



Investigative Interview: Ukrainian context



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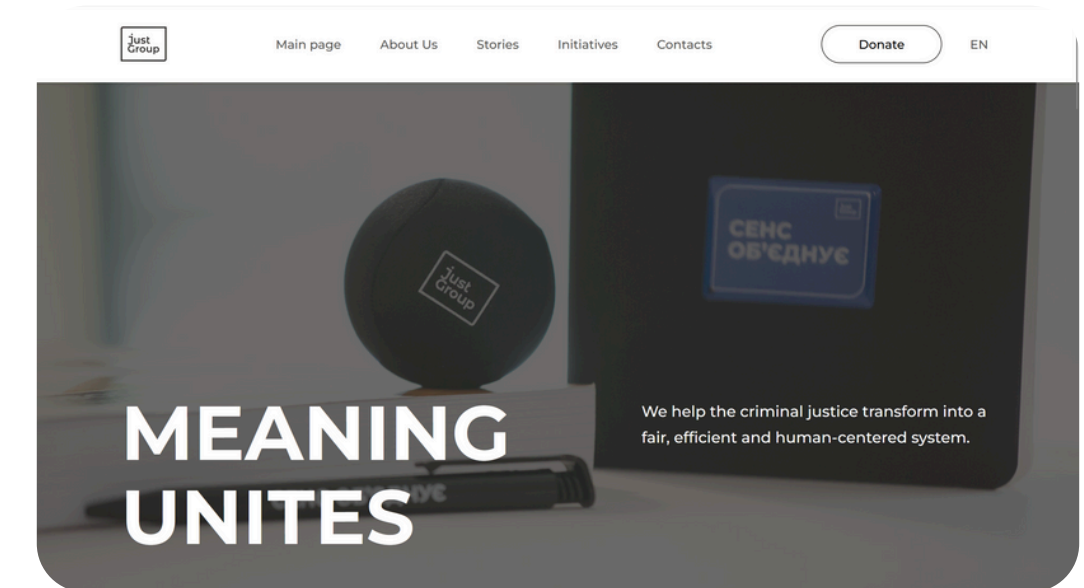


JustGroup - a national non-state actor, which helps criminal justice transform into a fair, efficient and human-centered system.

JustGroup is an organization that conducts evidence-based **RESEARCH** of the criminal justice and **DEVELOPS SOLUTIONS** that can transform the system based on a diverse perspective.

We design and implement new approaches for national criminal justice system within:

- Human capital development
- Introducing and implementing innovations
- Evidence based research and analysis
- Community building within professional communities involved into criminal justice system
- Platform for dialogues and discussions among professional communities on criminal justice system development
- Interaction with War infrastructure in terms of strengthening their capacities



Our focus will be on:

- Legislative frame for interviews before 2022 and now
- Our roadmap and approach in changing the practice and core lessons learned
- Some issues from the practice on war crimes
- Next steps

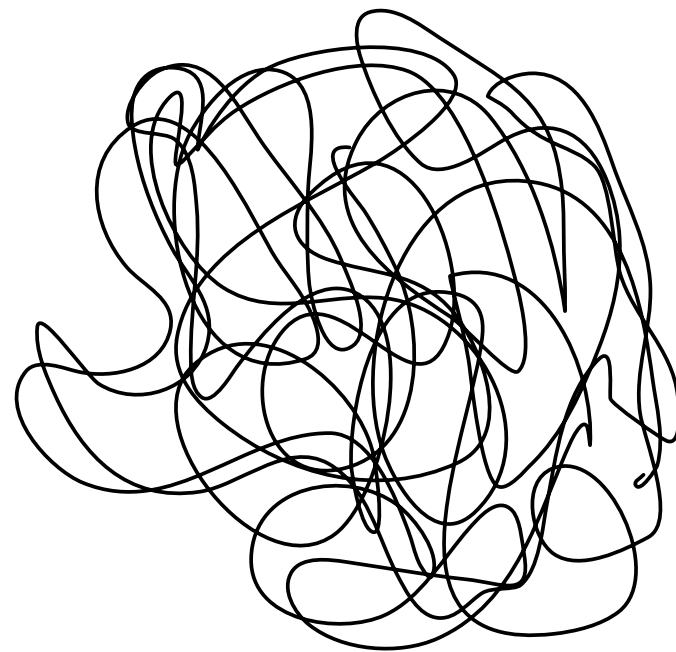
Legislative frame:

