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THE MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF UKRAINE IHOR KLYMENKO MET WITH CHAMPIONS – CADETS AND LYCEUM STUDENTS OF THE MIA SYSTEM



United by sports, strong in victories: **Ihor Klymenko** met with cadets and lyceum students of the MIA system – winners of international competitions.

During the meeting, the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine Ihor Klymenko presented departmental awards to the best athletes – lyceum students, cadets, coaches and teachers who won international competitions, in particular the world and European championships.

Ihor Klymenko thanked the athletes for their strength of spirit and motivation, thanks to which, despite the challenges of the war, they continue to train, overcome their own barriers and adequately represent Ukraine and the MIA system on the international arena.

“Thank you to each and every one of you for your achievements, for representing the system of the MIA and our state at internal and external competitions. I wish you strength, take care of your health in order to represent our state with dignity and build our future”, – the Minister addressed the athletes.

In turn, cadets and lyceum students talked about their training, shared the stories of their victories, how they achieved them, and announced plans for the future.

Cadet **Nikita Kuts** of Odesa State University of Internal Affairs became the European champion in Thai boxing and is a master of sports of international class. In 2024, he won the World Junior Championship and the World Student Championship.

“When I first won the World Cup, I can't even put my emotions into words. But for me this is only the beginning – it will be even better. The most important thing is not to put a frame in your head: it doesn't matter if it's sports, training or any hobby, if you really want it – everything is possible. Sport helps me in everything: discipline, friendship, ability to overcome difficulties. I want justice and truth to always reign in our country, and I will do everything for this”, – said Nikita Kuts.

For his significant contribution to increasing the authority of the state in the international arena, high professionalism and significant sports achievements, the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine Ihor Klymenko presented athletes with departmental awards.

“You are already an example for your teams. You demonstrate resilience and professionalism. This is exactly what Ukraine needs today”, the Minister noted during the meeting.

After the event, together with the State Secretary of the MIA **Inna Yashchuk**, the athletes visited the rehabilitation center “Recovery”, where fighters of the MIA system are being restored and rehabilitated.

“Let's make our defenders feel the support and respect of society” together, – noted Inna Yashchuk.

The visit made it possible to familiarize yourself with the recovery process, support defenders and emphasize the importance of physical and psychological rehabilitation for those who defend Ukraine.

Department of Communication of the MIA



COOPERATION BETWEEN OSUIA AND THE USA

A Meeting with Representatives of the United States and The Republic of Moldova Took Place at OSUIA

At the Odesa State University of Internal Affairs, with the assistance of the Department of Chief Inspection and Human Rights Compliance, a meeting of the university management took place with **Wright Douglas Roy**, Head of the Summerville Police Department in South Carolina, as well as representatives of the chaplaincy program “Chaplain Patrol” (Republic of Moldova). The event was attended by representatives of the scientific and pedagogical staff and heads of structural units of the State Police Department, who are responsible for the training and advanced training of police officers.

During the meeting, the parties discussed a wide range of issues, including prospects for international cooperation in the field of professional training of



police personnel, exchange of best practices in the field of educational programs and innovative teaching methods, as well as the introduction of elements of chaplain service into the activities of law enforcement agencies. Special attention was paid to the development of intercultural dialogue and ethical aspects of the professional activity of police officers, which contributes to the formation of trust between law enforcement agencies and the public. The participants of the meeting agreed on further joint projects aimed at increasing the professional level of personnel and integrating the humanitarian component into the system of training future law enforcement officers.



Information and Educational Event with the Participation of the Head of Summerville Police Department, South Carolina (USA)

OSUIA hosted an informational and educational event on “Best Practices in US Law Enforcement”, led by **Wright Douglas Roy**, Head of Summerville Police Department, South Carolina (USA).

Police Major **Vadym Filin**, Deputy Head of the Department – Head of the Human Rights Compliance Division of the Main Inspection and Human Rights Compliance Department, also joined the event.

During the meeting, the foreign expert shared his experience of organizing police activities in the United States, the specifics of police interaction with the community, and the training and professional development of law enforcement officers. Particular attention was paid to ethical standards, respect for human rights in police work, and preventive approaches to ensuring public safety.

Higher education students had the opportunity to ask questions, discuss common challenges in law enforcement, and compare the experiences of police forces in Ukraine and the United States.

The event was made possible thanks to the direct participation and support of chaplains from the southern region, the cities of Izmail and Odesa.



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND SECURITY DIALOGUE

OSUIA was Visited by a Delegation of the Republic of Moldova Headed by the Minister of Internal Affairs

On February 20, Odesa State University of Internal Affairs became a platform for an important international dialogue in the field of security, education and law enforcement. The institution was visited on a working visit by the official delegation of the Republic of Moldova headed by the Minister of Internal Affairs **Daniela Misail-Nichitin**.

The events were also attended by the Head of the National Police of Ukraine, **Ivan Vyhivskiy**, and the rector of Odesa State University of Internal Affairs, **Viacheslav Davydenko**, the management staff of the university, representatives of law enforcement agencies, and cadets.

During the meeting, the parties discussed a wide range of issues related to the functioning of the system of training future law enforcement officers in the conditions of a full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation into Ukraine. Special attention was paid to the organization of the educational process during martial law, ensuring the safety of participants in the educational environment, as well as adapting educational programs to modern challenges and risks faced by law enforcement agencies.

During the dialogue, the importance of international cooperation, exchange of experience and best practices in the field of internal security, training of police personnel, crisis response and law enforcement in conditions of hybrid threats was emphasized. Representatives of the Moldovan delegation expressed interest in deepening partnership with Ukrainian law enforcement institutions and educational institutions of the MIA.

An important part of the visit was the direct communication of the cadets of OSUIA with the Head of the National Police of Ukraine Ivan Vyhivskiy and the Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova Daniela Misail-Nichitin. The cadets had the opportunity to ask questions, share their own vision of the future service and hear words of support from senior officials.



