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Activities from Continuous Training Program (CTP)

Judicial Ethics

On May 2 2018, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training program, in cooperation with the USAID Justice System Strengthening Program in Kosovo JSSP, conducted a training for judges of Gjilani region on Judicial Ethics.

Purpose of this training was exchange of detailed information on implementation of the Code of Professional Ethics for Judges, discussion and case presentation, enabling judges to perform their work correctly and in line with the legal provisions of the Code of Ethic for judges.

During the training primary attention was paid to hypothetical cases identifying misconduct and at the same time elaborating on provisions of the Code of Ethics for Judges, particularly in the as-

pect of communication of a party with the judge, use of social media, receiving a gift, even in minimal value, which may create perception to the public that there is corruption in the justice system.

This training highlighted the necessity for judges to be cautious and mature and act with integrity in their private and professional life.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges, from Basic Court of Gjilan, including judges from branches of these courts such as Vitija and Kamnica.



Judicial Ethics

On May 3rd 2018, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training program, in cooperation with the USAID Justice System Strengthening Program in Kosovo JSSP, conducted a training for judges of Prizren and Gjakova region on Judicial Ethics.

Purpose of this training was exchange of detailed information on implementation of the Code of Professional Ethics for Judges, discussion and presentation of hypothetical cases, to enrich the participant's knowledge in the area of judicial ethics.

During the training primary attention was paid to hypothetical cases identifying misconduct and at the same time elaborating on provisions of the

Code of Ethics for Judges, particularly in the aspect of communication of a party with the judge, use of social media, receiving a gift, even in minimal value, which may create perception to the public that there is corruption in the justice system.

This training highlighted the necessity for judges to be cautious and mature and act with integrity in their private and professional life.

Beneficiaries of this training were 44 judges, from Basic Courts in Prizren and Gjakova including judges from branches of these courts.



Financial investigation

On May 3rd 2018, Academy of Justice in cooperation with the EU Project “Further Support to Kosovo institutions in combating organized Crime, Corruption and violent extremism”, implemented by the B&S Europe, conducted the training on “Financial Investigation”.

Purpose of this training was to enhance the participant’s knowledge on preventive actions that shall be undertaken to combat the financial crimes, and to prepare the investigation plan for financial crime, corruption, and money laundering and fiscal evasion.

Focus of this training was to elaborate the financial crime as one of the most serious crimes that intend to attack the social economic development. As a form of criminality, financial crimes

are manifested in various forms and areas: like corruption, money laundering, fiscal evasion, public procurement, etc.

All crimes that relate to financial crimes, are done by not recognizing the rule of law, and they instantly cause irregularities within the system. The states gives considerable space to combating these occurrences, as they are all destructive and continuously have tendencies to extend their impact and damage the state values.

Beneficiaries of this training were prosecutors of the Appeals instance, and judges and prosecutors from the basic instance from different regions of Kosovo.



Judicial Ethics

On May 4 2018, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training program, in cooperation with the USAID Justice System Strengthening Program in Kosovo JSSP, conducted a training for judges of Peja region on Judicial Ethics.

Purpose of this training was exchange of detailed information on implementation of the Code of Professional Ethics for Judges, discussion and presentation of hypothetical cases, to enrich the participant's knowledge in the area of judicial ethics.

During the training primary attention was paid to hypothetical cases identifying misconduct and at the same time elaborating on provisions of the Code of Ethics for Judges, particularly in the aspect of communication of a party with the judge,

use of social media, receiving a gift, even in minimal value, which may create perception to the public that there is corruption in the justice system.

This training highlighted the necessity for judges to be cautious and mature and act with integrity in their private and professional life.

Beneficiaries of this training were 34 judges, from Basic Courts in Peja basic court, including judges from branches of these courts.



The rent, its types and determination

On May 8 2018, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training program, conducted training on the following topic "The Rent, its types and determination".



Purpose of this training was to extend the participants knowledge on the Rent, and correct implementation of provisions regulating the rent.

The training commenced elaborating the rent and its meaning, terms to be met for this category of the damage, and its beneficiaries. It continued with focusing on ways of determining and assessing the rent, the height, and forms of claiming the rent, based on the case law.

