



Report

on organising and holding the forum “EU Human Rights Policy”

under the project

**“Protection of Human Rights
within and across the European Union”**

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The ProEU project includes the **Task 2.1** Holding the forum “EU Human Rights Policy” under the **Work Package 3 (Dissemination)**.

As part of organising the forum “EU Human Rights Policy” (scheduled for November 2024), the ProEU project team made special arrangements in the form of various activities.

Jointly with the ProEU research team on the European practices of human rights protection, the ProEU project team organised and hosted the **pilot session “European practices of human rights protection”** within the Regional scientific and practical conference “Modern Trends in the Development of Russian and Foreign Legislation”. The event was held in the Institute of Law (Penza State University) on 8 April 2022. In total, 15 scientific reports were presented at the session.

To attract the participants and increase the visibility of the event, the **announcement** of the conference and the **agenda** of the session (see Annex 1) were designed, which were then posted on the project websites (announcement in Russian – https://ims.pnzgu.ru/files/ims.pnzgu.ru/pages/erasmus/proeu/science/anons_2022_proeu_ru_konferenciya.pdf and in English – https://international.pnzgu.ru/files/international/pages/erasmus/proeu/science/anons_2022_proeu_en_konferenciya.pdf, agenda in Russian – https://ims.pnzgu.ru/files/ims.pnzgu.ru/pages/erasmus/proeu/science/2022_proeu_ru_programma_sekci.pdf and in English – https://international.pnzgu.ru/files/international/pages/erasmus/proeu/science/2022_proeu_en_programma_sekci.pdf). The news items about the conference and the session were published on the project websites (in Russian – https://ims.pnzgu.ru/international_cooperation_ims/projects_ims/proeu/proeu_news, in English – https://international.pnzgu.ru/international_cooperation/international_projects/proeu/proeu_news) and on the website of the Department of Private and Public Law, which arranged the conference (in Russian – https://dep_law.pnzgu.ru/news/2022/04/14/11533473).

Following the results of the session, the best scientific reports were recommended for including in the agenda of the forum. During the plenary session, the ProEU project team provided information on the activities already implemented within the project. They also **announced holding of the forum “EU Human Rights Policy”** in November 2024 and invited the participants of the conference to attend the event. The **project websites** (Russian version – https://ims.pnzgu.ru/international_cooperation_ims/projects_ims/proeu; English version – https://international.pnzgu.ru/international_cooperation/international_projects/proeu) and the Telegram account (https://t.me/proeu_erasmus_psu) were advertised.

As a series of events (conference, roundtable debates, etc.) is planned within the forum “EU Human Rights Policy” (scheduled for November 2024), the ProEU project team organised the following **interactive activities** for Bachelor and Master students, postgraduate students, law teachers, young and senior researchers:

1) Together with the ProEU research team members and students completing the module “Protection of Human Rights within and across the European Union”, the ProEU project team held the **roundtable debate “Role of advocacy as one of the most important civil society institutions in protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms in the European Union and in the Russian Federation: problems and prospects”**. The debate took place on 25 April 2022 within the student conference “Start in Science”. In order to engage participants, the ProEU project team designed the **leaflets** (see Annex 2), posted them on the project websites (in Russian – https://ims.pnzgu.ru/files/ims.pnzgu.ru/pages/erasmus/proeu/science/liflet_2022_proeu_ru_kruglyy_stol.pdf; in English – https://international.pnzgu.ru/files/international/pages/erasmus/proeu/science/liflet_2022_proeu

[en_kruglyy_stol.pdf](#)), and sent them to the regional Ministry of Justice, higher education institutions, law offices, etc.

The participants of the event discussed the effective mechanisms and good practices for the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Russian Federation and the European Union member states. In addition, they covered the problems and prospects for perfecting and improving law in the Russian Federation. The legal professionals from the Penza Region also took part in the debate. The **news items** about the event were posted on the project websites (in Russian – https://ims.pnzgu.ru/international_cooperation_ims/projects_ims/proeu/proeu_news, in English – https://international.pnzgu.ru/international_cooperation/international_projects/proeu/proeu_news);

2) The ProEU project team ran the **training project with the elements of the role-playing game “UN Model”** jointly with the ProEU research team members and students successfully completed the module “Protection of Human Rights within and across the European Union”. To scale the event, the ProEU project team developed the **leaflets** (see Annex 3), posted them on the project websites (in Russian – https://ims.pnzgu.ru/files/ims.pnzgu.ru/pages/erasmus/proeu/science/liflet_2022_proeu_ru_mode_l_oon.pdf; in English – https://international.pnzgu.ru/files/international/pages/erasmus/proeu/science/liflet_2022_proeu_en_model_oon.pdf), distributed among students during regular and mentor classes and through the university digital learning environment.

In the course of the training project, the participants held meetings, roundtable debates and workshops and explored the challenges in the modern world (e.g. threats to global security and stability, possibility of using practices of world and European democracy institutions to address the urgent problems). The event was held in the open-door format, thanks to which students, teachers and researchers from other faculties and institutes, as well as all interested persons from among legal professionals, public administrators, and civil society representatives were able to take part in the lively discussions. The non-law students, who completed the training course “Challenges in monitoring and protecting human rights in the European Union and the Russian Federation” (held on May 30 2022 and on 6 – 7 October 2022) within the ProEU project, also took part in the training project “UN Model”. As the participants of the event positively assessed the organised activities, it was decided to hold this event annually. The news items about the event were posted on the project websites (in Russian – https://ims.pnzgu.ru/international_cooperation_ims/projects_ims/proeu/proeu_news, in English – https://international.pnzgu.ru/international_cooperation/international_projects/proeu/proeu_news) and in the project Telegram account (https://t.me/proeu_erasmus_psu).

The ProEU project team developed the **electronic leaflets** for the forum “EU Human Rights Policy” (see Annex 4) further posted on the project websites (in Russian – https://ims.pnzgu.ru/files/ims.pnzgu.ru/pages/erasmus/proeu/school/liflet_2024_proeu_ru_forum.pdf, in English – https://international.pnzgu.ru/files/international/pages/erasmus/proeu/school/liflet_2024_proeu_en_forum.pdf), as well as the **electronic invitation letters** (see Annex 5) for the distribution among the target groups of the forum (namely students, schoolchildren, teachers, researchers, legal professionals, public administrators, representatives of civil society and general public). In addition, the drafts for **presence lists** (see Annex 6), **satisfaction questionnaires** (see Annex 7) and certificates (see Annex 8) for the events participants were produced.

All materials were prepared using the visualisation components (EU emblem, programme name, project logo, etc.).

Due to the grant agreement termination and funding suspension, the holding of the forum “EU Human Rights Policy” and the publication of the proceedings of the conference “Human

Rights in European Practice” will depend on the capacity of the ProEU project team to attract funding. However, the project team jointly with the ProEU research team will continue to organise the roundtable debates and other interactive events for all interested target groups in order to explore the topical issues of human rights protection.

ProEU project manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Sintsov', written over the text of the ProEU project manager.

Prof. Dr. Gleb Sintsov