



Report

**on organising Winter School of Law “Academia Legis”
under the project**

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

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The **Work Package 3** (Dissemination) within the the ProEU project included the implementation of **Task 1.2 – Organising Winter School of Law “Academia Legis”**.

The winter school will be organised in February 2023. The schoolchildren from Penza schools, lyceums, gymnasiums are invited to attend it. The winter school aims at peer-to-peer learning, when schoolchildren raise awareness about human rights policy, interaction between law enforcement and advocacy, human rights protection mechanisms in the European Union and the Russian Federation. The obtained knowledge and ability may be useful for the schoolchildren in the future.

The winter school will involve the **ProEU project team** (Prof. Dr. Gleb Sintsov, Dr. Danil Feoktistov and Dr. Evgenii Bitiutskii), invited **experts** (legal professionals and public administrators) and 10 **Bachelor law students** (successfully completed the module “Protection of Human Rights within and across the European Union” in February – July 2022), as well as members of the **ProEU research team**.

The winter school will be held for 5 days, 4 teaching hours each day (scheduled for **14 – 18 February 2023**). Currently, the applications submitted by Penza schools, lyceums and gymnasiums are processed.

The following **content** will be delivered:

1. Policies on human rights protection in the European Union and in the Russian Federation;
2. Role of law enforcement and advocacy in protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms;
3. Mechanism for additional protection of human rights in the European Union and in the Russian Federation.

The schoolchildren will be able to attend the interactive lectures delivered by Bachelor law students jointly with the project team members, legal professionals and public administrators, as well as to participate in the role-playing games in different settings (e.g., a court hearing, counselling the Human Rights Ombudsperson).

The ProEU project team completed a set of works in March – April 2022 to organise and hold the Winter School of Law “Academia Legis”.

To effectively advertise the winter school, the **electronic leaflets** about the winter school were developed (see Annex 1) and published on the project websites (in Russian – https://ims.pnzgu.ru/files/ims.pnzgu.ru/pages/erasmus/proeu/school/liflet_2022_proeu_ru_shkola_prava.pdf, in English – https://international.pnzgu.ru/files/international/pages/erasmus/proeu/school/liflet_2022_proeu_en_shkola_prava.pdf).

To ensure the visibility of the winter school, the **posters** were designed and printed in the PSU publishing house. This activity was covered from the university budget. The posters were distributed among the educational institutions (see Annex 2) and posted on the project websites (in Russian – https://ims.pnzgu.ru/files/ims.pnzgu.ru/pages/erasmus/proeu/science/poster_2022_proeu_ru_shkola_prava.pdf).

In order to disseminate information about the winter school among the schoolchildren, the project team prepared the **electronic invitation letters** signed by the project manager (see Annex 3). These letters were addressed to the regional education authorities (Ministry of Education of the Penza Region, Department of Education of Penza, Regional Institute for Education Development in the Penza Region and Science and Methodology Centre) for further dissemination jointly with the leaflets and posters.

The project team developed the **agenda** of the Winter School of Law “Academia Legis” (see Annex 4) and posted the Russian and English versions of the agenda on the project websites (in Russian – https://ims.pnzgu.ru/files/ims.pnzgu.ru/pages/erasmus/proeu/science/agenda_2022_proeu_ru_shkola_prava.pdf, in English – https://international.pnzgu.ru/files/international/pages/erasmus/proeu/science/agenda_2022_proeu_en_shkola_prava.pdf).

To monitor the attendance of schoolchildren and measure their interest in the winter school, a draft for the **presence lists** was prepared (see Annex 5).

In order to continuously improve the project activities, the project team also drafted the **satisfaction questionnaire** for schoolchildren (see Annex 6). The questionnaire consists of four parts: content of the winter school, structure of the winter school, teaching and learning practices, general impression and assessment. The questionnaire is completed on a no-name basis during the final part of the winter school according to the scale “strongly agree”, “agree”, “neither agree nor disagree”, “disagree”, “strongly disagree”.

In addition, the **certificate of completion** for schoolchildren was designed (see Annex 7). The drafted certificate contains the title and date of the winter school, its content, as well as the name of the project and programme.

All materials (agenda, satisfaction questionnaires, certificates, leaflets, etc.) were created using the visualisation components (EU emblem, programme name, project logo, etc.).

With the view to organising the Winter School of Law “Academia Legis” and disseminating knowledge about the best European practices of protecting human rights, the project team jointly with the project research team carried out the following **pilot events**:

1) On 27 April 2022, the **Parliamentarism Lessons** were held at Penza State University. The event 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 schoolchildren explored the history of the development of parliamentarism and the legal context of establishing parliamentarism in the European Union member states and in the Russian Federation. The event also advertised holding of the Winter School of Law “Academia Legis” in February 2023. In order to cover and disseminate information about the event, the news were 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) On 12 May 2022, the ProEU project team, students of the module “Protection of Human Rights within and across the European Union” and the ProEU research team organized the **Justice Lesson** as a game trial for 25 schoolchildren. The event took place in the Institute of Law (Penza State University). A controversial but interesting case was prepared for the trial. The participants in the game were the schoolchildren: the schoolchildren from School No. 7 represented the prosecution and the schoolchildren from V.O. Klyuchevsky School No. 28 represented the defence. The judges in the trial were students of the Institute of Law. In the role-playing game, the schoolchildren received knowledge that they can use in the future. The event also saw the announcement of the Winter School of Law “Academia Legis”. The news items 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>);

3) On 7 October 2022, Penza State University hosted the grand opening of the semester within the **School of Law “Academia Legis”**, within which the Winter School of Law “Academia Legis” for schoolchildren will be held (14 – 18 February 2023). The opening ceremony was attended by the schoolchildren from Gymnasium No. 44, Modern Management Technologies Lyceum No. 2, Schools No. 7, 28, 67 and 32. The ProEU project manager presented the agenda of the Winter School of Law “Academia Legis” and summed up the delivery of the module “Protection of Human Rights within and across the European Union” for the Bachelor law students. The news coverage was ensured on the project websites (in Russian – <https://ims.pnzgu.ru/page/51502>, in English – <https://international.pnzgu.ru/page/51503>) and on the university website (<https://pnzgu.ru/news/2022/10/10/15420452>).

The **report** on the Winter School of Law “Academia Legis” will be presented at the meeting of the University Council for approval.

Despite the grant agreement termination and funding suspension, the ProEU project team decided to hold the winter school as scheduled in February 2023 on an unpaid voluntary basis. The event is planned to become traditional within the long-term educational project, so the project team will look for opportunities to attract funding on an ongoing basis.

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