Before 2022

After 2022



Investigative Interview



Complex context



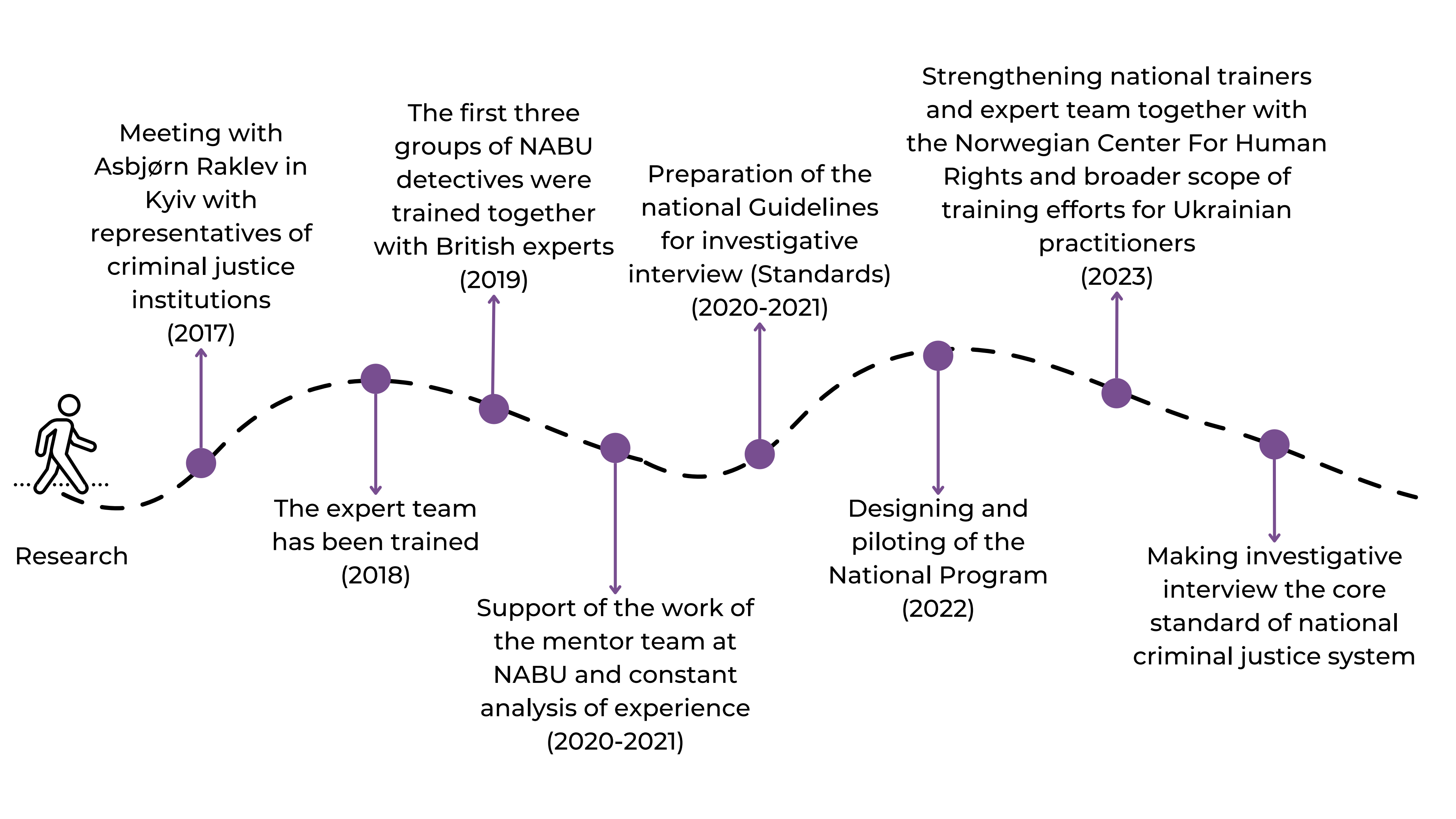
**new opportunities to become
stronger and for our criminal justice
to become fair and human-oriented**

Starting point (2016)



A working meeting chaired by the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel - **Juan Mendez** was held on July 7-8, 2016 in Washington.