Also, an important space during this training was given to discussion about correct implementation of the Law on Obligational relationships, that regulates the area of damage with emphasis on the rent, the terms to be met for this category of damage, the beneficiaries, the ways of assessing, setting the height and forms of obtaining the rent.

This raining highlighted the most frequent disputes that occur in practice, as one of the most frequent categories of damage compensation is the rent. Which as a form of damage compensation often presents a challenge for the court, in the sense of assessing the needs for setting the rent and its volume. Besides this, another challenge is way of proving and the forms of its determination.

The training was conducted through interactive discussions, using combined method of lecturing to include the theory and practice, followed by examples from the daisy court case law.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges of basic courts from different regions of Kosovo, as well as professional associates.



Diversion measures

On May 10 2018, Academy of Justice with the support of UNICEF within its Continuous Training program conducted a training on Diversion measures.

Purpose of this training was to enhance the participant's knowledge through discussions and presentation of best practices that increase professional capacities for cases when imposing diversion measures.

The training was conducted with the purpose of defining the conditions for imposing diversion measures, assessing appropriate measures for specific situations, and identifying to whom and for what actions these measures could be imposed.

This training elaborated on national legislation with emphasis on the Juvenile Justice Code, which highlighted the deficiencies and prob-

lems in practical implementation of diversion measures.

In this context, it was discussed about consent of the minor for imposition of the diversion measure, presence of the minor, parent and defense in the hearing for imposing diversion measure and bringing decision for imposing diversion measures.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges and prosecutors of basic instance.

Specialized Training Program on capacity development in combating cybercrime – Session I

On 10-11 May 2018, the Academy of Justice within the Continuous Training Program, organized the first specialized training session on capacity development in combating cybercrime.



The purpose of this training was to advance the professional knowledge of judges and prosecutors in understanding the nature and forms of cybercrime as well as criminal offenses related to cybercrime

The first training session has started introducing cybercrime in general and continued with the legal infrastructure and relevant institutions that can help combating this phenomenon, ei-

ther at the local level as the National Council within the MIA against Cybercrime, which has drafted Strategies for 2016-2019, then Cyber Forensics within the Kosovo Police, as well as institutions and mechanisms of the international domain such as the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime (the Budapest Convention of 23 November 2001) and many international and active and initiative regional organizations in combating cybercrime.

Within this training were treated; cybercrime and challenges in combating it, dilemmas and difficulties in proving the nature of cybercrime, relation of these crimes or the use of information system in commission of other related crimes.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges and prosecutors of basic instances from different regions of Kosovo.



Implementation of Tax Legislation in Kosovo

On 16-17 May 2018, the Academy of Justice in cooperation with the KPMG Project, financially supported by the Government of Luxembourg and in cooperation with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, conducted a training on: "Implementation of Tax Legislation in Kosovo".



The concrete purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of judges and professional associates regarding the proper implementation of tax legislation.

On the first day of training, were dealt the legal framework for taxation in Kosovo and the main basis for calculating the corporate income tax, the main tax regulations by the tax authorities and the transfer of the price. The second day continued with the treatment of double tax agreements - the permanent establishment, source tax for non-residents, income

tax for ranting, property rights and interest, as well as personal income tax rates and calculations.

In overall, the provisions of the Law on Corporate Income Tax, which determine which entities are considered as taxpayers in the Republic of Kosovo, were discusses. Also, the provisions of the Law on Personal Income Tax which set the personal income tax system in the territory of the Republic of Kosovo were also included in the training discussions.

Also during the two days, participants assisted by the trainers discussed and handled several cases where they provided solutions regarding the requirements dedicated to tax issues and their effective resolution. At all times, trainers provided valuable explanations from the point of view of the legislation in force and the judicial and administrative practice of the country and the countries in the region on the above-mentioned subject.

Beneficiaries in this training were: judges of the Department of Administrative Affairs of the Basic Court of Pristina and those of the Department for Administrative Affairs of the Court of Appeal and professional associates as well as prosecutors of the basic level.



Seizure and confiscation

On 17 May 2018, the Academy of Justice, with the support of GIZ, within the framework of the Continuous Training Program conducted training on: "Seizure and confiscation".



