

DOCUMENTING THE WAR CRIMES OF RUSSIAN ARMED FORCES IN UKRAINE: HOW CAN GERMANY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF UKRAINIAN CIVIL SOCIETY AND STATE ACTORS?

Recommendations for partners in Germany

- When documenting war crimes in Ukraine, be clear about the end goal of your activities – to use the information collected as evidence in national and international criminal proceedings.
- Due to a large number of stakeholders documenting war crimes in Ukraine, pay special attention to coordinating your work with other national and international stakeholders. For donors, support projects and activities that enhance coordination between multiple actors documenting war crimes. Make the results of your findings accessible to other partners and, especially, to Ukraine's law enforcement.
- Collect evidence from Germany-based refugees from Ukraine. Avoid repeated interviewing. Make sure your findings reach Ukrainian civil society and law enforcement.
- Support journalistic investigations and related visits of German journalists to Ukraine. Use the findings of journalistic investigations for Ukraine-related media coverage in Germany. Make sure the topic of the war against Ukraine does not fade from the German media space.
- Invest in capacity-building and training in the field of war crimes documentation for Ukrainian non-governmental grassroots organizations, those that have just become established and those who have broadened their mandate to include documentation work.
- Support Ukrainian civil society and state partners with technical and financial support as well as offer opportunities for psychological counselling for documenters.
- The Office of Prosecutor General of Ukraine needs comprehensive support from international partners. The numbers of documented war crimes are mounting every day and are specific in nature. To assess and respond to the most current needs of Ukraine's law enforcement, please, get in contact with a representative of the Office of Prosecutor General, Mr. Yuriy Bilousov. Message us at info@civilmplus.org to receive contacts.
- Support the work of German criminologists in Ukraine. Enhance the training of Ukrainian criminologists by facilitating best practice exchange with their German counterparts.
- Strengthen the physical security of representatives of Ukrainian civil society and state actors documenting war crimes in areas of high security risks.
- For those partners who would like to provide support on a local level: support the work of elected chairpersons and deputies of local councils, as they are main focal points for documenting war crimes in Ukraine's localities.
- Get in touch with partners from Ukrainian civil society. For inquiries, please message us at info@civilmplus.org.