Foreign guests noted the high level of training of future Ukrainian law enforcement officers, their purposefulness, professional motivation, courage and bravery. Separately, the stability of the Ukrainian people was emphasized, which, despite all the difficulties of wartime, continues to develop state institutions, ensure the safety of citizens and train a new generation of specialists for service to society.

The Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova expressed her sincere support for cadets and teachers of OSUIA who study and work in martial law, stressing that the experience of Ukraine today is important not only for the region, but also for the entire European security community.

The visit of the delegation of the Republic of Moldova was another confirmation of the openness of Odesa State University of Internal Affairs to international dialogue, strengthening partnership relations and joint work to ensure stability, security and the rule of law.



EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

A Meeting with Representatives of the European Parliament and the EU Consultative Mission Took Place in OSUIA

On April 17, Odesa State University of Internal Affairs held a working meeting of the rector of the university, police colonel **Viacheslav Davydenko**, with representatives of the Subcommittee on Security and Defense of the European Parliament, as well as the European Union Advisory Mission (EUAM Ukraine). The event was an important stage in the development of international cooperation in the field of security, law enforcement and professional training of future police officers.

During the meeting, the parties discussed the key directions of further interaction between OSUIA and European institutions in the conditions of martial law, in particular the issue of supporting educational and training programs, improving educational approaches in accordance with European standards, and strengthening the institutional capacity of higher education institutions of the MIA of Ukraine.

Special attention was paid to the training of future police officers in the conditions of full-scale armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine. During the dialogue, it was emphasized the importance of forming not only professional competencies, but also resistance to crisis situations, work skills in conditions of increased risks, compliance with human rights standards and the principles of the rule of law among higher education seekers.

Rector of OSUIA Viacheslav Davydenko informed the representatives of the delegations about the peculiarities of the organization of the educational process at the university during martial law, the implementation of modern teaching methods, a practice-oriented approach to the training of cadets and trainees, as well as the experience of the university in cooperation with international partners. He emphasized the important role of support from the European Union in the development of the system of training law enforcement personnel and strengthening the security sector of Ukraine.

During the visit, the guests got acquainted with the educational and material and technical infrastructure of the university, in particular with specialized classrooms, training locations and other facilities that provide a practical component of training future police officers. Representatives of the Subcommittee on Security and Defense of the European Parliament and the EU Advisory Mission highly appreciated the level of organization of the educational process, noting its adaptability, modernity and compliance with current security challenges.

According to the results of the meeting, the parties confirmed their interest in further deepening of cooperation, development of joint initiatives and projects aimed at improving the quality of professional training of police officers, strengthening democratic standards in the activities of law enforcement agencies, and integration of Ukraine into the European security space.



ASPECTS OF EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIP

Representatives of OSUIA Took Part in an International Leadership Seminar in the Czech Republic

From March 3 to 6, representatives of Odesa State University of Internal Affairs – **Yana Prenko**, Head of the International Cooperation Department, and **Anna Ilina**, Lecturer at the Department of Civil Law Disciplines of the Institute of Law and Security, took part in the international seminar “Modern Leadership in a Diverse International Environment”.

The seminar program covered the following key topics:

- General principles of leadership and their application in professional activities.
- Methods of stress and time management to improve work efficiency.
- Strategies for working with different generations and cultural diversity.
- Pareto principle and other effective approaches to leadership.



The event, organized by the Association of European Police Colleges, took place in Kutná Hora, Czech Republic, and brought together experts from different countries to discuss topical leadership issues.

Professor Volodymyr Piadyshev Represented Odesa State University of Internal Affairs at the 14th INTERPA Conference

On November 6–8, the 14th conference of the International Association of Police Academies (INTERPA) was held in Nevsehir (Turkey), attended by representatives of law enforcement training institutions from around the world.

At the invitation of the conference organizers, the meeting of the second section, “Artificial Intelligence and the Fight Against Online Exploitation of Children”, was chaired by Professor **Volodymyr Piadyshev**, representative of Ukraine. As part of the conference, he also spoke in the 4th section with a report on “The



systematic use of social networks by terrorists as a challenge to law enforcement agencies”.

During the conference, lively professional discussions took place and contacts were established for further cooperation and exchange of experience between police academies in different countries.

The organizers noted the high professional level of the presentations and the constructive nature of the sections' work, which will contribute to the further development of joint educational and research projects within INTERPA.



A Representative of OSUIA Took Part in an International Internship in Romania

Oleh Bolhar, Professor of the Department of Administrative and Legal Disciplines at Odesa State University of Internal Affairs, Doctor of Law, Associate Professor, successfully completed an international internship entitled “*The Rule of Law and Good Governance in the Context of European Integration: Institutional Reforms and Civic Participation*”.

The internship was held at Babeş-Bolyai University (Cluj-Napoca, Romania) with the support of the Center for Strategic Innovation and Progressive Development. The program focused on key aspects of public administration reform, the strengthening of democratic institutions, and the implementation of the rule of law in the context of European integration.



During the internship, participants explored issues of transparency and accountability of public authorities, citizen participation in public governance, and the role of civil society in policy development. The program combined academic lectures, expert discussions, and case studies, enabling participants to analyze European best practices and assess their applicability within national legal systems.

The experience gained through the internship contributes to the development of international academic cooperation and will be integrated into the teaching and research activities of Odesa State University of Internal Affairs, supporting the promotion of European values and modern standards of good governance.



Participation of the Representative of OSUIA in the CEPOL International Conference in Vienna

The professor of the Department of Criminal Law and Criminology of OSUIA, Lieutenant Colonel of the Police **Hanna Sobko**, took part in the international conference on the training of law enforcement officers of CEPOL on the topic “Crisis negotiations – areas of application, concepts and experience gained”.