The purpose of this training was to advance the professional knowledge of judges and prosecutors participating in the proper implementation of the legal provisions that sanctions criminal offenses related to organized crime, corruption, and problems that arise in practice in order to apply uniquely the legal provisions in force.

During this training, the importance of seizure and confiscation of assets was treated as evidence, as a means of committing a criminal offense or as a material benefit gained by a criminal offense. Attention was paid to the measures that may be proposed for the provision of property and what are the temporary measures for the provision of property, for which the state prosecutor has gathered evidence showing a grounded suspicion that the property has been used while under investigation, and which can be considered as a criminal offence.

Previously through the examples were analyzed the methods for asset identification and the process of seizure and confiscation of assets acquired by criminal offense.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges and prosecutors of basic instances from different regions of Kosovo.



Law on forests, nature protection and environmental protection

On 22 May 2018, the Academy of Justice within the Continuous Training Program conducted training on: “Law on forest, nature protection and environmental protection”.

This training aimed to advance the knowledge of judges on the proper implementation of the legal provisions on forest, nature protection, with a special emphasis on protection of national parks and environment.

During the training particular attention was paid to the interpretation of environmental law sources in Kosovo as a separate branch of the legal system and the constitutional and legal guarantees of environmental law, access to environmental information, public participation in decision-making and environmental justice. Participants were also familiar with the level of implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Kosovo, an instrument that obliges Member States to provide access to environmental information to enable their participation in decision-making in environmental issues and to provide access to justice for the purpose of legal protection of

these rights and general rights in the field of environment.

The training concludes that given the fact that we are witnessing the degradation of the environment, the ruthless damage of the forests, the national parks and nature in general, which all this is necessarily reflects in human health and in the quality of life in general, it is necessary that cases from this area to be handled with priority by the Kosovo courts.

In addition, the findings and recommendations from the EU reports on Kosovo, recently, highlighted that although Kosovo is at an early stage of preparation in this area, which progress has been noted, still considerable efforts to enforce legislation in all areas of environmental and climate change are needed.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges of minor offence division in basic courts, general departments – criminal divisions and prosecutors of basic instances.

Whistleblowing and protection of journalist sources

On May 24-25 2018, Academy of Justice in cooperation with the Reinforcing Judicial Expertise on Freedom of Expression and the Media in South-East Europe (JUFREX), organized a training on Whistleblowing and protection of journalist sources.



Purpose of this training was to extend the participants knowledge on freedom of expression focusing on regulation of slander that is made through the media.

During this training it was elaborated on whistleblowing according to the European Council and the initiative for European directive on protection of whistleblowers, the ECHR standards for protection of whistleblowing, as well as who is considered a whistleblower. Particular

emphasis was put to prerequisites for making someone eligible to enjoy the whistleblowing protection. The border between freedom of expression and protection of confidentiality in a working context, as well as the ECHR test in cases of whistleblowing.

During this training attention was put on national legal framework for protection of whistleblowers. The Law on Protection of Informants and relevant articles in the Criminal Code. It was continued on covering the area of protection of journalists according to the Council of Europe and the national legal framework for protection of journalist sources.

The training was delivered in form of interactive discussions which elaborated on practical cases of whistleblowers and practical cases on protection of journalist sources, where participants could present their views about the topic and on practical implementation of the knowledge acquired from this training.

Beneficiaries of this training were: judges and prosecutors of the basic instance and professional associates.



Training on Communications

On May 30 2018, Academy of Justice in cooperation with the Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands is conducting a training for court and prosecution management on Communications.



Purpose of this training is to extend the personal communications skills, identification of the right time for the press judge and prosecutor to engage in the media, as well as identification of

the right tools or channels of communication for informing the journalists.

This training is elaborating on the role of the press judges in Netherlands, who shows one part of the story, tools utilized for informing the public, use of these tools – writing a press release related on a decision.

The training is being delivered using partial theoretical lecturing and comparative approach; the training will also deliver practical exercises, encouraging the participants to write a press release, and discuss the cases and decide what tools of communication they will use.

Beneficiaries of this training are Court Presidents and Chief Prosecutors of the Appeals and basic instance, as well as judges from the Kosovo Supreme Court.



Construction contracts

On May 31st 2018, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training Program organized a training on the Construction Contracts.



