Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine

Barrier-Free means

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Flagship projects of the ministries within the framework of the National Strategy for Creating a Barrier-Free Environment in Ukraine until 2030

barrier-free

In the framework of the initiative of the first lady of Ukraine Olena Zelenska

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Barrier-Free means you can move freely, study together with others, work, pursue your favourite activities, and be part of positive change.

It means being able to do everything necessary for a dignified life.

Barrier-free is about everyone of us.

To make these opportunities a reality, Ukraine's ministries are implementing flagship projects under the National Strategy for Creating a Barrier-Free Environment.

These projects are transforming access to education, rehabilitation, public services, employment, culture, sports, housing, and information.

These changes are already happening. Every flagship project is another step closer to Ukraine where everyone has equal opportunities and can fully participate in society.

Barrier-Free means

you can

participate in sports freely

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS OF UKRAINE

Action Plan
2023-2026

Status:
ongoing project

social and civic accessibility

Active Parks: Barrier-Free Leisure Locations (Adaptive Sports)

The project aims to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities and war veterans by engaging them in adaptive sports. A network of adaptive sports clubs is being established in communities, certified specialists are being trained, partnerships with sports federations are being developed, and information accessibility of sports infrastructure is being improved.

Ukraine has already adopted Law No. 4370-IX, which established adaptive sports as a distinct area of public policy. By the end of 2025, **200 adaptive sports clubs were operating in local communities, engaging more than 85,000 participants.**



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shape your own future

MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS OF UKRAINE

Action Plan
2025-2026

Status:
project is at the launch stage

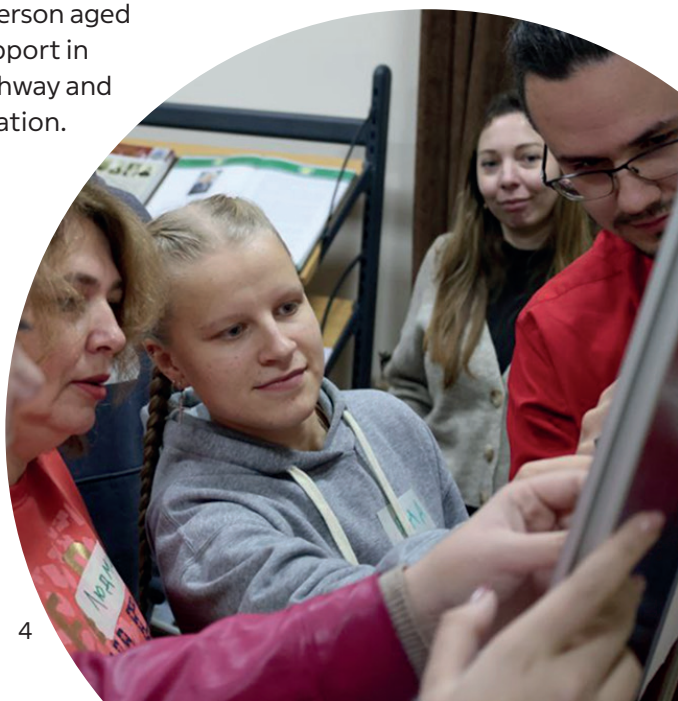
social and civic accessibility

Future Hubs

The project aims to ensure equal access for teenagers and young people to tools for planning their future in Ukraine and for professional self-determination, regardless of social, economic, or physical barriers.

At a Future Hub every young person aged 14–35 will be able to receive support in building their professional pathway and developing skills for self-realisation.

During the pilot stage in 2026, the project is planned to be implemented through youth centres in five regions of Ukraine.



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study together with others

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE

Action Plan
2023-2024

Status:
ongoing project

inclusive education

Education for Everyone

The project is developing the inclusive education system in Ukraine. Its goal is to ensure every child's access to quality education within their community through systematic support and the removal of barriers. In 2025, nearly **50,000 students** with special educational needs received support, and **UAH 447.1 million** was allocated from the state budget for inclusive education. Efforts are underway to enhance physical accessibility in schools throughout the country.

The digital Inclusive Resource Centres system has been upgraded, and 320 specialists from inclusive resource centres have completed professional development training.