The event took place in the city of Vienna (Austria) on the basis of the Police Academy of the Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs of Austria and gathered representatives of the world's leading law enforcement structures of – police units of Germany, the USA, Poland, Greece, Croatia, the Netherlands and other countries.

During the conference, participants discussed tactical and psychological aspects of crisis negotiations, international cases of hostage release, features of interaction between negotiating teams and tactical units, as well as modern tools for assessing risks in emergency situations.



INTERACTION OF OSUIA WITH THE NATO INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

NATO Visit to Odesa State University of Internal Affairs: International Cooperation and Security Perspectives

A delegation from the NATO Representation to Ukraine visited Odesa State University of Internal Affairs to meet with the management and cadets of the institution.

The delegation included **Tim Pollmeier**, Head of the Comprehensive Assistance Package Unit, and **Vineta Kleine**, Head of Communications at NATO Representation to Ukraine.

As part of the visit, the delegation met with the rector of the university, **Viacheslav Davydenko**, to discuss Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic integration, prospects

for cooperation between OSUIA and NATO, as well as joint initiatives in the field of security and psychological support for police officers in times of war.

Special attention was paid to the educational aspect: NATO representatives gave a lecture for cadets on "Ukraine's Integration into the Euro-Atlantic Security Space: Strategic Partnership and Next Steps. NATO Assistance to Ukraine". The participants learned about the key areas of cooperation with NATO, Ukraine's role in the modern international security system and prospects for further integration.



Special Session with a Representative of the Defense Advisory Support Section of NATO Representation in Ukraine



On October 14, OSUIA cadets took part in an optional class on "How the public and political leaders of NATO countries view the war in Ukraine. Perceptions of the conflict and its consequences".

The speaker at the event was **Bruno Jockers**, Development Advisor to the Security Service of Ukraine, Defense Advisory Support Section, NATO Representation in Ukraine.

During the lecture, the speaker discussed the attitudes of the European public and political leaders of NATO member states toward the war in Ukraine, outlined the geopolitical aspects of the conflict, and addressed issues of international law, security, and the fight against terrorism.

Special attention was paid to France's position – its contribution to humanitarian, military, and economic support for Ukraine.

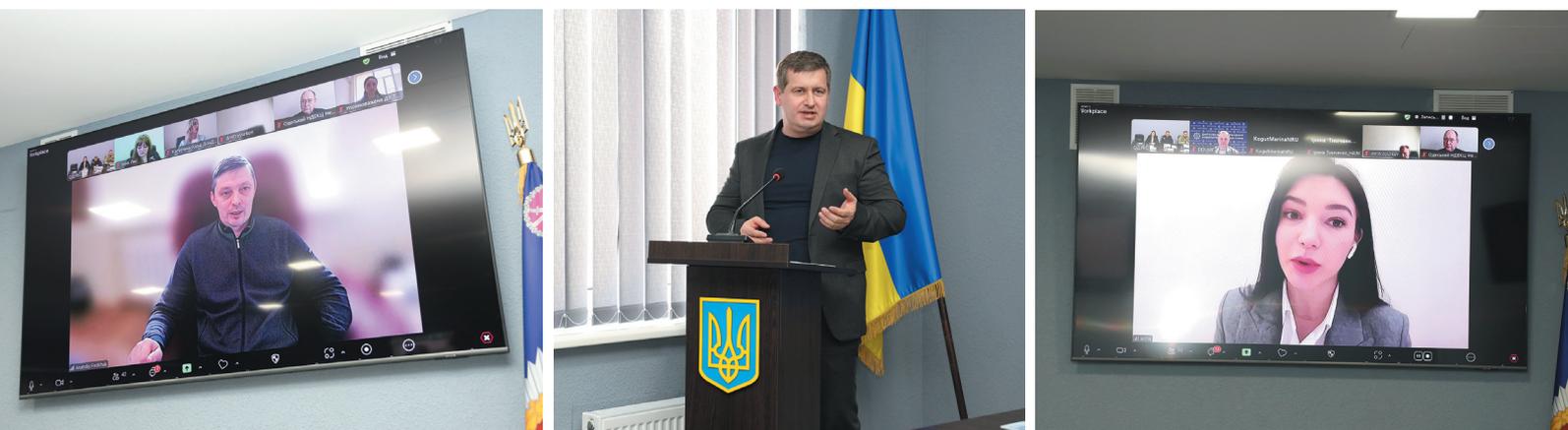
Regional Round Table under NATO-Ukraine Program

On March 26, OSUIA, in implementation of the Anti-Corruption Program of the MIA for 2023-2025, held a regional round table on the topic: “Determination of corruption risks in the activities of the MIA, ways to prevent and counter corruption in the conditions of martial law and during the post-war recovery of Ukraine”. **Anatolii Fodchuk**, Head of the Corruption Prevention Department of the MIA of Ukraine, addressed the participants of the round table with a welcome speech.

Representatives of the National Agency for the Prevention of Corruption, the Main Department of

the National Police in Odesa Region the Territorial Administration of the State Bureau of Investigation in Mykolaiv, and NATO-Ukraine Building Integrity joined the roundtable discussion. Representatives of the NGO “Foundation for Institutional Development”, the Center for Political and Legal Reforms, and the Charitable Movement “Youkraine” also took part.

During the event, the participants discussed important issues of preventing corruption, shared their experience, proposed new approaches and solutions for improving anti-corruption legislation.



All-Ukrainian Scientific and Practical Round Table with the Participation of NATO Representatives

On December 9, the All-Ukrainian scientific and practical round table “Current issues of corruption prevention: international and national experience” was held at OSUIA, which brought together representatives of state structures, the scientific community and international organizations to discuss modern challenges in the field of anti-corruption.

Serhii Yarmenko, deputy head of the Corruption Prevention Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs – head of the corruption risk management and methodical support department, and **Dmytro Kolodchyn**, deputy head of the Kyiv City Prosecutor's Office, Doctor of Law, also joined the greetings.

