

# **EUAM: Netherlands pledges €2.8 million to support Ukrainian police officers with PTSD**

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On 21 November, the European Union Advisory Mission (EUAM) Ukraine and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced the launch of the 'Blue Haven for Ukraine' project, backed by over €2.8 million in funding.

The project will address psychological distress and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) among Ukrainian law enforcement officers, exacerbated by Russia's ongoing war and the challenging conditions in liberated and adjacent territories.

The 'Blue Haven for Ukraine' project will help to develop and implement a robust mental health and psychosocial support system within the National Police of Ukraine. It will deploy stationary and mobile psychosocial support stations; conduct training for police officers in advanced psychological

methods, and integrate EU best practices into Ukraine's mental health and psychosocial support system.

*"The ultimate goal of this initiative is to improve the mental well-being of Ukrainian police officers. As first responders, they constantly face high levels of stress,"* said Maura O'Sullivan, Deputy Head of the EUAM, adding that the project would enable officers to perform more effectively and contribute to safer communities across Ukraine.