The aim of this training was to extend the judges knowledge on the construction contracts.

First part of the training elaborated on features of the constructions contracts and their specifics; general terms – special terms of the contracts and the clause “keys at hand”. Whereas the second part of this training continued with elaboration of the changes to the price due to market changes; legal procedure in protection of the business parties, in disputes deriving from failure to fulfil these contracts, and ways as well as criteria for evaluating the specific elements in cases of claims for failure to complete the contracts, or dispute of their validity.

The training emphasized that the construction contract, according to the legal nature is a special type of contract. With regard to liability for failures in construction, then the legal rules on

the contracts for the work are appropriately applied. The contract for the work is a basic contract, whereas the contract for construction is considered as a derivative contract.

The training also, elaborated on the fact that these types of contracts have a lot of specifics and require special knowledge when applying and interpreting contracting provisions, therefore it requires special knowhow, not only of the legal nature, but also knowledge on the areas that these contracts cover, in order to solve disputes that arise from business relations established by these contracts.

The training continued stipulating the fact that in the court case law, number of disputes arising from these contracts is high, with a tendency to grow, therefore, elaboration of this topic is of particular importance, in order to enhance the judge’s knowledge about these cases.

Participants and the trainers engaged in active and productive discussion of questions and uncertainties that were raised, through analysis of legal provisions and the ways how to correctly proceed and apply the legal provisions in practice; also the theoretical lecturing relying on the courts case law was used.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges of basic courts – general department – civil division and the legal associates

Activities from Initial Training Program (ITP)

Activities conducted for the newly appointed judges of the Initial Training Program in May

.Academy of Justice continues in carrying out its training for newly appointed judges, by delivering training activities that include the theoretical training and practical training for May, as per the schedule.

The theoretical training component, in this period was completed by the following activities: submodule on “Judicial Protection in labor related disputes”, delivered in two (2) training sessions; sub-module “Family Law” with one training session; the sub-module in “Administrative Law” with five training sessions; sub-module on the law on obligations with nine training sessions; as well as the sub-module on the law on minor offences – with one training session.

The sub-module “Judicial protection in working relations dispute” respectively in sessions two and three, elaborated on: legal nature of labor disputes, applicable legislation, implementation scope and types of employment contracts (acts of appointment) according to the Law on Civil Service, causes of termination of working relationship, judicial procedure in cases of labor disputes, types of decisions, timelines, legal remedies, responsibilities of the employer in cases if accidents at work and occupational diseases, ensuring working protection conditions, informing the employees on their rights, rights of employees, etc.

The sub-module on the “Law on obligations” aim to provide the newly appointed judges a hand in enhancing their knowledge for practical application of legal provisions in the area of obligations. During may the following topics were elaborated: characteristics and classification of obligations, contracts on obligations, termination of contracts, permanent retention, contract on

delivery and allocation of property, cause of damage as source of obligation, damage compensation, reimbursement of damage in occupational accidents and objection of legal actions of the debtor – pauliana lawsuit.



During this period the newly appointed judges attended the training from the sub-module “The Administrative Law” which elaborated on topics that belong to administration bodies, while the other part included also the administrative dispute in general, and which is developed at the competent administrative court, which includes the main hearing session, and bringing judgments in first instance, as well as regular and extraordinary legal remedies, always according to the Law on Administrative Disputes.

Within the practical training part for May, the practical training with their mentoring judges in respective courts has taken place, according to the Schedule. The newly appointed judges also attended practical training in institutions like the Kosovo Privatization Agency and in the Tax Administration of Kosovo, where they could discuss about the role, structure and problems occurring in practice. Also, in this period the newly appointed judges participated in a round table related to the Handbook of the Kosovo Supreme Court on Sentencing Policies.

The initial training is provided for 54 newly appointed judges, five of them from the Serbian community.

Activities implemented within the initial training for newly appointed state prosecutors during May

The Academy of Justice, in terms of fulfilling the training plan, has continued to conduct the activities planned for May, within the Initial Training Program, which are being followed by newly appointed state prosecutors.

During May 2018, within the framework of the-



oretical training, the following activities were conducted: under the module: "European Convention on Human Rights", were conducted seven (7) training sessions, sub-module "Indictment – reviewing procedure" three (3) training sessions, under the "Initiation of formal investigation and criminal procedure" module, five (5) training sessions, and a criminal report, one (1) training session.