The School of Superheroes network of educational centres in hospitals **has expanded to 23 locations**.



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MINISTRY
OF EDUCATION AND
SCIENCE OF UKRAINE

Action Plan
2025-2026

Status:
ongoing project

inclusive education

Educational Accessibility: Opening New Horizons

This project aims to ensure equal access to education at every stage of life, from preschool to university. In 2025, **100 new preschool education facilities were established, including** mobile, family-based, and mini-kindergartens, nursery groups for children from one year of age, and child development centres. For the first time, funding for students with special educational needs was allocated according to the number of students and their required level of support.

In vocational education institutions, **89 workshops and laboratories** were renovated, benefiting more than 4,500 students with disabilities. In addition, 21 Student Support Centres were established to provide inclusive educational services and psychological support.



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MINISTRY
OF EDUCATION AND
SCIENCE OF UKRAINE

Action Plan
2025-2026

Status:
project is in the launch phase

inclusive education

STEP: Comprehensive Development, Education and Career

The project aims to create conditions for in-person learning and professional integration for approximately **10,000 children with complex developmental needs**. These are children who often study through pedagogical patronage and face uncertainty regarding their educational or professional pathways after completing lower secondary education. STEP will help ensure a consistent transition to adulthood while taking into account each child's abilities, aspirations, and support needs.

The project envisages equipping of 100 STEP classrooms in schools in 2026, establishing a state institution for methodological support, teacher training and supervision, and introducing regulatory changes to scale up the initiative in specialised secondary and vocational education.



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receive adequate support at every stage of life

The Coordination Center for Family Upbringing and Child Care Development

Action Plan
2025-2026

Status:
ongoing project

inclusive education

Pathway of a Child with Disabilities

The project introduces a **unified approach to continuous support for children with disabilities** – from early identification and access to inclusive education to the transition into adulthood and community-based services. The initiative integrates healthcare, education, and social protection systems to provide coordinated support throughout a child's life. A concept for this pathway support has already been developed, interagency discussions have been held, and international experience has been studied. Currently, a **White Paper** is being prepared to establish a comprehensive state policy framework for supporting children with disabilities and children with special educational needs.

It is also planned to establish a Barrier-Free Research and Education Centre under the auspices of several Ukrainian universities in cooperation with the University of Minnesota (USA).



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NATIONAL AGENCY OF UKRAINE
ON CIVIL SERVICE

Action Plan
2025-2026

Status:
ongoing project

inclusive education

Barrier-Free Public Administration

The National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service is implementing a project aimed at removing barriers to public services for veterans, people with disabilities, internally displaced persons, and citizens lacking basic digital skills through professional training for public servants and the development of an inclusive service environments.

During 2025, 10,379 specialists completed general barrier-free training programmes; 1,799 participants studied plain language and easy-to-read communication, and 1,404 civil servants were trained on inclusion issues.

To support systemic implementation, **the agency published the Practical Guide for Organising Barrier-Free Training for Public Servants**.



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recover without obstacles

MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF UKRAINE

Action Plan
2023-2026

Status:
ongoing project

social and civic accessibility

Development of the Rehabilitation Care System

The Ministry of Health of Ukraine is building a modern rehabilitation system that helps people return to full and active lives after injuries, illnesses, or war-related trauma. The system is based on accessibility, early intervention, multidisciplinary teams, and bringing services closer to where people live. Special attention is being paid to outpatient rehabilitation and paediatric services. Every community with a hospital is expected to establish a rehabilitation department.

Over the past year and a half alone, **more than 500,000 people** have received free rehabilitation services **in 555 healthcare** facilities across the country.



Barrier-Free means

you can

move freely around the city

Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine

Action Plan
2021-2022

Status:
ongoing project

physical accessibility

Updating State Building Standards

The project aims to update Ukraine's state building standards in line with the international best practices. Accessibility should be integrated into the design of buildings and public spaces from the outset, rather than added later as a formal requirement. The goal is to create environments where everyone feels welcome, and respected.

Between 2023 and 2025, **five key state building standards concerning** the inclusiveness of buildings, healthcare facilities, civil protection infrastructure, and social facilities were updated. An important step towards European integration was also taken with the adoption of four new state standards based on ISO and EN standards regulating urban accessibility and functional accessibility requirements for facilities.



