

8 Months of Impact The Rule 39 Initiative

The Rule 39 Initiative partner firms, led by Dr Daria Sartori and Muriel Vicquery, have been working for urgent protection of the human rights of asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants via pro bono Rule 39 applications to the European Court of Human Rights for only 8 months (so far!)

Together, in that time we have:



Provided over

2,000 Hours of pro bono assistance

to vulnerable adults and children in urgent need of protection



Helped more 60 people from

10 countries

than, lodge life-altering Rule 39 requests in the European Court of Human Rights against SIX Council of Europe Member States



Facilitated the relocation to safety of all migrants, refugees and asylum seekers being held in a detention centre dangerously close to the frontlines in Ukraine (and one full release). This was achieved through securing two first-of-their-kind interim measure decisions from the ECtHR, addressing the rights of foreigners stuck in Ukraine during active conflict



Safeguarded the human rights of

more than 15 children

seeking asylum in perilous conditions



Ensured several groups of asylum-seekers could seek asylum in Poland, Lithuania, and Greece, after several previous failed attempts had almost cost them their lives



Secured a first-of-its-kind interim measure decision in the ECtHR in a case regarding the pushback of migrants, against Greece

Amongst other fantastic outcomes

Not only that, but our efforts are being amplified through having built capacity within European NGOs to seek relief for their clients in need; templates created by volunteers in our Rule 39 Initiative are being repeatedly used by NGOs operating in Greece, Poland, and Lithuania.

In short, your work within our collaborative initiative has, and has had an enormous impact in the lives of those assisted. Some client message excerpts (at right) show just how much:



Professor Daria, you have managed to save those who remain in the camp. You are wonderful and I am glad that I was able to convey their message I think that

I am very happy because you exist and did not leave me owe you in life

And I am very happy for you to stand with me. You are not human. You are an angel sent by God to me. I have original papers. I do not want to stay in Poland, but the road is still long. It is not important. I am fine.

I wish you a good night.