Within the sub-module "European Convention on Human Rights", the following topics have been elaborated: Article 5 par.1 of the ECHR - Presumption in favor of freedom, procedural guarantees in cases of deprivation of liberty, Articles 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3, then Articles 8, 13 and 14 of the ECHR. Also from the sub module "Initiation of formal investigation and criminal proceedings" were addressed: extending and re-initiation of investigations, covert and technical measures of surveillance and investigation, witnesses and their proceeding during the investigation phase, special investigative opportunity, and freezing and seizure as a procedural action during the investigation phase.

Also during this period, within the sub-module "Indictment – reviewing procedure", were elaborated necessary elements of the indictment and the rights of the defendant after the submission of the indictment. Through this sub-module, especially with the practical part, it is aimed to achieve the preparation of prosecutors, so newly appointed prosecutors do not have obstacles and ambiguities in drafting and presentation of prosecution acts during their work.

The "Criminal Report" module was conducted through a training session where newly appointed prosecutors were able to advance their knowledge of criminal report as initiators of criminal proceedings, differentiate criminal reports from other forms of reporting, and decide properly on criminal reports.

During the implementation of these training sessions, a combined methodology was applied, including theoretical lectures and interactive discussions, where newly appointed prosecutors raised dilemmas which they also notice during the practical phase of training in the respective prosecution offices. Through their practical duties and exercises, they engaged in the preparation of various cases.

While the practical training component for this period was conducted through the practice of newly appointed prosecutors in the respective prosecution offices, according to the schedule defined by the program. Newly appointed prosecutors during May have conducted practical training in the Kosovo Police, who have had the opportunity to discuss the role, structure and problems encountered in practice.

Initial training for newly appointed prosecutors is attended by 22 newly appointed prosecutors, three of whom are from the Serb community.

Practical training for Kosovo Privatization Agency

On May 2nd 2018, Academy of Justice within its Initial Training Program for the newly appointed judges conducted a practical training in the Kosovo Privatization Agency.

Purpose of this training was to acquaint the newly appointed judge's with the privatization procedure in the KPA, role of the Agency in privatization process, verification and announcement of provisional winner, approval and rejection of the offer, and general information about the privatization and liquidation processes.

This training also elaborated and analyzed in general the actual issues in practice, learning

and understanding better the role of the Agency in the privatization process in Kosovo, and correct implementation of the entities privatization procedures.

This training was interactive in all its stages, providing the possibility to newly appointed judges to present and discuss on issues of interest for them, and which they face in practice when handling cases of this nature.

Beneficiaries of this training were the newly appointed judges, the ITP generation VI.



Practical training of the newly appointed state prosecutors in Kosovo Police

On May 2nd 2018, Academy of Justice within its Initial Training Program for the newly appointed prosecutors organized a practical training in the Kosovo Police.



Training in this institution aimed to enhance the newly appointed prosecutor's knowledge on the mandate, role, the structure, and practical work of the Kosovo Police.

During this training, it was discussed about the

role of the Intelligence Directorate of the Kosovo Police, and the approved strategies that will contribute in the coming years to combating criminality.

Attention was paid to practical cases, especially those related to narcotics and psychotropic substances, many daily cases occurring in border crossing points, as well as on international cooperation that Kosovo has with other countries.

Relying on the fact that the prosecutors work is closely related to the work of Police, the newly appointed prosecutors had the opportunity to raise issues of interest for their work, on actual cooperation and adequate forms of cooperation in the future between Kosovo Police and respective prosecution offices.

Beneficiaries of this training were state prosecutors – generation VII.



Practical training – Kosovo Tax Administration

On May 23rd 2018, academy of Justice within its Initial Training Program for the newly appointed judges, conducted a practical training in the Kosovo tax Administration.



Purpose of this training was to acquaint the newly appointed judges with the role, function and responsibilities of the Kosovo Tax Administration.

This practical training consisted of a brief history on establishment, and its functioning, legal basis on which this institution functions upon, and actual challenges that this institution faces while carrying out its mandate.