Barrier-Free means

you can

choose your own route independently

Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine

Action Plan
2023-2024

Status:
ongoing project

physical accessibility

Barrier-Free Recovery

The project establishes accessibility as a mandatory principle of Ukraine's reconstruction and recovery efforts. Its goal is to ensure that all newly constructed and restored facilities fully comply with **accessibility requirements and standards** for all population groups.

As of 2025, more than 70,000 facilities have been assessed, and accessibility data on them has been added to the **Barrier-Free Map**. Amendments to Cabinet of Ministers Resolution No. 303 made it possible to conduct accessibility inspections during martial law. Communities are now required to develop barrier-free routes, and 837 communities have already prepared such projects. In 2025, the Barrier-Free Community **Index was calculated** for the first time. Starting in 2026, 20 higher education institutions will begin training specialists in accessibility and inclusive design



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Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine

Action Plan
2025-2026

Status:
ongoing project

physical accessibility

Movement Without Barriers

Movement Without Barriers is a pilot project being implemented in 15 communities to create safe, convenient, and accessible routes connecting key infrastructure facilities, including hospitals, schools, public transport stops, and administrative service centres. In 2025 alone, more than 500 facilities were upgraded. By 2030 over 1,500 facilities are expected to be improved, with the total length of accessible routes reaching up to 100 km. The project focuses on a comprehensive approach to creating an urban environments that are comfortable, safe, and accessible for everyone.

Implemented through **cooperation between communities, government authorities, and businesses**, the initiative is expected to be scaled up nationwide.



Barrier-Free means

you can

create an accessible environment around you

Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories of Ukraine

Action Plan
2025-2026

Status:
project is launched

physical accessibility

Strengthening Local Government Capacity on Accessibility and Inclusion

In 2026, the Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine plans to launch a flagship project aimed at strengthening the capacity of local communities to apply accessibility principles and systematically develop barrier-free environments.

The project includes comprehensive training programmes for accessibility specialists. Particular attention will be given to establishing network of barrier-free coordinators and ambassadors within communities. It also envisages introducing the role of barrier-free commissioners at the local level to support and coordinate accessibility initiatives.



Barrier-Free means

you can

access public services without obstacles

Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine

Action Plan
2025-2026

Status:
ongoing project

digital accessibility

Barrier-Free Administrative Service Centres

The Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine, together with partners, is developing a network of barrier-free Administrative Service Centres to ensure that public services are convenient and accessible for everyone, regardless of age, health condition, or life circumstances. The project includes inclusive facility design, staff training, and improvements in digital accessibility. The first upgraded centres are already operating in 14 communities.

By the end of 2025, the project aims to renovate half of the facilities and ensure barrier-free **access to services in 50% of participating centres**.



Barrier-Free means

you can

receive support where and when you need

Ministry of Veterans Affairs of Ukraine

Action Plan
2025-2026

Status:
ongoing project

social and civic accessibility

Formula for a Dignified Return to Civilian Life

The Return Formula is a comprehensive approach to supporting veterans, their families, and the families of fallen Defenders of Ukraine. The project combines personalised support services, employment assistance, professional adaptation, veteran entrepreneurship development, and digital services. It includes the establishment of a national network of veteran support specialists, the creation of Care Spaces in communities and hospitals, and the development of digital infrastructure tailored to veterans' needs.

Currently, **1,307 specialists are working in 924 communities, 10 Care Spaces have been established, and more than 1,000 veteran-owned businesses have received support**.



Barrier-Free means

you can

train and compete even when your body has changed

Ministry of Veterans Affairs of Ukraine

Action Plan
2025-2026

Status:
ongoing project

social and civic accessibility

Development of Sports for Veterans

The project aims to promote veteran sports and encourage healthy, active lifestyles. A network of sports centres, associations, and competitions is being developed to help veterans rediscover their potential through sport, improve their physical and mental well-being, and build supportive connections with fellow service members as they transition to civilian life.