Specialists from various spheres of anti-corruption activity were invited to participate in the round table, including:

Maryna Kohut, coordinator of the NATO-Ukraine Integrity Education Program (BI);

Hennadii Voitov, judge of the Kyiv District Court of Odesa;

Dmytro Verbytskyi, head of the corruption prevention department of The General Directorate of the National Police, in the Odesa region, police colonel, and other honored guests.



The participants discussed effective models of anti-corruption policy, international experience in the implementation of integrity systems, the role of law enforcement agencies and the prosecutor's office in combating corruption, as well as modern risks and ways to minimize them.

PARTICIPATION IN OSCE PROJECTS

Cadets of OSUIA – Participants of International Summer Academies and Schools on the Rule of Law

Cadets of Odesa State University of Internal Affairs actively participate in international educational initiatives with the support of OSCE, deepening their knowledge in the field of international, European and constitutional law.

Volodymyr Peresunko, a cadet of the faculty of specialist training for pre-trial investigation bodies of the

NPU of OSUIA, took part in the Summer Academy on International Law, where together with young specialists from all over the country, he discussed the current challenges of the modern international legal order. Within the framework of the program, the participants worked with leading Ukrainian and international experts, in particular on the topics of the rule of law, EU sanctions policy, reparations for international crimes, ECtHR practices and responsibility for the crime of aggression.

At the same time, 4th-year cadet **Oleksandr Kharlashyn** became a participant in the XIII Velvet Summer School “Rule of Law and Constitutionalism”, organized with the support of OSCE Projects in Ukraine. The school's program was devoted to issues of constitutional justice, judicial reform, human rights and the European constitutional tradition with the participation of leading scientists, lawyers and judges of national and international judicial institutions.

The participation of OSUIA cadets in such events contributes to their professional development, the formation of European legal values and preparation for service in the conditions of modern security challenges.



National Anti-Corruption Forum “Integrity2030: Anti-Corruption Strategy of the Future”

On December 9, the National Anti-Corruption Forum “Integrity2030: Anti-Corruption Strategy of the Future” was held in Kyiv, timed to the International Anti-Corruption Day. The event became a large-scale platform for discussing the future of anti-corruption policy and the development of integrity in Ukraine.

The forum was organized by the National Agency on Corruption Prevention (NACP) with the support of UNDP in Ukraine, in partnership with the United

Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (United Nations Development Programme) and with the funding of the Japanese government and the OSCE Support Program for Ukraine.

NACP presented the project of the Anti-Corruption Strategy of Ukraine for 2026–2030. During the forum **Svitlana Faichuk** the anti-corruption officer of OSUIA was awarded a distinction for implementing successful practices in building integrity and preventing corruption



In 2025, Representatives of OSUIA Took Part in a Series of OSCE Schools on Combating Human Trafficking

Throughout 2025, cadets and scientific and pedagogical workers of OSUIA actively participated in specialized training events dedicated to combating human trafficking. The series of the Winter, Spring and Autumn Schools was organized by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in cooperation with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and the National Police of Ukraine and aimed at increasing the professional capacity of law enforcement officers in investigating crimes of this category.

OSCE Winter School (24–28 February 2025)



Representatives of OSUIA took part in OSCE Winter School on Combating Human Trafficking. The training program included simulation exercises, searches, interrogations of victims, analysis of case materials.

From Odesa State University of Internal Affairs, the following took part in the Winter School:

Viktor Yarosh – Associate Professor of the Department of Criminal Law and Criminology of the Faculty of Specialist Training for Pre-Trial Investigation Bodies of the NPU;

Anatolii Terletsnyi – teacher of the Department of Administrative and Legal Disciplines of the Institute of Law and Security;

cadets of the 3rd year of the faculty of training specialists for pre-trial investigation bodies of the NPU: **Kateryna Herasymchuk, Sofia Psota, Stanislav Makarov, Denys Patlatiuk.**

OSCE Spring School (12–16 May 2025)

The event was aimed at increasing the professional competence of the participants through the use of

interactive learning methods, digital tools and complex simulation exercises.

The following took part in the Spring School from OSUIA:

Hanna Teteriatnyk – Head of the Department of Criminal Procedure and Forensics, Police Colonel;

Serhii Darii – associate professor of the department of criminal law disciplines;

cadets of the 3rd year of the faculty of training specialists for pre-trial investigation bodies of the NPU: **Daryna Novokhatska, Oleksandr Kharlashyn, Volodymyr Peresunko, Oleksandr Tokolov.**



OSCE Autumn School (22–26 September, 2025)

The program of the event included interactive lectures, practical classes and trainings devoted to combating modern forms of slavery, identification of victims of human trafficking and features of the investigation of relevant crimes.

From OSUIA to the Autumn School joined:

Dmytro Lisnichenko – Associate Professor of the Department of Criminal Procedure and Forensics;

Daria Balobanova – Professor, Department of Criminal Law;

cadets of the 3rd year of the faculty of specialist training for pre-trial investigation bodies of the NPU: **Daria Martaloha, Viktoriia Reshetnik, Denys Blonar, Andrii Formanchuk.**



COOPERATION WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION ADVISORY MISSION

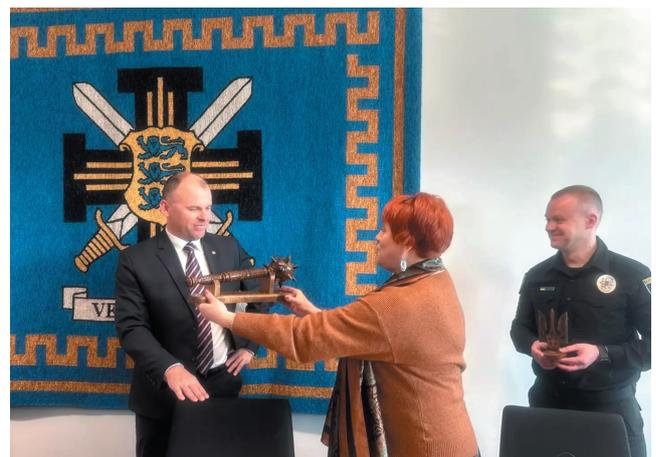
Strengthening International Police Education Cooperation: Ukrainian Delegation's Study Visit to Estonia and Germany

