EUAM Trust Through Justice Project and the T.M.C. Asser Institute

Launch of the Manual on Teaching International Criminal Law

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Online via Zoom

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Workshop Overview

Building on the Manual for Teaching International Criminal Law (ICL) created in 2024 with support from the USAID Justice for All Activity, this workshop presents the newly revised 2026 edition of the Manual for Teaching ICL, along with its Ukrainian translation.

The *Manual for Teaching ICL (Manual)* and the workshop aim to expand opportunities for law professors to teach law students to obtain a quality education in ICL. This workshop is designed to be a practical and interactive discussion that will focus on effective teaching methodologies, ICL and international criminal justice, international crimes, individual criminal responsibility, and international criminal procedure.

Objectives

- Present the new 2026 edition of the *Manual*.
- Discuss how to use and promote the use of the *Manual* by law schools throughout Ukraine.
- Discuss the recent developments in the area of ICL and approaches to incorporate them into university curricula and programmes.
- Review best practices and lessons learned in developing courses on topics related to ICL.
- Develop recommendations and identify next steps in promoting quality legal education in ICL.

14:50 – 15:00	Registration and logging in to Zoom
15:00 – 15:20	**Welcoming Remarks** ***Sophie Dekker,*** *Senior Policy Officer Accountability for Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands* ***Claudio Pala****, Head of the International Crimes Component, European Union Advisory Mission (EUAM), Deputy Lead Coordinator of the Atrocity Crimes Advisory Group* ***David Vaughn****, Team Leader, EUAM Trust Through Justice Project*

	Dr. Christophe Paulussen, *Senior Researcher, T.M.C. Asser Institute* Moderator: ***Ashot Agaian****, Senior Legal Officer, EUAM Trust Through Justice Project*
15:20 – 15:40	**Session 1 – Presentation of the Manual for Teaching ICL** *Interactive opening session, including participant introductions, workshop objectives, and an introduction of the new 2026 edition of the Manual.* ***Olga Kavran****, Fellow, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Founding Director, IUSTICOM* Moderator: ***Dmytro Cherneha****, Researcher at the T.M.C. Asser Institute*
15:40 – 16:00	**Session 2 – Usage of the Manual for Teaching ICL** *Discussion on how to use the Manual in practice, including approaches to developing and delivering courses.* ***Justice Oleksandra Yanovska****, Supreme Court (Ukraine)* ***Valérie Gabard****, Co-Founder and Co-Director, Uprights* Moderator: ***Dmytro Cherneha****, Researcher at the T.M.C. Asser Institute*
16:00 – 16:20	**Q&A Session** Moderator: ***Dmytro Cherneha****, Researcher at the T.M.C. Asser Institute*
16:20 – 16:50	**Session 3 – Incorporating Recent Developments in the ICL Area into University Curricula: Comparative Experience from Dutch and Ukrainian Universities** *Overview of recent developments and initiatives concerning both the material and procedural aspects ICL, and discussion on harmonizing university curricula with these advancements.* ***Dr. Kateryna Busol****, Associate Professor at the Department of International and European Law, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (TBC)* ***Dr. Svitlana Kuchevska****, Associate Professor, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv* ***Prof. Marieke de Hoon****, Associate Professor of International Criminal Law, University of Amsterdam (TBC)* Moderator: ***Dmytro Cherneha****, Researcher at the T.M.C. Asser Institute*
16:50–17:10	**Session 4 – Developing Law School Courses on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence** *Overview of the UN Women supported guide for teaching a course on "Conflict-Related Sexual Violence" and*

	methodologies for training law professors to help implement the course. ***Victoria Karpa**, Deputy Head, Ukrainian Women's Lawyers Association "JurFem" (TBC)*
	Moderator: ***Ashot Agaian**, Senior Legal Officer, EUAM Trust Through Justice Project*
17:10 – 17:30	**<u>Session 5 – Recommendations and Next Steps</u>** *Facilitated discussion on recommendations and next steps in promoting quality legal education in ICL.* Moderators: ***Ashot Agaian**, Senior Legal Officer, EUAM Trust Through Justice Project,* ***Dmytro Cherneha**, Researcher at the T.M.C. Asser Institute*

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