

THE 2ND CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA SUMMER ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND BUSINESS

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CORE INFORMATION



2024

Introduction

The second edition of the [CEE&CA Summer Academy on Human Rights and Business](#), the flagship project of the Polish Institute for Human Rights and Business, was held from **25 September till 1 October 2024**. The aim of the Summer Academy is to respond to the growing need for the Business and Human Rights (BHR) expertise in the region by providing the future experts with **knowledge, skills and competences** that will allow them to support the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in their respective countries, what in turn would contribute to improvement in the respect for human rights in the context of business operations across the region. Additionally, the alumni have opportunity for further collaboration and networking via the CEECA BHR Association, that was created as a result of merger between the CEEBHRA and CEECA SA Alumni Network.

The 2nd CEE&CA Summer Academy was organized by the [Polish Institute for Human Rights and Business](#) (PIHRB, Poland) and the [Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University \(YMNLU, Ukraine\)](#) in partnership with the [Global Business Initiative on Human Rights \(GBI\)](#) and in collaboration with the [UN Development Programme](#), the [CEECA Resource Hub](#), the [CEE&CA Business and Human Rights Association](#). The Summer Academy 2024 was possible thanks to partial funding from Sigrid Rausing Trust funding and pro-bono engagement of PIHRB, YMNLU, GBI, UNDP and other organizations.

Key information

The CEE&CA Summer Academy is a 5-days (40 hours) intensive online course delivered by globally recognized scholars and hands-on Business & Human Rights practitioners. In 2024 it was held from **September 25 to October 1**, and was divided into two complementary parts: 3-days of theory-focused sessions and, after weekend break, 2-days of practice oriented sessions and workshops. See [Programme](#) and [Lecturers bios](#) for details.