With the support of the European Union Advisory Mission in Ukraine, a delegation consisting of employees of the Department of Education, Science and Sports of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, the Department of Personnel Support of the National Police of Ukraine, the National Academy of Internal Affairs, the Odesa State University of Internal Affairs, as well as state institutions of professional (vocational and technical) education with specific training conditions “Zhytomyr Police Academy” and “Rivne Patrol Police Academy” made a familiarization visit to the Republic of Estonia and the Federal Republic of Germany.

During the visit, representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the National Police of Ukraine got

acquainted with the organization of police training at the Estonian Academy of Security Sciences, as well as the Federal Police Academy (Germany) and the German Maritime Training Center, the system of departmental education of the specified countries, as well as the selection mechanism for police service.

Particular attention was paid to the discussion of ways of further cooperation between educational institutions of the system of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, the Republic of Estonia and the Federal Republic of Germany, in particular in the issue of the possible introduction of academic mobility programs for education seekers and teachers and scientists, the introduction of the latest technologies into the educational process.



Training of Trainers for University Employees with the Participation of International Experts of EUAM

In 2025 Odesa State University of Internal Affairs held professional development events and trainings of trainers with the participation of international experts of the by the European Union Advisory Mission in Ukraine. Educational activities were aimed at developing the professional competences of scientific-pedagogical and administrative employees of the university in accordance with modern European approaches in education.

In particular, in May, scientific and pedagogical workers of OSUIA took part in a training of trainers (ToT) organized by the Regional Office of the EUAM in Odesa. The programme covered the issues of modern teaching methods, effective communication with trainees, the application of active forms of learning, digital and



innovative tools, and the development of public speaking skills and the provision of feedback.

Training of Trainers Jointly by the EUAM

On 17 December, a training of trainers was held in Odesa on practical aspects of the application of the norms of criminal and criminal procedural legislation during the implementation of procedural guidance and pre-trial investigation in criminal proceedings concerning offences related to the illegal handling of weapons, ammunition and explosives. The event was organized by the European Union Advisory Mission in Ukraine in cooperation with Odesa State University of Internal Affairs.

The purpose of the training was to increase the level of professional training of specialists involved in the investigation of crimes related to illegal arms trafficking, as well as to form unified approaches to the application of criminal and criminal procedural legislation, taking into account modern challenges of the security environment.

During the event, the participants discussed the issues of criminal qualification of offenses related to illegal handling of weapons, the peculiarities of the methodology of pre-trial investigation of such criminal proceedings, as well as the tactics of conducting individual investigative (search) actions. Particular attention was paid to the use of special knowledge, in particular the peculiarities of the appointment and conduct of forensic ballistics examination, which plays a key role in evidence in cases of this category.

In addition, the training examines the regulatory and legal framework of the European Union in the field of control over the circulation of firearms, as well as the best European practices that can be adapted and implemented in the activities of law enforcement agencies.



Third National Conference on Preventing and Combating Illicit Traffic in Arms, Ammunition and Explosives

Professor of the Department of Criminal Law Disciplines at Odesa State University of Internal Affairs, PhD in Law, Professor **Andrii Benitskyi** took part in the “Third National Conference on Preventing and Combating Illicit Trafficking in Weapons, Ammunition, and Explosives”, which was organized by the European Union Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform in Ukraine in cooperation with the OSCE and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

About 100 representatives of the National Police of Ukraine, the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, the Security Service of Ukraine, the State Customs Service of Ukraine, the State Bureau of Investigations, and other state bodies of Ukraine, international organizations, diplomatic missions, and civil society were involved in the scientific and practical event.

The conference became a platform for discussions around the problems of improving national legislation in the field of illegal circulation of weapons, ammunition and explosives. During the event, key issues related to the implementation of conventional norms on preventing and combating illegal arms trafficking, etc., were analyzed.

At the end of the conference, international partners confirmed their readiness to support the development and implementation of the National Strategy to Combat Illegal Arms Trafficking until 2030, which is currently being developed by the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, the OSCE, and the EUAM in Ukraine.



COOPERATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS IN UKRAINE

Information Session with the Participation of Specialists of the Forensic Medical Department of ICRC in Ukraine

An information session was held at Odesa State University of Internal Affairs with the participation of specialists of the forensic medical department of the International Committee of the Red Cross – **Niamh Smith** and **Borys Shchabelskyi**. The topic of the event was “Fingerprint examination during martial law” which is extremely relevant in conditions of armed aggression and mass human losses.

The event was aimed at raising the awareness of future and current law enforcement officers about modern approaches to the identification of dead persons, compliance with international standards and effective interdepartmental cooperation in crisis situations. The session was attended by cadets, scientific and pedagogical staff and representatives of units whose activities are related to forensic and forensic research.

ICRC specialist Niamh Smith shared her unique practical experience of participating in international humanitarian missions, in particular in the processes of searching for and identifying the bodies of those killed in mass disasters. She elaborated on the work of identifying the victims of the tsunami in Thailand, focusing on the complexity of coordination between the various services, the need to adhere strictly to procedures and the application of standardized techniques.

In her speech, Niamh Smith emphasized the importance of interagency interaction between law enforcement agencies, forensic agencies, rescue services and humanitarian organizations. She paid special attention to compliance with international standards for the identification of the dead, in particular in terms of the use of dactyloscopic information, as well as the need for a structural approach to managing the process of managing the dead (Dead Body Management).