The meeting was dedicated to the preparation of the next report of the Special Rapporteur.



Meeting with Asbjørn Raklev in Kyiv with representatives of criminal justice institutions

(2017)

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(2019)

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(2020-2021)

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(2018)

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(2022)

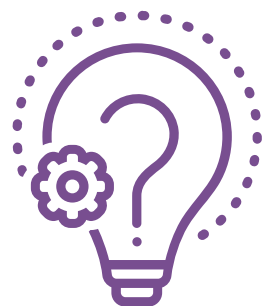
Making investigative interview the core standard of national criminal justice system



Research



Research book (English version)



For evidence to be persuasive enough and the capacity to overcome some objections

Research



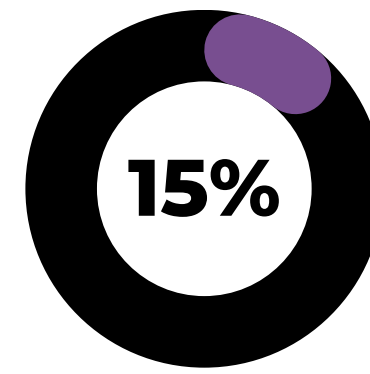
of investigators believe that the interrogation has lost its meaning due to the impossibility of using its results in court.



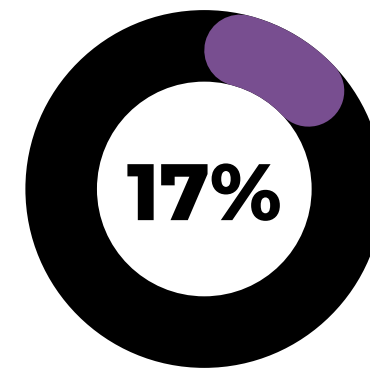
respondents agreed that questioning is a key action for obtaining information.



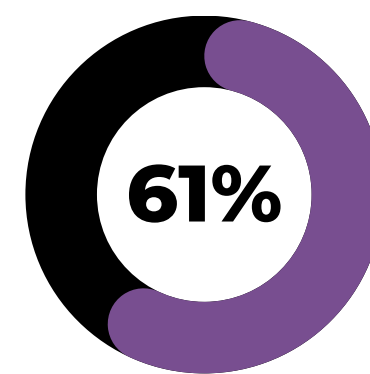
Only 18% of respondents noted that they thoroughly prepare for each interrogation.



of investigators believe that showing respect to the suspect only harms the interrogation.

