates co-operation of agencies and civil society in assisting victims and runs awareness-raising campaigns. To address domestic violence, the Co-ordinator trains first responders, such as police, hotline operators and social service providers and helps to introduce corrective programmes for perpetrators.

In response to the conflict-related challenges, the Co-ordinator assists in establishing a social and psychological rehabilitation system and developing on-line tools to simplify veterans' access to relevant services and assistance.



Judges learn how to promote gender sensitivity among colleagues at a training for trainers, organized by the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine near Kyiv on 11 July 2019. Anrii Kravchenko/OSCE



Cadets of National Police Academy in Kyiv use equipped by the OSCE interactive training room to learn how to respond to domestic violence calls. 4 December 2020. Kostiantyn Chernichkin/OSCE

What we do

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Economic, environmental and politico-military issues

The Co-ordinator provides expert assistance to financial intelligence authorities to combat money laundering and counter financing of terrorism. We also foster the democratic control of armed forces based on best international practices.

In view of the conflict, the Co-ordinator builds Ukraine's humanitarian demining potential, assists in developing a regulatory framework and setting mine action standards. To diminish military-related environmental threats in the east of the country, the

Co-ordinator builds monitoring capacities of national agencies and helps to develop and implement environmental rehabilitation strategies. The Co-ordinator also strengthens the regulatory framework and emergency response capacity for chemical and biological safety and security. Assistance is also provided to improve control over arms, ammunition and explosives, and to set up means to help prevent their trafficking.



Ukraine's border guards practice chemical emergencies response at a training, organised by the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine. Orshanets, Cherkasy Oblast

Facts and figures

(as of July 2021)

Head of Mission



Ambassador Henrik Villadsen of Denmark is the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine as of November 2018.

Staffing



104 posts made up of four international and 100 local staff. The personnel are based in Kyiv and comprise 65 females and 39 males.

Budget



3,618,500 Euros

In addition, the Co-ordinator also administers extra-budgetary funds provided by OSCE participating States for specific projects.

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