It was further elaborated on tax evasion, the value added tax, personal income tax, taxes withheld at the source, pension contribution and issuing of licenses for gambling games.

The training was conducted through theoretical and interactive discussions where the newly appointed judges could raise questions on issues that were focus of this trainings.

Beneficiaries of this training were the newly appointed judges- the ITP generation VI.



Sentencing Procedure Guidelines

On May 30 2018, Academy of Justice with the support of the US Embassy in Pristina, within its Initial Training Program, conducted a training on the “the Sentencing Procedure Guideline”.



Purpose of this training was to enhance the knowledge of participants related to the content of the Sentencing Procedure Guideline which, is written and published by the Kosovo Supreme Court, pertaining to assessment of the aggravating and mitigating circumstances when imposing a sentence.

The training elaborated on the national and international legal framework, particularly instructions that are included in the Sentencing Procedure Guidelines that relate to assessment of ag-

gravating and mitigating circumstances, ways to assess these circumstances, explain the table for measuring the sentence which is part of the guideline, benefits of using the guideline, appropriateness and weight of circumstances in which the criminal offence was committed, as well as obligation for harmonized approach in measuring sentences.

Particular emphasis in this training was placed on assessment of aggravating circumstances like: the degree of the perpetrator’s participation in crime, the grade of the will, combination of circumstances in relation of the victim, degree of the damage caused, recidivism, etc. whereas for mitigating circumstances it was elaborated on contribution of the victim, personal circumstances of the perpetrator, age, pleading guilty, etj.

Beneficiaries of this training were newly appointed judges undergoing the Initial Training Program in the Academy of Justice.



Other Activities

Training of Trainers of the Initial Training Program “Case-based initial training”

On May 2-3 may 2018, Academy of Justice in cooperation with the EU Twinning Project “Further support to legal education reform” conducted training for the judges and prosecutors of the civil and criminal law area, who at the same time are trainers of the Initial Training Program at the Academy of Justice on the Case-based training.



This training, initially presented the structure of the Initial Training Program with focus on changing the method of delivering these trainings into training through practical cases. Train-

ers explained the way to realize training on certain areas of law or procedural parts through practical examples.

Also, at this training it was discussed about the trainer’s possibilities for preparation and level of engagement of trainers at the training, as well as the best practices for an efficient transfer of practical knowledge to the newly appointed judges and prosecutors.

The participants were assigned tasks in working groups, divided according to the law areas (civil and criminal), with a goal of developing practical case through which they want to train the initial training beneficiaries on certain parts of legal procedures.

Participants of this training expressed their interest to make use of the method of training through practical cases in the future within the Initial Training Program of the Academy of Justice.



Gender equality in judicial procedure

On 03 May 2018, the Academy of Justice, in cooperation with GIZ, conducted a roundtable discussion on "Gender Equality in Judicial Procedure".

The purpose of the round table was to provide general knowledge on gender equality from the legal and judicial context and the free professions, as well as the knowledge of the problems and challenges in the implementation of the legal framework of gender equality in daily work.

Participants in this round table discussed the challenges during the implementation of the legislation in force, the specialization of judges and prosecutors, police investigators, social workers, victims' advocates in the field of gender equality, the Law on Gender Equality, which requires the participation of 50% of women in the decision-making level in political and public life, the

lack of equal gender representation within the judicial and prosecutorial system, and in particular the need to have female judges in panels.

During the discussions the attendees emphasized the need to continue affirmative action regarding the registration of immovable property on behalf of two spouses. In addition to the existence of legal infrastructure, participants have found that women's right to inheritance faces a poor implementation of the inheritance law.

Participants in the roundtable were representatives of various institutions such as judges, prosecutors from the State Prosecution Office, Victim Advocacy Office, Private Bailiffs Chamber, Chamber of Notaries, People's Advocate Institution, and Kosovo Cadastral Agency.



Communication and approach towards the parties

On May 15 2018, Academy of Justice upon request of the Free Legal Aid Agency, with the support of UNDP conducted the first training for officials of this institution on Communication and approach towards the parties.

Purpose of this training was dignified treatment of parties who seek legal aid by correct application of legal principles and ethical conduct.