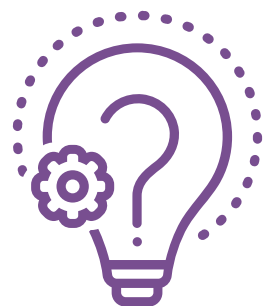
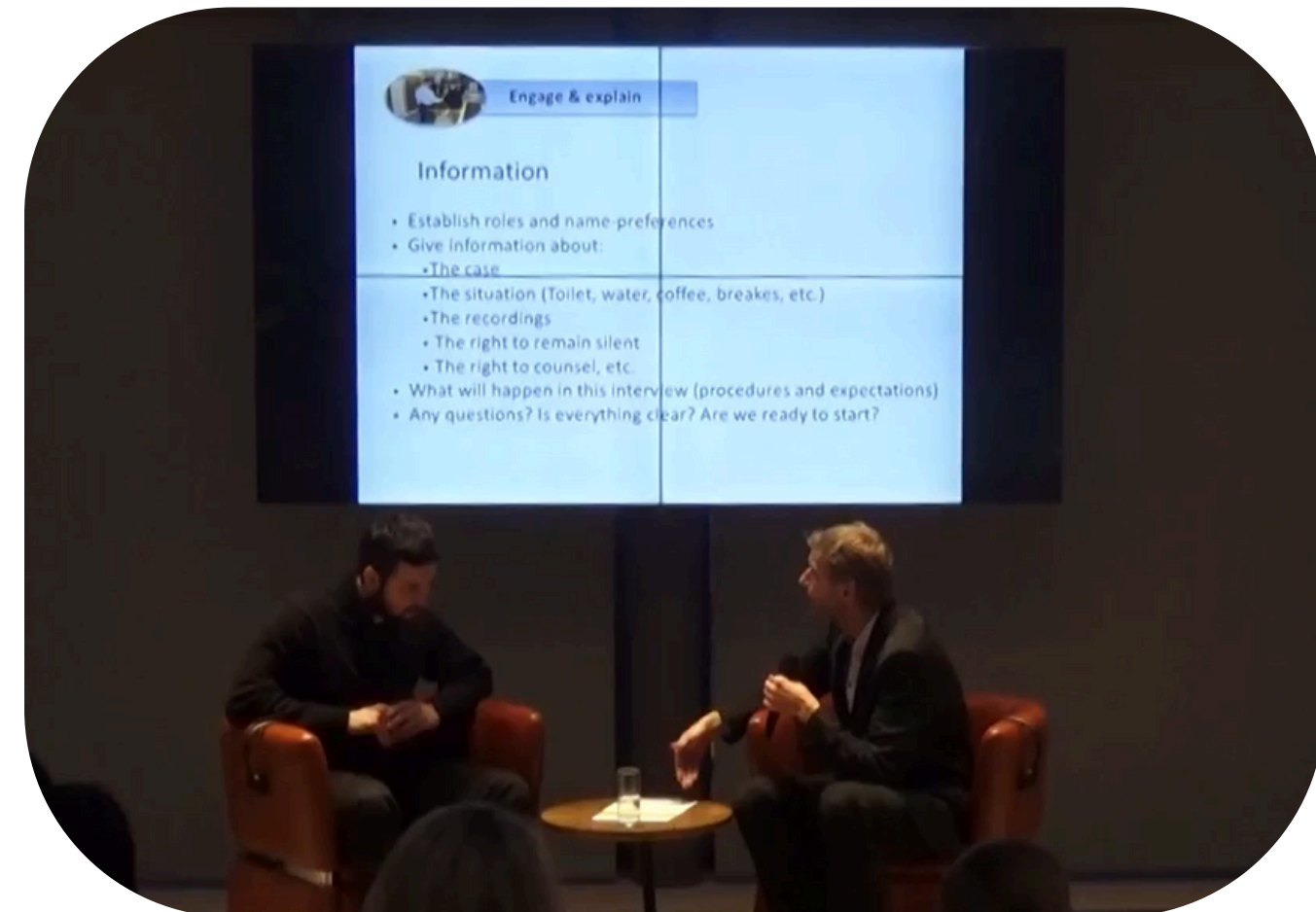
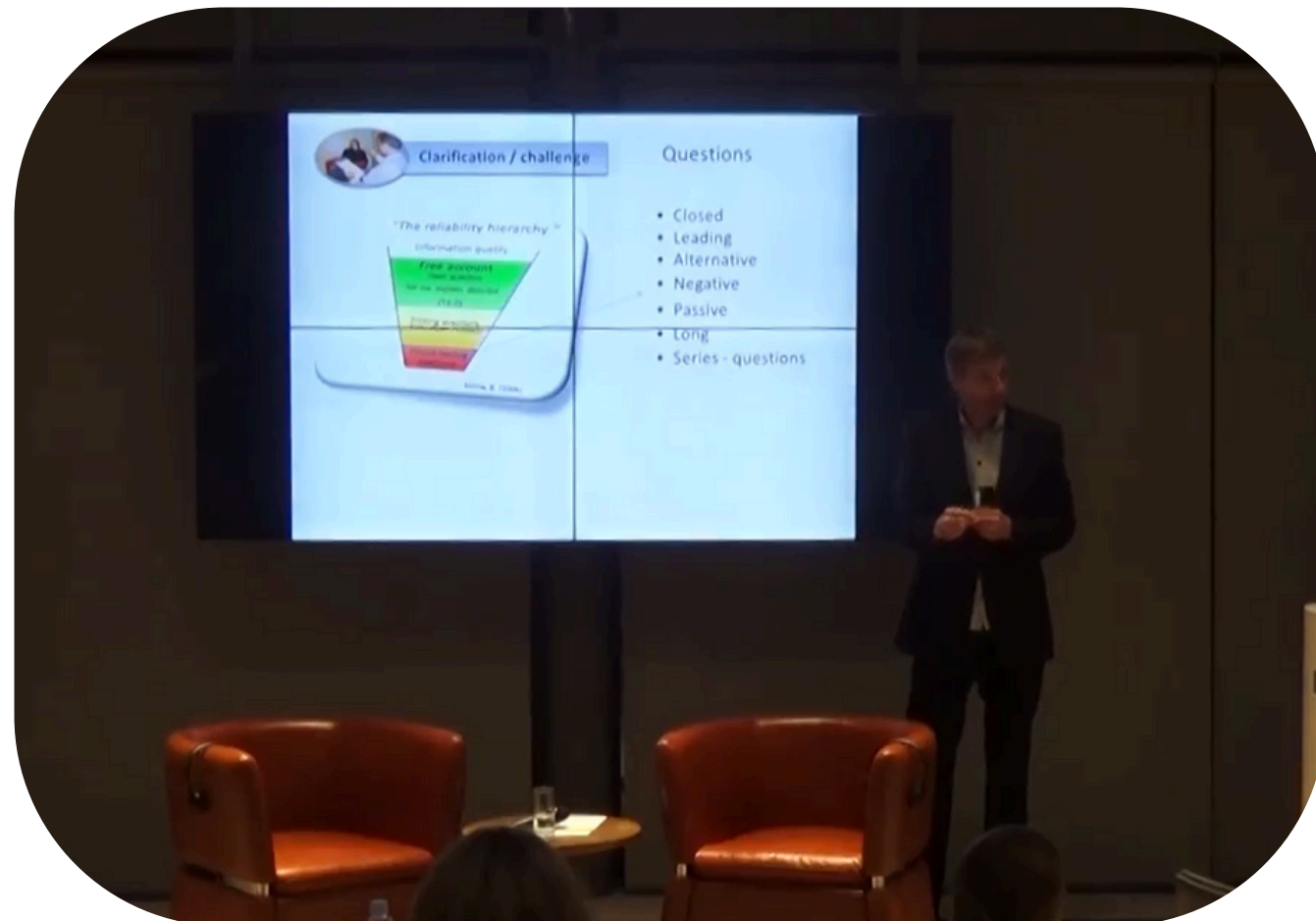