By the end of 2025, more than **311,000 participants** had benefited from the programme. Ukrainian veterans have also participated in numerous national and international competitions, including the Invictus **Games and the Strong Spirit's Games**.



Barrier-Free means

you can

speak and be heard

Ministry of Culture of Ukraine

Action Plan
2021-2024

Status:
completed project

information accessibility

Information Campaign “Ukraine Without Barriers”

Listening to one another, showing and feeling respect through words and actions, and seeing that the state communicates with you as an equal—this project was dedicated to promoting accessibility as a societal value in Ukraine.

Through media products, partnerships, and educational materials, the campaign helped make the accessibility our common language. The information campaign was implemented during 2021–2024 and made an important contribution to developing an inclusive public dialogue on accessibility, participation, and equal opportunities for everyone.



Barrier-Free means

you can

access information freely

Ministry of Culture of Ukraine

Action Plan
2023-2026

Status:
ongoing project

information accessibility

Information Without Barriers

The Ministry of Culture of Ukraine is implementing systemic changes to ensure equal access to public information. The project covers the introduction of plain language principles, the development of accessible content, and the improvement of communication between public authorities and citizens.

As part of the initiative, methodological materials have been developed, **more than 1,000 culture and media** professionals have completed specialised training, and over **60,000 people** have watched the educational series “Complex things explained in plain language”. The next phase includes developing a methodology for assessing the implementation of accessibility principles in content published on official websites and scaling these approaches across the culture and public communications sectors.



Barrier-Free
means

you can

participate in
cultural life

Ministry of Culture
of Ukraine

Action Plan
2025-2026

Status:
ongoing project

information accessibility

Culture Without Barriers

The project promotes equal access to cultural services, events, and infrastructure for all citizens. Inclusive solutions are being introduced in cultural institutions, accessible cultural services for people with reduced mobility are being developed, and approaches to addressing accessibility in cultural policy are being strengthened.

In 2025, a nationwide study on the **accessibility of cultural institutions and events was conducted**, providing an evidence base for future improvements. **In addition, a Barrier-Free Map of Cultural Institutions** was created to help people plan accessible visits and participate more fully in cultural life.



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Action Plan
2025-2026

Status:
ongoing project

information accessibility

Improving the Accessibility of Voting for People with Disabilities

The project aims to ensure that people with disabilities and people with temporary or permanent functional limitations can exercise their voting rights independently and on an equal basis with others. This includes both physical accessibility of polling stations, enhancing the accessibility of assistive voting tools, and ensuring that election-related information is available in accessible formats.

Currently, information gathering and analytical work are ongoing. Procedures for providing voters with reasonable accommodation have already been defined, and data on the accessibility of premises that may be used as polling stations has been collected.



Barrier-Free means

you can

receive assistance from emergency services when you need it

Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine

Action Plan
2025-2026

Status:
ongoing project

social and civic accessibility

Accessibility of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Emergency Services

The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine is working to ensure equal access to emergency services provision for everyone. For this purpose, the unified **emergency number 112** has been introduced within the Ministry's system, enabling users to access emergency assistance through a single contact point, including the possibility to communicate in sign language and in several foreign languages. Digitalisation of services is ongoing, including the launch of the Single Window for Citizens online service and the Your Support portal, which provide easier access to public services.

At the same time, physical infrastructure is being improved through accessible facilities, interactive information systems, accessible websites, and staff training on barrier-free communication.



Barrier-Free means

you can

drive a car with confidence

Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine

Action Plan
2023-2026

Status:
ongoing project

social and civic accessibility

Barrier-Free Driving Schools

The project is developing a network of barrier-free driving schools to ensure that people with disabilities can access driver training in a comfortable and supportive environment. Seven driving schools within the Ministry of Internal Affairs system have already introduced adapted infrastructure and individualised training programmes, and specialised instruction delivered by qualified trainers. The project promotes independence, mobility, and participation in community life, particularly for veterans.

More than 160 graduates have already obtained driving licences through the programme.

In 2025, the vehicle fleet was upgraded, and preparations began for launching a dedicated training programme for people with hearing impairments.



