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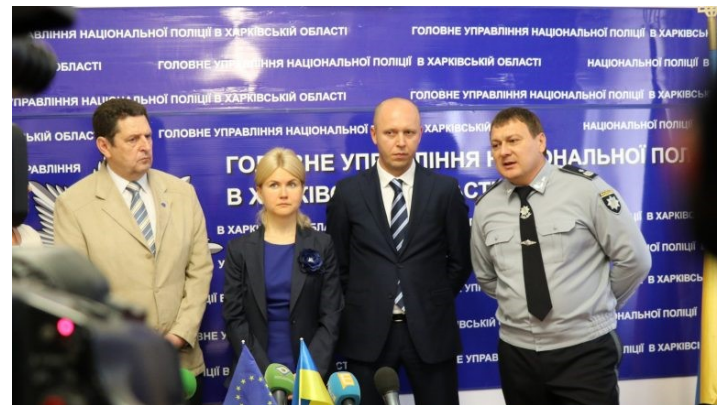
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## Adoption of human rights training within SSU Academy now vital, say experts after final leg of programme

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Last week, the European Union Advisory Mission (EUAM) completed a nationwide programme of human-rights training for officers from the Security Service of Ukraine (SSU). The programme was an ambitious one, because it was the first dedicated, stand-alone, training in human rights that the SSU has participated in.

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In order to enhance transparency and communication with the general public, EUAM also supported the design and production of the SSU annual report earlier this year.

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## **Transparency, accountability, reactivity — EUAM advisers train Ukrainian police press officers in effective communication with the media**

Nowadays, no one would disagree that communication is important, especially for any public institution. It is also a well-known fact that effective communication leads to transparency, accountability and public trust. This is the reason why the EU Advisory Mission Ukraine (EUAM) is assisting the state agencies within its mandate with communications trainings tailored to their needs.

A communication training for press officers of the National Police of Ukraine, organised jointly with the Estonian Centre of the Eastern Partnership and NATO Information and Documentation Center in Ukraine on 27-28 July 2017, was one of the many delivered by the EUAM Strategic Communications team for communication officers of the Mission’s partners. This time, the training focused on copywriting techniques, use of social media and crisis communications.

Ilmar Kahro, a communication expert from Estonia and



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guest speaker, shared interesting examples of how the Estonian police communicates with the public. According to Ilmar, it is important not only to inform the public about crimes which have been committed and the basic details of police investigations (even if the Estonian police, in principle, avoids providing a running commentary on ongoing investigations). It is equally important to conduct preventive work, listen to the needs of citizens and respond to them.

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*and draw the attention of the police to different problems in the city connected to police work. The police response to these issues is displayed in real time in the app and citizens can see the efficiency of police work.*

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## Activities on the horizon

- **1-3 August:** EUAM will conduct roundtables with regional prosecutors from Vinnitsa oblast
- **1-3 August:** Mission is organizing a training for the National Police of Ukraine in Kharkiv aimed at improving criminal investigative capabilities of the senior investigators
- **8-9 August:** Handover of equipment to NPU departments in Drogobych and Khmelnytsky
- **14-15 August:** Handover of equipment to Lviv territorial department of NABU



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