

PJI Mission - “Prosecuting Atrocity Crimes: from evidence to court presentation”

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The Peace and Justice Initiative (“PJI”) is actively engaged in supporting the quest for justice in Ukraine. Immediately following the invasion of 24 February 2022, PJI participated in humanitarian relief operations at the Ukrainian-Polish border. Subsequently, PJI members have contributed to trainings of lawyers from the region on gathering information regarding serious crimes and victims’ avenues for redress, as well as high-level discussions on the topic.

In June 2022, PJI delivered Workshops to members of the Prosecutor-General’s Office in Kyiv, Ukraine, and conducted site visits to Bucha and Irpın.

The June Workshops focused on legal and evidentiary issues that arise in complex crimes cases:

- Workshop 1 examined the crimes of Torture and Enforced Disappearances. Scenarios were presented in which participants assessed relevant legal and investigative requirements and considerations. Evidentiary issues, including the use of digital evidence and expert evidence were considered in detail.
- Workshop 2 examined the investigation of crimes committed by complex organisations. The prosecution of leaders of hierarchical structures was assessed in light of modes of liability, and the organisation and analysis of large bodies of evidence, including through digital platforms.