the suspect must be in a state of tension, which contributes to the achievement of the purpose of the interrogation.



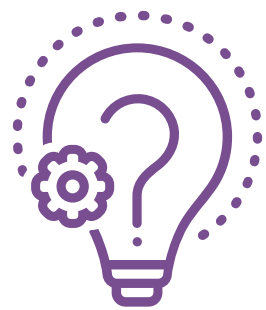
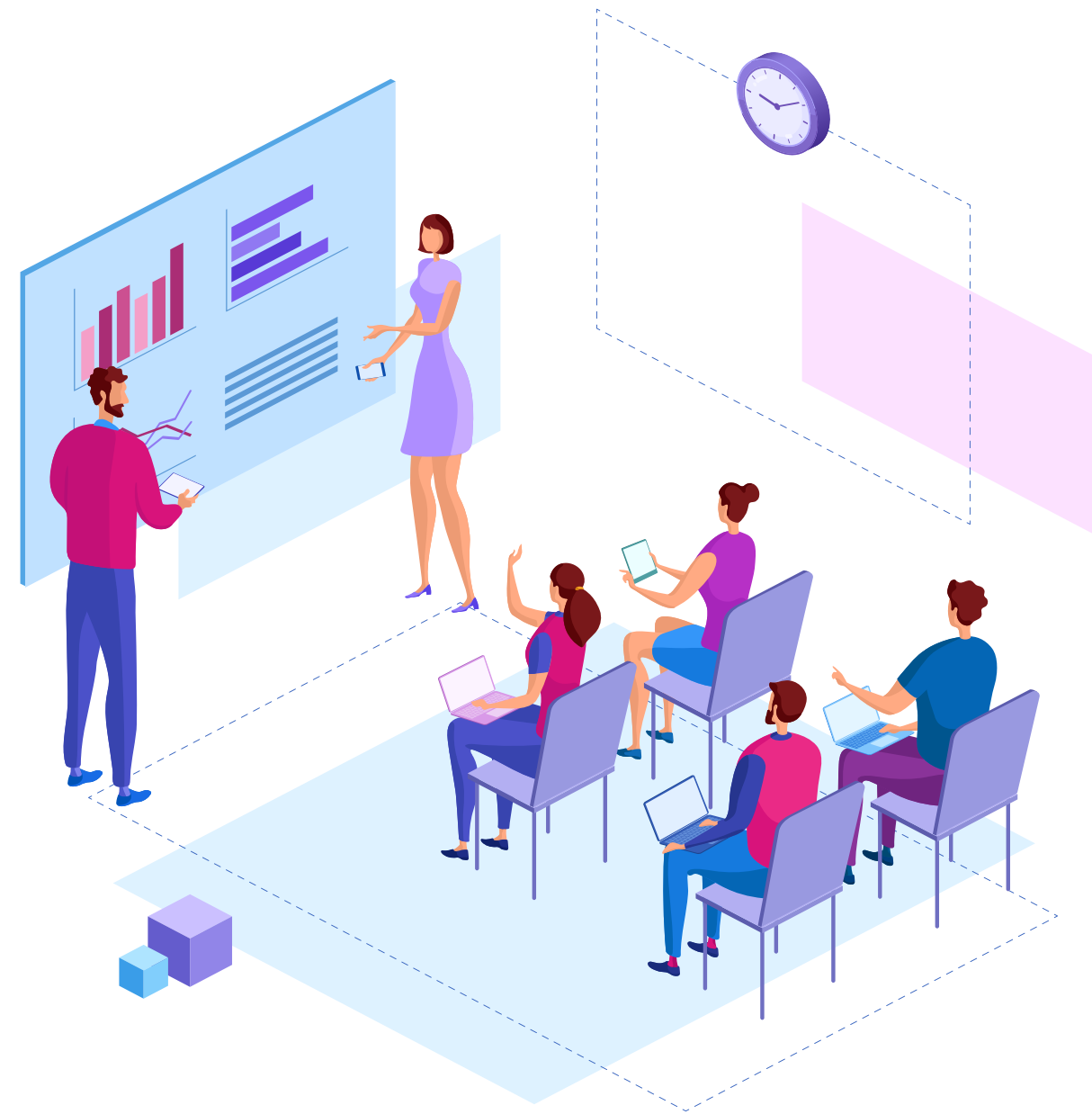
only an interrogation related to obtaining a confession is considered successful.