Barrier-Free means

you can

live independently in your community with sufficient support

Ministry of Social Policy, Family and Unity of Ukraine

Action Plan
2023-2026

Status:
ongoing project

social and civic accessibility

Supported Living

Supported living is an alternative to isolated institutional care, giving people with disabilities and older people the opportunity to live with dignity in ordinary settings – in the community, in small comfortable houses or apartments, with the necessary support of a social worker. This approach enables people to feel care, maintain social connections, interact with neighbours, pursue employment opportunities, and participate in community life. More than **20 such houses have already been established in 8 regions**.

Today, **44 social service providers**—both public and nongovernmental—are involved in the project.



Barrier-Free means

you can

receive support when needed the most

Ministry of Social Policy, Family and Unity of Ukraine

Action Plan
2023-2026

Status:
ongoing project

social and civic accessibility

Early Intervention

The early intervention system combines health, social, and educational services to support children from birth to four years of age who have developmental difficulties or are at risk of developmental delays. Early intervention specialists work closely with children and their families to improve quality of life, strengthen developmental outcomes, and provide guidance, training, and ongoing support.

Today, Ukraine already has **100 early intervention teams operating**.



Barrier-Free
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you can

live a full life

Ministry
of Social Policy, Family
and Unity of Ukraine

Action Plan
2023-2026

Status:
ongoing project

social and civic accessibility

Improving Access to Assistive Products

Since the beginning of Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine, both the number and complexity of serious injuries requiring rehabilitation have increased significantly. In particular, the country has seen a growing number of amputations, including multiple limb loss and high-level amputations. The project aims to strengthen the system for providing assistive products and rehabilitation devices to ensure that people can regain mobility, independence, and quality of life.

The 2026 state budget allocates approximately **8 billion UAH** for the provision of assistive rehabilitation devices.



Barrier-Free means

you can

find employment without barriers

MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICU LTURE OF UKRAINE

Action Plan
2021-2024

Status:
completed project

economic accessibility and inclusion

Work Without Barriers

Government employment initiatives help Ukrainians build careers and start businesses regardless of age, health condition, or personal circumstances. The microgrant programme has provided financial support to 22,000 entrepreneurs, including veterans, contributing to the creation of more than 39,000 jobs.

Particular emphasis is placed on reskilling and professional development. Through voucher programmes and vocational training opportunities, more than **244,000 people** have acquired new skills. To promote inclusive employment, the state reimburses employers for workplace adaptations for people with disabilities and supports the employment of internally displaced persons. Together, these measures are helping to create a labour market where skills, experience, and initiative matter more than barriers.



Barrier-Free means

you can

work and fulfil your potential

MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICU LTURE OF UKRAINE

Action Plan
2025-2026

Status:
ongoing project

economic accessibility

Barrier-Free Labour Market

Finding a new profession at 50, receiving a grant to start your own business, or returning to work after military service—t his project is about ensuring that everyone who wants to work has the opportunity to do so.

The initiative supports employers who create jobs for people with disabilities, helps internally displaced persons find employment, provides training vouchers for career transitions, and offers grants for start or expand businesses.

Since the launch of the project, **31,757 grants** have been awarded, 65,700 training vouchers have been issued, and over **2,900 people with disabilities** have secured employment through programmes that compensate employers for workplace adaptation costs.



Barrier-Free means

you can

be in demand on the labour market

MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICU LTURE OF UKRAINE

Action Plan
2025-2026

Status:
ongoing project

economic accessibility

Experience Matters

The project creates **new opportunities for people aged 50 and over** who wish to return to work, change careers, or remain active in the labour market. It connects candidate's experience and motivation with real labour market needs through training, interview preparation, fast-track interviews, and short internships. For businesses, it is a simple tool to see candidates' strengths and rethink hiring approaches. The focus is placed on individualised support. Employment centres assist participants in identifying suitable vacancies, accessing training opportunities, and receiving career guidance.

Digital tools, including the Diia platform, are used to support participation. The project is scheduled for pilot implementation in 2026, with plans for nationwide expansion.



