



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA  
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE  
AND DIGITAL AFFAIRS

Mr. Yevhen Pikalov  
Ministry of Justice of Ukraine  
callcentre@ca.minjust.gov.ua  
Horodetskogo Arkhitektora St. 13  
01001, Kyiv, Ukraine

Our Ref: 22.12.2025      No 7-2/10267

Dear Mr. Yevhen Pikalov,

Cooperation between Estonian and Ukrainian institutions continues to strengthen. Following the completion of the previous cooperation project between the Ukrainian Prison Service and the Estonian Prison Service, a new long-term initiative was launched on 1 April 2025: "Enhancing and Aligning the Competence Standards of Ukrainian Prison Officers to European Norms".

In cooperation with the Estonian Prison Service, the Estonian Academy of Security Sciences, and the Penitentiary Academy of Ukraine in Chernihiv, we are modernising the training and in-service education of Ukrainian prison officers by developing and implementing a modern initial training curriculum.

Within the framework of the new project, several activities and visits have already taken place. In June, a Core Correctional Skills training was delivered by Ioan Durnescu. In October, ten Ukrainian officials participated in a one-month study visit to Estonia. The programme included a 10-day special course at the Estonian Academy of Security Sciences, followed by a 5-day practical placement in an Estonian prison and a 5-day seminar at the Estonian Academy of Security Sciences, dedicated to work on the initial training curriculum.

Together, these activities provided a comprehensive overview of Estonia's prison officer training system, including its structure and content, as well as the teaching methods and curriculum development approaches applied in practice. As a result, the Ukrainian partners are currently progressing with the development of an output-based curriculum aligned with European standards, together with the related training materials.

As the next step in our cooperation, the Estonian delegation is planning a visit to Ukraine from 2 to 6 February 2026. The purpose of the visit is to continue supporting the curriculum development process, review progress achieved so far, and discuss the next phases of the project together with our Ukrainian colleagues.

During the visit, we would kindly request the opportunity for an official meeting with you and representatives of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine and the Ukrainian Prison Service.

Should you have any questions regarding the visit or the programme, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Meribel Moldau by e-mail at [meribel.moldau@justdigi.ee](mailto:meribel.moldau@justdigi.ee).

Yours sincerely,



Rait Kuuse  
Deputy Secretary General on Prisons  
Ministry of Justice and Digital Affairs