



Report

**on conducting joint studies,
advising BA, MA and PhD students on their research,
preparing and publishing the book
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** Conducting joint studies, advising BA, MA and PhD students on their research, preparing and publishing the book under the **Work Package 2** (Research).

From the start of the project, the **ProEU research team** was created from among Bachelor and Master students, graduate students, law teachers, young and senior researchers of the Institute of Law (Penza State University). The ProEU research team also included the members of the student research team “Comparative Legal Studies” operating in the Institute of Law (Penza State University). In total, the ProEU research team led by Prof. Dr. Gleb Sintsov (project manager) included 24 persons, including the members of the project team (Dr. Danil Feoktistov, Dr. Evgenii Bitiutskii).

The created ProEU research team was mainly focused on exploring the European practices of human rights protection.

The prospective members of the ProEU research team among students were informed about its creation during the **regular classes, mentor classes** and **university events**. The information was also distributed among the teaching and administrative staff during the departments meetings and through the university internal communication system Directum.

The ProEU research team members held **regular meetings** to exchange ideas for research and project activity with the view to the comparative analysis of problems in the field of human rights protection in the European Union and in the Russian Federation. During the reporting period, the ProEU research team members achieved the positive results.

The ProEU research team members prepared and published the following **research articles**:

1) **Electronic scientific journal “Science. Society. State”** hosted in the free access electronic library (www.e-library.ru) and available on the website (<https://esj.pnzgu.ru/>):

– Feoktistov D.E. Institution of the Ombudsman and anti-corruption: main or related function? Electronic scientific journal “Science. Society. State”. Vol. 10. No. 3. 2022. P. 71-83. URL: https://esj.pnzgu.ru/files/esj.pnzgu.ru/feoktistov_de_2022_3_08.pdf, <https://elibrary.ru/item.asp?id=49823983>

– Gavrilov K.G., Gavrilova T.V. Police, Gendarmerie, National Guard: reform of the French police system as implementation of the partnership for security doctrine. Electronic scientific journal “Science. Society. State”. Vol. 10. No. 2. 2022. P. 13-23. URL: https://esj.pnzgu.ru/files/esj.pnzgu.ru/gavrilov_kg_gavrilova_tv_2022_2_02.pdf, <https://www.elibrary.ru/item.asp?id=49443322>

– Baydarova M.A., Baydarov A.D. The role of advocacy in ensuring the constitutional principle of legality of law enforcement activities. Electronic scientific journal “Science. Society. State”. Vol. 10. No. 1. 2022. P. 63-70. URL: https://esj.pnzgu.ru/files/esj.pnzgu.ru/baydarova_ma_baydarov_ad_2022_1_07.pdf, <https://elibrary.ru/item.asp?id=48505109>

2) **Proceedings of the Regional scientific and practical conference “Modern Trends in the Development of Russian and Foreign Legislation”**:

– Bushueva A.V., Stepanova D.N. Features of the legal status of a lawyer in the Russian Federation and foreign countries. Trends in the Development of Russian and Foreign Legislation: Proceedings of the 2nd Regional scientific and practical conference. 8 April 2022. Edited by G.V. Sintsov, E.B. Kazakova. Penza: Penza State University, 2022. P. 31-38. URL: <https://www.elibrary.ru/item.asp?id=49553753&pff=1>

– Karamysheva E.S., Stepanova D.N. The institute of attorney-client privilege as a guarantee of civil society rights protection. Trends in the Development of Russian and Foreign

Legislation: Proceedings of the 2nd Regional scientific and practical conference. 8 April 2022. Edited by G.V. Sintsov, E.B. Kazakova. Penza: Penza State University, 2022. P.136-141. URL: <https://www.elibrary.ru/item.asp?id=49553844&pf=1>

Under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Gleb Sintsov (project manager), the postgraduate student Dariia Stepanova is working on a **PhD dissertation** devoted to the legal mechanisms for functioning of the Ombudsperson for Children in the European Union member states and in the Russian Federation. The defense of the PhD dissertation is planned for 2024.

As part of arranging the forum “EU Human Rights Policy” (scheduled for November 2024), the ProEU project team and the ProEU research team organised the **pilot session “European practices of human rights protection”**. The event was held as part of the Regional scientific and practical conference “Modern Trends in the Development of Russian and Foreign Legislation” in the Institute of Law (Penza State University) on 8 April 2022. In total, 15 reports were presented at the session by students completing the module “Protection of Human Rights within and across the European Union”, ProEU research team members, as well as legal professionals in the field of law enforcement. 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).

Jointly with the ProEU research team, the ProEU project team outlined the structure and abstracted concept of the **book “Good governance in the European Union”** (its publication is planned for November 2024). The book will include five parts (see Annex 2):

– Part 1. Good governance in the European Union: establishment, enforcement, development.

– Part 2. Ensuring good governance through socially desirable law enforcement and advocacy: best European and Russian practices.

– Part 3. European and Russian governance practices for protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms.

– Part 4. Federalism as a model for successful policy: features of European and Russian federalism.

– Part 5. Perceptions of referendum and democracy: European models and prospects for the use in the Russian context.

The ProEU research team members together with the students completing the module “Protection of Human Rights within and across the European Union” participated in arranging and implementing several **educational activities** for the schoolchildren:

1) The Parliamentarism Lessons (on 27 April 2022) brought together 100 schoolchildren from V.G. Belinsky Gymnasium No. 1, Steps Gymnasium No. 4, Modern Management Technologies Lyceum No. 2, Finance and Economy Lyceum No. 29, as well as Schools No. 7, 12, 14, 30, 49 and 58. The news item about the event was posted on the project websites (in Russian – <https://ims.pnzgu.ru/page/51498>, in English – <https://international.pnzgu.ru/page/51499>), on the university website (in Russian –

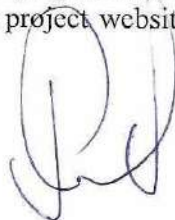
<https://pnzgu.ru/news/2022/04/27/11325596>) and on the website of the Penza Region Branch of the Russian Bar Association (<http://alrf58.ru/node/1382>);

2) The Justice Lesson as a game trial (on 12 May 2022) was intended for 25 schoolchildren from School No. 7 and School No. 28. The news item about the event was posted on the project websites (in Russian – <https://ims.pnzgu.ru/page/51500>, in English – <https://international.pnzgu.ru/page/51501>), on the university website (in Russian – <https://pnzgu.ru/news/2022/05/13/11271257>) and on the website of the Penza Region Branch of the Russian Bar Association (<http://alrf58.ru/node/1381>).

In addition, the ProEU research team members took part in developing the **agenda** of the School of Law “Academia Legis”, within which the Winter School of Law “Academia Legis” for schoolchildren will be held (14 – 18 February 2023).

In spite of the grant agreement termination and funding suspension, the ProEU research team on the European practices of human rights protection plans to function in line with the interests and needs of its members. The work on the book “Good governance in the European Union” will be continued. The ProEU project team will seek funding for its publication in an online format and open access on the project websites and in the free access electronic library (www.e-library.ru).

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