Seminar on International Humanitarian Law with the Direct Participation of ICRC in Ukraine



On July 10, Odesa State University of Internal Affairs hosted a meeting of the rector of the university, **Viacheslav Davydenko**, with representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and a one-day seminar on international humanitarian law (IHL).

The seminar brought together police officers of the Main Directorate of the National Police in Odesa Region, representatives of the university, as well as ICRC experts who shared their experience and practices in the field of protection of the civilian population during the international armed conflict.

The participants had the opportunity not only to familiarize themselves with the theoretical foundations of IHL, but also to discuss the practical challenges facing Ukraine in the conditions of an international armed conflict, as well as the importance of compliance with international standards in the activities of law enforcement agencies.

Seminar on International Humanitarian Law and Grand Opening of the Auditorium in OSUIA

On December 9, a seminar on international humanitarian law was held at OSUIA with the participation of representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The event brought together higher education students, teachers and practitioners, focusing on key aspects of ICRC activities in Ukraine and the application of international humanitarian law in the face of current challenges.

The program of the seminar included speeches by ICRC specialists regarding the organization's mandate, support for families of missing persons, forensic activity and legal aspects of international humanitarian law and the law of occupation.

An important event of the seminar was the inauguration of an interactive auditorium on international humanitarian law. With the assistance of the ICRC, a specialized training ground on international humanitarian law was set up at the university, which

became a unique educational platform for preparing applicants for work in armed conflicts. The total amount of involved financing is 450 thousand hryvnias.



An expert session of ICRC on forensic activities was held at OSUIA

On December 16, Odesa State University of Internal Affairs held an event with the participation of representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) aimed at deepening professional dialogue and exchanging practical experience.

The event was attended by ICRC representative **Solene Berthelier**, head of the defense department of the Odesa sub-delegation of the ICRC, as well as ICRC forensic specialist **Oleksii Shevliakov**.

During the meeting, topical issues of ICRC activities were discussed, as well as modern approaches to forensic examination in the context of humanitarian challenges related to armed conflicts.

Particular attention was paid within the event to the experience of ICRC experts in forensic medical activities.



PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UKRAINIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

The Team of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society Conducted Practical Training

Practical training on the topic: “International humanitarian law was held on the basis of OSUIA. Occupation mode”. The event brought together students of higher education and teachers of OSUIA, as well as practical workers of MDNP in Odesa Region.

The training was organized with the direct participation, cooperation and assistance of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society. The participants were able to deepen their knowledge of the application

of international humanitarian law in conditions of armed conflict, the peculiarities of the legal regime of occupation and international standards for the protection of human rights.

During the training, the participants considered practical cases, discussed the legal basis of the state’s actions in the armed conflict, and discussed the modern challenges facing the law enforcement system under martial law.



Strengthening Partnership in the Field of Humanitarian Protection Together with URCS

OSUIA was visited by a delegation of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society headed by **Svitlana Avramenko**, head of the Department of Humanitarian Access and Protection. The visit was an important step in the development of the partnership between the educational institution of the Ministry of Internal Affairs system and the largest humanitarian organization of Ukraine in the field of protection of the civilian population in the conditions of armed conflict.

During a working meeting with the first vice-rector of OSUIA **Maksym Korniienko**, the parties discussed the key areas of further cooperation aimed at increasing the level of humanitarian awareness of future law enforcement officers. Special attention was paid to the integration of humanitarian components into the educational process, in particular issues of international humanitarian law, protection of the civilian population, mine action, as well as the dissemination of knowledge about the principles, mandate and activities of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society.

As part of the visit, representatives of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society handed over information stands and educational products aimed at raising the awareness of cadets and university employees on issues of humanitarian protection, civilian safety and mine danger to OSUIA. The transferred materials will be used in the educational process and informational and educational work.

The parties confirmed their mutual interest in the further development of cooperation, the implementation of joint educational and training events, as well as the involvement of Ukrainian Red Cross Society experts in the training of future law enforcement officers, taking into account modern humanitarian challenges.



Cadets of OSUIA took part in the Summer Youth Camp of the Red Cross of Ukraine

From August 1 to 5, cadets of the 1st year of the educational and scientific institute for the training of specialists for criminal police units of the National Police of Ukraine took part in the Summer Youth Camp of the Red Cross of Ukraine.

The event brought together active youth aged 16–35 from different regions of the country, who seek to get acquainted with humanitarian activities and the principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, develop teamwork, leadership and non-formal learning skills.

The camp program included:

interactive sessions on first aid and psychological assistance, rules of behavior in emergency situations; team building, quests, creative evenings, competitions, archery; active camp life, which combined rest with the development of personal and team qualities.



Information Session “Communication with People with Disabilities”

On June 19, an information session was held at OSUIA for cadets of higher education of the faculty of training specialists for pre-trial investigation bodies of the NPU on the topic “Communication with people with disabilities”. The event was held by trainers of the field of physical and mental rehabilitation of the Odesa regional organization of the Ukrainian Red Cross.

During the session the main recommendations for correct and ethical communication with people with disabilities, features of support and interaction with persons who have various forms of disorders, in particular vision and hearing, people with intellectual disabilities, as well as those with motor function disorders, were highlighted. The trainers paid special attention to the rules for using correct terminology and formulating appeals that contribute to creating an atmosphere of respect, dignity and tolerance.



In the course of the event, participants reviewed practical situations that law enforcement officers may encounter in the course of their official duties, in particular when interviewing, assisting or ensuring the safety of persons with disabilities. Trainers provided specific advice on adapting communication to individual human needs, avoiding stereotypes and common mistakes, and the importance of active listening and a partnership approach in interaction.