Meeting with Asbjørn Raklev in Kyiv with representatives of criminal justice institutions (2017)



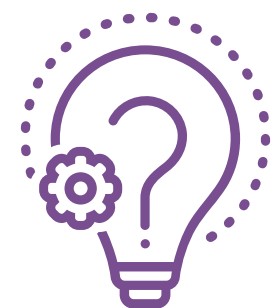
- Promotion of discussion inside the criminal justice system
- Inspiration

The expert team has been trained (2018)



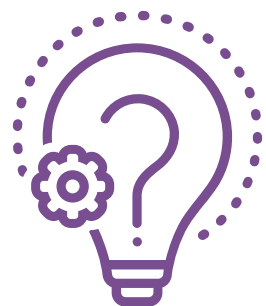
It is good to have a group of enthusiastic people from different professional groups who will be ready to work for long-term solutions and goals

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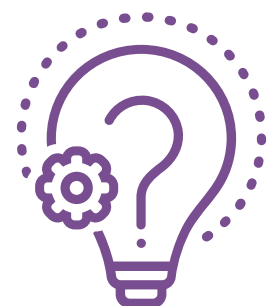
Look for pioneers in the sector and those who are ready for innovations

Support of the work of the mentor team at NABU and constant analysis of experience (2020-2021)



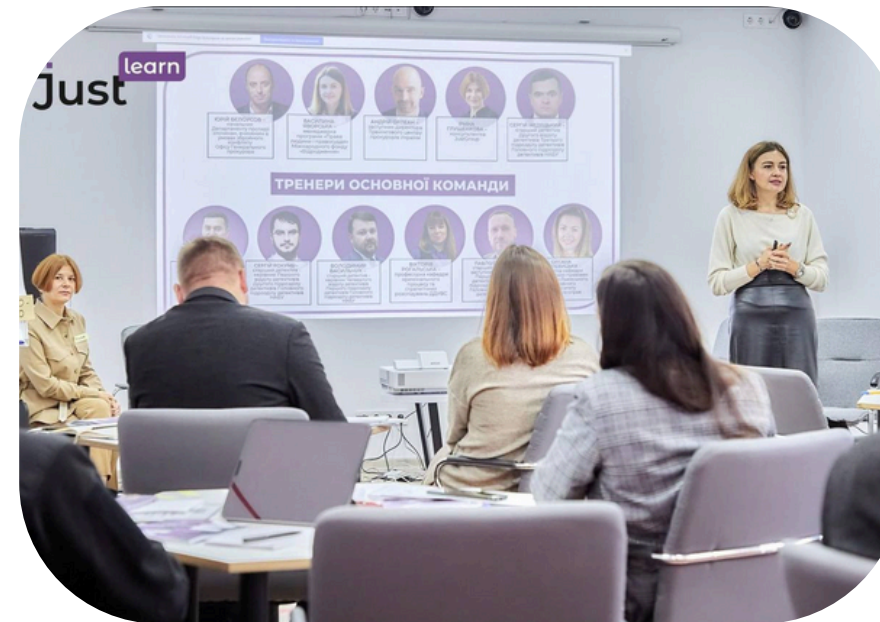
Training is not enough - provide follow-up support and space for knowledge sharing