Barrier-Free
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you can

serve your country
effectively

Ministry
of Defence
of Ukraine

Action Plan
2023-2024

Status:
ongoing project

Social and civic barrier-free accessibility

Military Uniforms and Body Armour Designed for Women

The introduction of military uniforms and body armour designed specifically for women is an important towards creating a barrier-free environment in the armed forces. The project addresses longstanding challenges associated with standard equipment that was not designed to accommodate female body characteristics, often affecting comfort, mobility, and operational effectiveness. Ukraine has established a system for supplying servicewomen with clothing and protective equipment developed on the basis of anthropometric data and user needs.

In 2025, 30,000 sets of field uniforms and more than 50,400 items of underwear and related supplies were delivered to military units. For 2026, the procurement of **2,000 modular body armour** sets designed specifically for women is planned.



Barrier-Free means

you can

feel comfortable and treated with dignity

Ministry of Defence of Ukraine

Action Plan
2025-2026

Status:
ongoing project

social and civic accessibility

Wounded Soldier Package

One of the key initiatives of the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine is the nationwide implementation of the Wounded Soldier Package. This comprehensive solution provides adaptive clothing and hygiene products for injured service members, addressing physical, medical, and psychological needs simultaneously. The clothing improves comfort when wearing external fixation devices, facilitates access for medical treatment, and reduces dependence on assistance from others.

By the end of 2025, the Ministry of Defence had procured and delivered more than **450,000 units of adaptive clothing**. This represents an important systemic step towards ensuring dignified rehabilitation and recovery conditions for military personnel.



Barrier-Free means

you can

receive support after an injury

Ministry of Defence of Ukraine

Action Plan
2025-2026

Status:
ongoing project

social and civic accessibility

Recovery and Health Centres for Military Personnel

The project envisages the development of a comprehensive network of centres providing high-quality medical, physical, and psychological rehabilitation services for defenders of Ukraine, veterans, and civilians affected by hostilities. These centres are designed to support full recovery after injuries and trauma.

In 2025, a comprehensive accessibility audit of the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine hospital network was conducted. As a result, practical improvements were initiated, including the replacement of elevators and installation of accessible ramps, with a total investment exceeding **UAH 50 million**.



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MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
OF UKRAINE

Action Plan
2025-2026

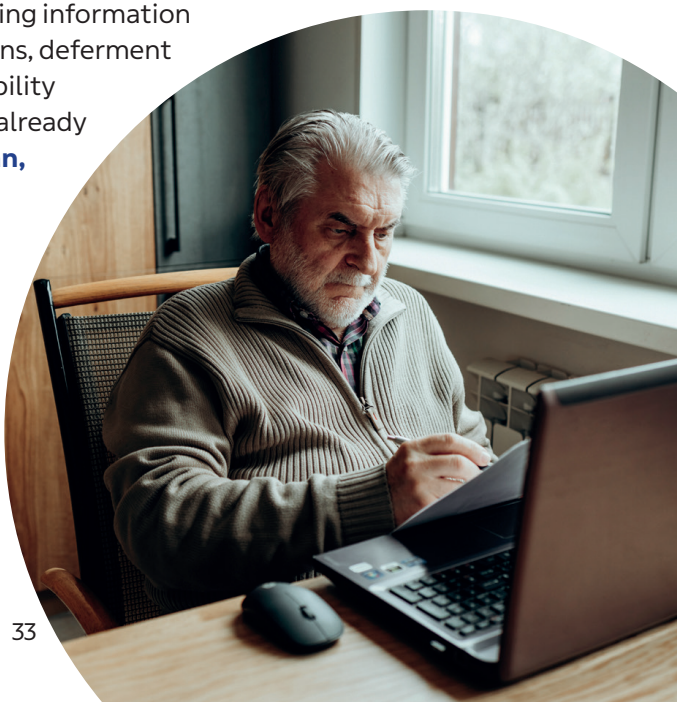
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social and civic accessibility

Access to Legal Information for National Minorities

The project aims to ensure that representatives of national communities and indigenous peoples can access key legal information in their native languages. The most frequently consulted articles on the WikiLegalAid platform—including information on military medical commissions, deferment from military service, and disability assessment procedures—have already been translated into **Hungarian, Romani, and Armenian**. The publications have attracted more than 7,000 views to date.

Work is also underway to translate legal information into the Crimean Tatar language, further expanding access to justice and legal awareness.



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