Conducting such information sessions is an important component of the training of future specialists of pre-trial investigation bodies, because it forms in students of higher education sensitivity to issues of inclusion, respect for human rights and readiness to act professionally and humanely in various social situations. The cooperation of OSUIA with the Ukrainian Red Cross contributes to the implementation of best practices of humanitarian and socially oriented training of law enforcement officers.



COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND UNDP IN UKRAINE

Cadets of OSUIA Took Part in the Forum “YES: Youth. Career. Restoring”

On March 29, the forum “YES: Youth. Career. Restoring” was held in the city of Dnipro. The event brought together more than 400 participants from all over Ukraine, as well as representatives of business, public sector and authorities. Odesa State University of Internal Affairs was represented by **Volodymyr Peresunko** and **Oleksandr Kharlashyn**, cadets of the 3rd year of the Faculty of Specialist Training for Pre-Trial Investigation Bodies of the NPU.

The forum's program included panel discussions, workshops, career navigator and informal networking. Participants gained knowledge about modern approaches to professional development, the impact of innovation and artificial intelligence on work processes, as well as opportunities to improve skills for effective service.

Special attention was paid at the forum to the topic of recovery after the war and the role of youth in the process of restoring communities and the state. The participants had the opportunity to discuss practical cases on the development of leadership skills, adaptation to changes and implementation of innovative solutions in professional activities.



The forum became a platform for forming a network of professional connections and obtaining practical tools for further career growth.

The event was held with the support of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund in Ukraine, in partnership with UNICEF and with the financial support of the Republic of Korea, which emphasized the international significance of the forum and its impact on the development of youth policy and professional training in Ukraine.

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Consultations on the Impact of Corruption on Organized Crime Took Place in OSUIA

Odesa State University of Internal Affairs held a working meeting of the university management with representatives of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).



Yurii Marchenko, UNODC National Project Coordinator; **Elisabeth Seidl** (Austria), UNODC Program Coordinator; and **Jennifer Sarvari Bradford** (Austria), UNODC Program Coordinator. **Serhii Kroptyva**, Deputy Head (Chief) of the Odesa Regional State (Military) Administration for Digital Development, Digital Transformation, and Digitalization (CDTO), also participated in the event.

During the meeting the parties discussed the possibilities of deepening cooperation in the field of combating organized crime and corruption.

In addition, the UNODC held consultations at OSUIA on the topic of corruption and its impact on the development of organized crime. University staff, representatives of state authorities and civil society organizations (SAP, NABU, ACC, UNDP, HACC, OPG, MIA, NPU, NACP etc.) were involved in the events. The main goal of these events was to raise awareness and foster an anti-corruption culture among a wide range of professionals.

OSUIA and the United Nations Discussed the Development of Inclusive Initiatives

On August 13, **Viacheslav Davydenko**, Rector of Odesa State University of Internal Affairs, held an official meeting with **Mattias Schmale**, UN System Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator in Ukraine, and **Auke Lootsma**, UNDP Resident Representative in Ukraine.

During the conversation, the parties discussed the university's partnership with the UN in implementing inclusive approaches to training specialists and developing social initiatives. Particular attention was paid to the "Barrier-Free Driving Schools" project based at OSUIA, which creates opportunities for people with disabilities to learn to drive in an inclusive learning environment.

During the visit, the guests toured the classrooms and an adapted car donated to the school with the support of UNDP and the Government of Japan, and attended a demonstration class with a student with disabilities, which clearly demonstrated the effectiveness of the adaptations.

Mattias Schmale and **Auke Lootsma** highly appreciated the university's contribution to expanding access to quality education and employment for people with disabilities and confirmed their readiness to continue supporting the development of initiatives that promote accessibility and social integration.



OSUIA Visited by Representatives of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the European Union Advisory Mission

On June 2, Odesa State University of Internal Affairs was visited by representatives of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the European Union Advisory Mission (EUAM), namely: **Hyunjuk Park** (Republic of Korea) — Senior Advisor on Gender-Based Violence, UNHCR; **Georgios Pokas** (Greece) — Senior Advisor on Law Enforcement, EUAM; **Jan Danco** (Slovakia) — Advisor/Trainer on Police-Community Relations, EUAM.

The purpose of the visit was to hold an international seminar for higher education students on the topic: "A victim-centered approach to police response to cases of gender-based violence."

The event covered the following topics: basic concepts of gender-based violence (GBV); legal aspects of GBV in Ukraine and the European Union; modern approaches to police response to cases of GBV with a focus on the needs of victims; response to domestic violence, in particular violence by a partner.



SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES AND INNOVATIVE PROJECTS

OSUIA Signed a Cooperation Agreement with Maria Curie-Skłodowska University



On March 20, the rector of Odesa State University of Internal Affairs, Police Colonel **Viacheslav Davydenko**, and the rector of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (Poland), Professor **Radosław Dobrowolski**, signed a cooperation agreement.

The event was attended by the Vice-Rector for General Affairs of the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Professor **Arkadiusz Bereza**, and the Vice-Rector of Odesa State University of Internal Affairs, Doctor of Law, Police Colonel **Maksym Korniienko**.

Professor Radosław Dobrowolski emphasized that cooperation between the universities will promote academic mobility, in particular, the exchange of students and teachers, as well as joint research in the field of law and security.

The signed agreement provides for joint scientific conferences, academic mobility for higher education students, and professional development for teachers.

Results of the III All-Ukrainian (National) Competition of Scientific and Educational Publications on Law, Security, and European Integration “Yuridika”

As part of the celebration of Science Day in Ukraine, on May 16, Odesa State University of Internal Affairs hosted a scientific event dedicated to summarizing the results of the III All-Ukrainian (national) competition

of scientific and educational publications on law, security, and European integration “Yuridika.”

The nomination committee included distinguished foreign partners, among them Professor **Arkadiusz Bereza**, Vice-Rector for General Affairs at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University. **Donatas Butkus**, Deputy Head of the Lithuanian Diplomatic Mission in Ukraine, was also invited to participate in the event.