Preparation of the national Guidelines for investigative interview (Standards) (2020-2021)



- Explain how the investigative interview works in a national context
- The feeling of ownership of national practitioners is essential and valuable

Designing and piloting of the National Program (2022)



Strengthening national trainers and expert team together with the Norwegian Center For Human Rights and broader scope of training efforts for Ukrainian practitioners (2023)

Partnership with:



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UiO : Norwegian Centre for Human Rights
University of Oslo

- *Advanced training on Investigative interview*



- *National Training for War crimes prosecutors and investigators*



- *National TOT on Investigative Interview*



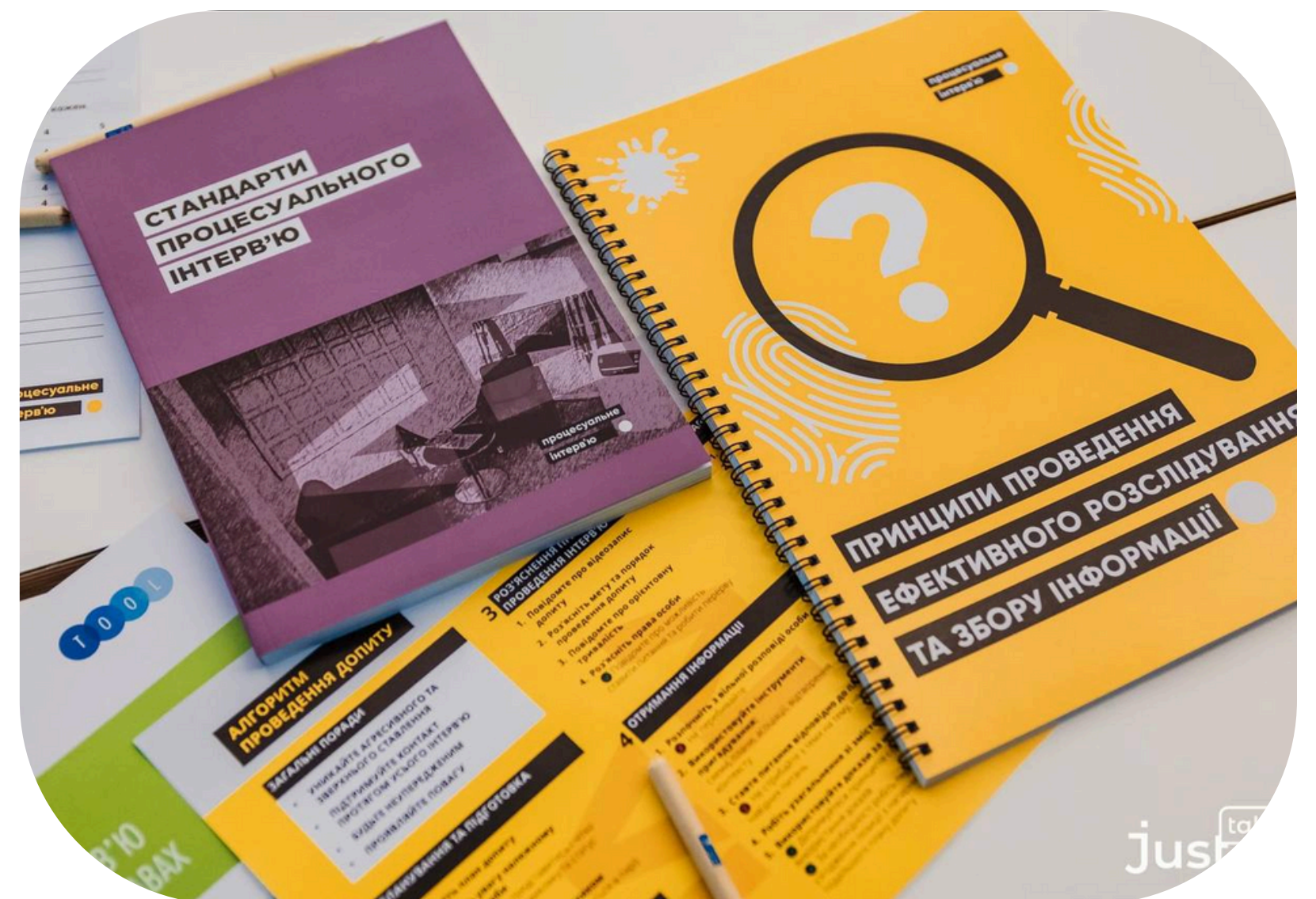
- *National Training for academia representatives*