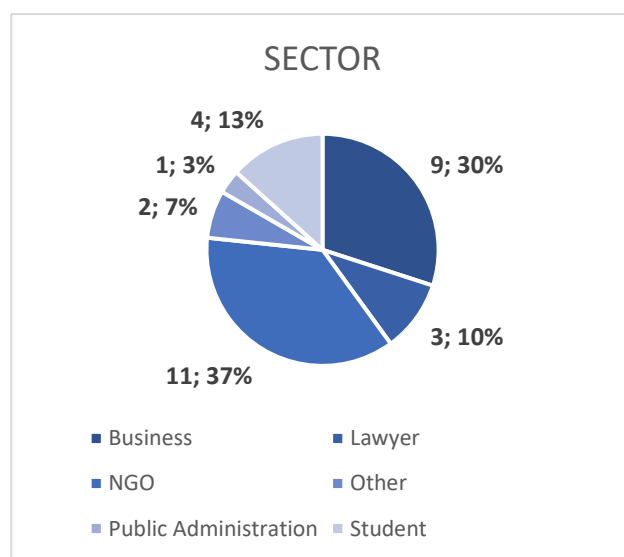
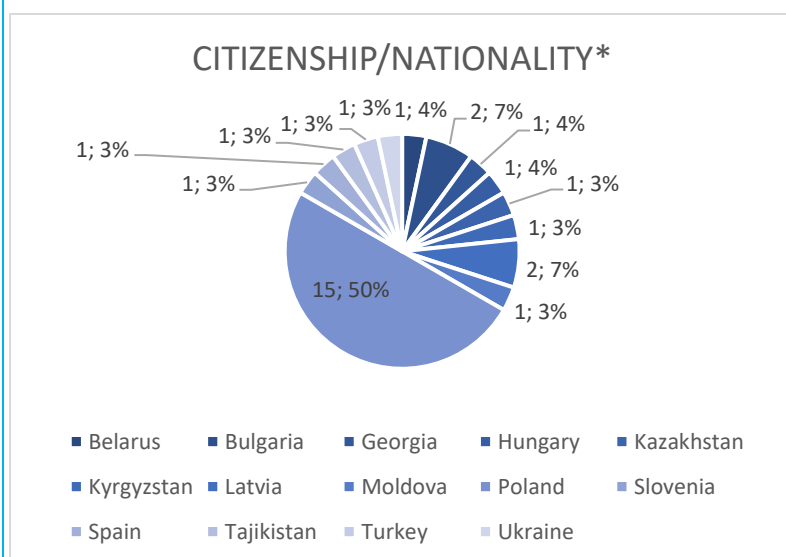
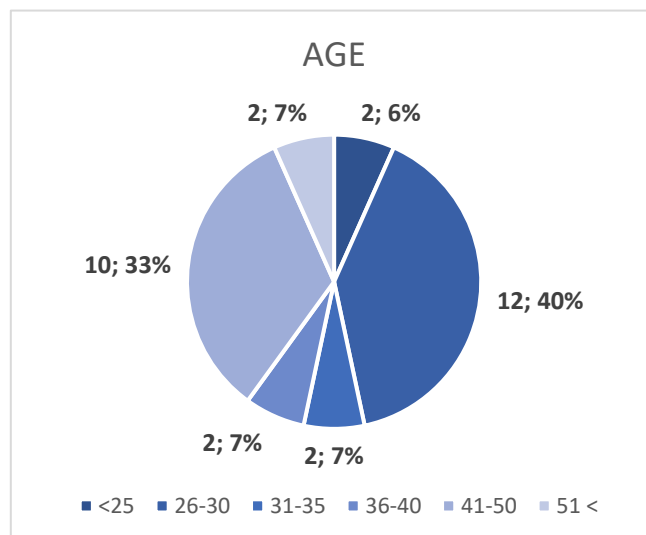
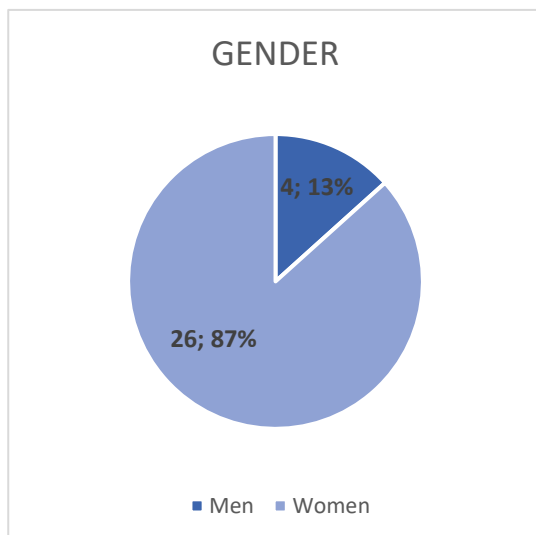
To create a friendly space for learning, academic discussions and case solving as well as to help participants to prepare for the sessions, we have created a dedicated sub-page – Materials for Participants Section – at the CEECA SA website, where we have placed pre-Academy reading materials, presentations, handouts and other relevant sources aimed to support and guide self-study. The original main concept and event format [The CEE&CA Summer Academy on Human Rights and Business](#) had been developed in the course of an earlier project – [Lighthouse-keepers: Business and Human Rights Cooperation Network](#).

The second edition of the CEE&CA Summer Academy was attended by 30 participants from 14 countries (27 Participants and 3 Observers). The final test was passed 26 participants. Test comprised 40 closed questions and correct answer to 75% of questions was needed to pass the test.

The academy brought together representatives of NGO's, business, students (incl. PhD students), lawyers, public administration and other groups from the CEE&CA region to explore and deepen their understanding of the relationship between human rights and business practices.

The Academy in numbers

- 5 intensive days of learning: 3 theory-focused days & 2 practice-oriented days (40 hours)
- 24 faculty members
- 27 participants and 3 observers from 14 countries
- 26 Participants passed final test



More information about the Academy

More detailed information about the SA is available on the PIHRB website: www.pihrb.org: the 2nd CEE&CA Summer Academy core website: <https://pihrib.org/ceeca-summer-academy-2024>.

If you would like to learn more about the CEE&CA Summer Academy, you are welcomed to contact us at office@pihrib.org.