

WEBINAR INVITATION: Humanitarian Situation in the Occupied Territories of Eastern Ukraine

Friday 20 November 2020

Brussels (CET): 4.30pm – 5.30pm

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Moderator: Willy Fautré (Director and Co-Founder of *Human Rights Without Frontiers International*)

Tetiana Yakubovych (Ukrainian journalist, editor of *Radio Donbas* and manages Realities project of *Radio Liberty*) – Presentation on the humanitarian situation in the occupied parts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

Elina Shishkina (Advocacy Coordinator at the *Right to Protection Charitable Foundation*, Ukraine) – Presentation on the situation with crossing the Ukrainian border from ORDLO.

Maksym Vasin (Executive Director of *Institute for Religious Freedom*, Ukraine) – Presentation on the religious situation in the non-government-controlled areas in Eastern Ukraine.

Oleksandra Matviychuk (Chairman of the Board of the *Center for Civil Liberties*) – Presentation on the situation for detainees and places of illegal detention in ORDLO.

Biographies

Tetiana Yakubovych is a Ukrainian journalist and the editor of *Radio Donbas*. She manages the Realities project of *Radio Liberty* (Ukraine), which focuses on the issues in the Ukrainian-controlled and occupied parts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions. She has more than 10-years' experience reporting on political and social topics as well as the Revolution of Dignity in Ukraine. She is the author of documentaries and hosts live programs at *Radio ERA* broadcasting company and *Radio Liberty*.

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Elina Shyshkina is the Advocacy Coordinator at the *Right to Protection Charitable Foundation* in Ukraine.

In 2005, Elina Shyshkina graduated from the Institute of International Relations of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. Later, in 2009, she defended her PhD in Law. Elina Shyshkina was an intern in the Lower House of the Parliament of Canada and the European Court of Human Rights. From 2007 to 2012 she served as a Deputy of the Parliament of Ukraine (Verkhovna Rada). In 2013, she started working as the Program Director of the USAID Responsible Accountable Democratic Assembly (RADA) Program until 2016.

Elina Shyshkina joined the *Right to Protection Charitable Foundation* in July 2017 as a legal analyst for housing, land, and property. She has been the Foundation's Advocacy Coordinator since August 2020.

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Maksym Vasin is the Executive Director of the *Institute for Religious Freedom* (Ukraine).

Maksym Vasin holds a Master's degree in Law and has been involved in human rights activities since 2001. He has led successful advocacy campaigns in the field of the protection of religious freedom, both at the national and international levels. He has co-authored several dozen bills and amendments to laws aimed at protecting and developing religious freedom in Ukraine. Additionally, he has written academic articles on the topic of church – state interactions. In 2019, he was a fellow of the Religion and Rule of Law program, organized by the International Center for Law and Religious Studies at the University of Oxford.

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Oleksandra Matviychuk is the Chairman of the Board of the *Center for Civil Liberties*.

Oleksandra Matviichuk is a human rights defender who works on issues in Ukraine and the OSCE region. At present, she heads the human rights organization *Center for Civil Liberties*, and coordinates the work of the initiative group *Euromaidan SOS*. The activities of the *Center for Civil Liberties* aim to protect human rights and establish democracy in Ukraine and the OSCE region. The organization develops legislative changes, exercises public oversight over law

enforcement agencies and judiciary, conducts educational activities for young people and implements international solidarity programs.

The *Euromaidan SOS* initiative group was created in response to the brutal dispersal of a peaceful student rally in Kyiv on 30 November 2013. During three months of mass protests, known as the Revolution of Dignity, several thousand volunteers provided round-the-clock legal aid and other assistance to persecuted people throughout the country. Since the end of the protests and beginning of Russian aggression in Ukraine, the initiative has been monitoring political persecution in occupied Crimea, documenting war crimes and crimes against humanity during the hybrid war in the Donbas. Additionally, it has been conducting the #LetMyPeopleGo and #SaveOlegSentsov international campaigns to release political prisoners detained by the Russian authorities.

Oleksandra Matviichuk has experience in creating horizontal structures to facilitate mass involvements of people in human rights activities against attacks on rights and freedoms, as well as in documenting violations during armed conflict. She is the author of a number of alternative reports to various UN bodies, the Council of Europe, the European Union, the OSCE and the International Criminal Court.

In 2016, she received the Democracy Defender Award for "Exclusive Contribution to Promoting Democracy and Human Rights" from missions to the OSCE. In 2017, she became the first woman to participate in the Ukrainian Emerging Leaders Program of Stanford University.

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