Practice in war crimes cases



Making investigative interview the core standard of national criminal justice system



THE NEXT STEPS



- **Community**
- **Sustainability**
- **Focus on vulnerables and war crimes**
- **Building national capacity of instructors**
- **Sharing experience on national and international level**

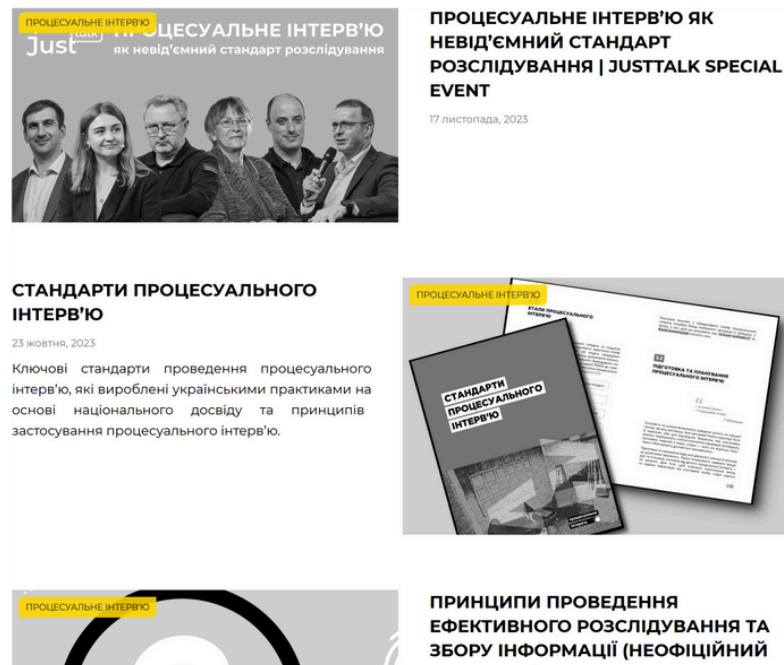
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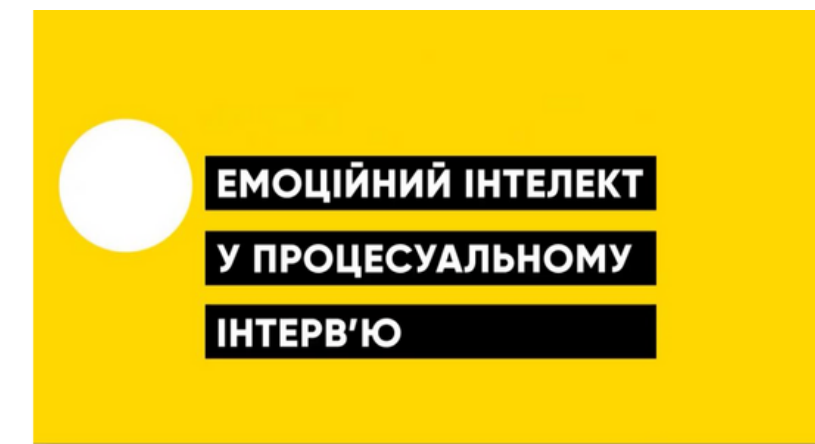
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