During the award ceremony, the authors of the best scientific and educational publications contributing to the development of legal education, security, and European integration processes in Ukraine were honored. The presentation of diplomas and letters of appreciation was accompanied by a discussion of the prospects for cooperation between Ukrainian and foreign scientific institutions.

In addition to the awards, the event served as a platform for the exchange of experience between scientists, graduate students, and undergraduates. Participants had the opportunity to present their scientific developments and discuss topical issues of legal reform, security policy, and Ukraine's integration into European educational and scientific standards.



Cooperation Agreement Between OSUIA and Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

On November 13 a cooperation agreement was signed between Odesa State University of Internal Affairs and Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (Republic of Poland). The signing of the agreement was an important step in the development of international academic partnership and the expansion of cooperation in the field of education and science.

The document provides for deepening cooperation between higher education institutions, particularly in the areas of academic mobility, joint educational and scientific projects, exchange of experience, and implementation of European educational practices. The agreement will contribute to the integration of OSUIA into the European educational space and improve the quality of training of specialists in the field of security and law enforcement.



OSUIA at the International Level: Participation in the “Pluralism and Diversity” Project in Poland

From November 17 to 21, representatives of Odesa State University of Internal Affairs took part in the Ukrainian-Polish Youth Exchange Council, which took place in Toruń, Republic of Poland. The event was made possible thanks to fruitful cooperation with Nicolaus Copernicus University and was organized as part of the grant project “Pluralism and Diversity at the Micro and Macro Levels,” won by OSUIA's international cooperation department. The aim of the project is to promote a deeper understanding of cultural, social, and legal diversity among young people in Ukraine and Poland, to foster tolerance and readiness for intercultural dialogue.

During the program, participants took part in various activities that combined educational, practical, and interactive formats. These included seminars on human rights and international law, interactive workshops on developing intercultural communication skills, discussion panels on the role of academic and legal institutions

in ensuring equality, as well as training sessions on mediation and conflict resolution in a multicultural environment.

Special attention was paid to the topics of pluralism and cultural diversity during the event. Participants discussed the challenges and opportunities for young people in today's globalized world, explored ways to protect the rights of national minorities, and shared their experiences with inclusive education and non-discrimination practices in society.

OSUIA higher education students had the opportunity not only to expand their knowledge of international human rights standards, but also to apply them directly during interactive role-playing games and group projects. The variety of event formats, ranging from lectures to practical simulations, encouraged the active participation of all attendees and ensured a thorough understanding of the material, as well as the development of communication and leadership skills.



V International Scientific Conference “Maritime Security of the Baltic-Black Sea Region: Challenges and Threats”

On November 26, the V International Scientific Conference “Maritime Security of the Baltic-Black Sea Region: Challenges and Threats” was held at OSUIA. The conference was organized at a high

professional and organizational level, bringing together scientists, experts, representatives of maritime institutions, and educational institutions from different countries.

Conference participants presented in-depth reports on current challenges to maritime security, including threats to freedom of navigation, risks to port and logistics infrastructure, and the specifics of protecting energy corridors and international trade routes.

Professor **Tomasz Sajfanski** of WSB University took part in the conference, once again confirming the friendly and professional relations between the two educational institutions.

The conference made a significant contribution to the development of scientific thought and the formation of new approaches to strengthening maritime security, confirming the important role of the university community in addressing pressing international security issues.



OSUIA Researcher Participated in the International Scientific and Practical Conference at the Stefan cel Mare Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova

Professor of the Department of Criminal Law and Criminology of the Faculty of Training Specialists for Pre-trial Investigation Bodies of the National Police of Ukraine at Odesa State University of Internal Affairs, Doctor of Law, Professor **Hanna Sobko** took part in the International Scientific and Practical Conference “Prevention and Combating Crime: Problems, Solutions, and Prospects,” which took place at the Stefan cel Mare Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova. Participants shared effective ways to ensure global security.

The purpose of the international scientific conference was to promote the creation of a diverse and intellectually stimulating scientific environment aimed at strengthening academic cooperation and the exchange of experience in the field of scientific research on security issues.

The international conference was attended by scientists, theorists, and practitioners from higher education institutions and law enforcement and law enforcement organizations from Austria, France, Germany, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Ukraine, and the Republic of Moldova.





A MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION AND AN OFFICIAL PRESENTATION OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER WERE HELD AT OSUIA

On November 26, a meeting of the International Police Association and the official presentation of the Center of the Ukrainian Police Association as part of the Ukrainian section of the International Police Association took place in OSUIA.

The official part began with congratulatory words. The participants of the event were congratulated:

acting President of the International Public Organization “Ukrainian section of the IPA” **Oleksandr Zarubytskyi**;

the first vice-rector of the university **Maksym Korniienko**, head of OSUIA Center;

Chairman of the National Commission on Professional Issues of the Ukrainian section of the IPA **Oleksandr Yarmysh**;

the head of the Odesa branch of the IPA, **Ivan Konstanyov**.

During the event the importance of developing international professional cooperation, strengthening partnership ties between police communities of different countries, as well as the role of the IPA Center in the activities of a higher education institution with specific learning conditions was emphasized.

In addition, a solemn ceremony was held to present IPA certificates to new members of the OSUIA Branch. Certificates and medals were also awarded to members of the Branch for active participation in the activities of the IPA and significant contribution to the development of international police cooperation.





In this world there's so much sorrow,
It could drown the seas tomorrow.
And tears could flood the stars above,
Through endless time and skies thereof.
Yet still the sun begins to shine,
And children laugh, and flowers climb.
So we must live, through war and years,
Through burning pain and silent tears.
For joy still lives, it won't be taken
By grief or foes—it stands unshaken.
And in this world, there will again
Be cause for joy to conquer pain.
The longest nights and deepest fears
Will turn to light in coming years.

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