This training highlighted the promotion and increase of dignity and image of the free legal aid provider through prompt response to requests of the parties, preserving confidentiality of information available, without infringing the obligations that arise from legislation for access to official documents, preserving privacy,

professional conduct, as well as respecting the principle of parties equality, non-discrimination and other international remedies that are applicable by Constitutions of the Republic of Kosovo.

This training had three practical cases and simulation of cases in working groups, which were elaborated by participants, relying on basic legal principles and ethics.

Beneficiaries of this training were officials from the Free Legal Aid Agency from Prishtina, Gjilan, Ferizaj, Gjakova, Mitrovica and Podujeva. Besides them, participants were also from NGO-s like CRPK, CLARD and Active Women of Gjakova.



Training of trainers in the area of freedom of expression and the media

On 17-18 May 2018, Academy of Justice in cooperation with the CoE Project Reinforcing Judicial Expertise on Freedom of Expression and the Media i South Easter Europe – JUFREX conducted training on Freedom of Expression and the Media.



Purpose of this training was increase of training capacities in the area of freedom of expression based on the ECtHR standards, concretely on basic principles of the freedom of expression and terms for its limitation, defamation, the +right to access on public documents and whistleblowing. During this two-days training it was elaborated

on basic principles of the freedom of expression and terms for its limitation – implementation of the three-step test in small groups, the right for access to information, discussion on methodology and content of the training, protection of whistleblowers – the six step test, and the defamation.

The training was conducted by experts of the Council of Europe specialized in the area of freedom of expression based on the training manual, which is prepared by JUFREX Project of the Council of Europe.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges and prosecutors from Kosovo, trainers at the Academy of Justice, as well as judges and prosecutors from Albania.



Workshop for reviewing the Juvenile justice module – criminal aspect section

On May 10-11 May 2018, Academy of Justice with the support of UNICEF conducted the workshop on reviewing the Juvenile justice module – criminal aspect section.

Purpose of this workshop was to review the training module which is applied by the Academy of Justice, and its adjustment with new changes to the Juvenile Justice Code, which during implementation will be followed with practical cases, with the purpose of increasing professional skills of judges and prosecutors.

The workshop was conducted with the aim of identifying the needs for complementing the Juvenile justice module – criminal aspect section, based on the changes that the draft Juve-

nile Justice Code Contains.

Particular attention on this workshop was paid to some novelties that the new Juvenile Justice Code brings, which is expected soon to enter into force. Preliminarily, the participants divided the topics of the module which will be adjusted accordingly to be in compliance with changes to the draft code.

Participants in this training were judges from the Kosovo Supreme Court and the Appeals Court, and prosecutors of basic instance prosecution, authors of the Module on Juvenile Justice



Regional workshop on criminal justice statistics related to cyber-crime and electronic evidences

On 14-15 May 2018, within the framework of the iPROCEEDS project, Bucharest, Romania held a "Regional Criminal Justice Workshop on cybercrime and electronic evidence".

The purpose of the workshop was to inform participants with the role and importance of statistics, cybercrime figures and trends, and electronic evidence as essential in determining the level of threats posed by various forms of cybercrime to support investigations, the most effective prosecutions and to better inform strategic policy makers.

Initially at the workshop were presented the police sector Cybercrime Unit from Southeast Europe and Turkey, where were presented reports, statistics, collection and analysis of criminal justice - current procedures, challenges and opportunities. During the workshop were also presented the cybercrime reporting systems, the institutional framework for data collection and statistics the way data is shared with other organizations from the public and private sectors.

The workshop continued with the submission of data, reports, statistics, collection and analysis

of criminal justice - current procedures, challenges and possibilities of the prosecution. During the presentation, prosecutors have introduced whether their local legislation recognizes or does not constitute a specific criminal offense on cybercrime, cybercrime reporting systems, the institutional framework for data collection and statistics, the way data is shared with organizations other from the public and private sector, current practices, and challenges in this area.

As to the reporting, recording statistics, collecting and analyzing criminal justice - the current procedure, challenges and possibilities, were reported by the CERTS - Computer Emergency Response Team.

Also were presented the best international practices, comparison and analysis - Estonian model, definition of methodology for collecting and analyzing statistics on cybercrime and electronic evidence.

This workshop was attended by judges, prosecutors, police officers from the cybercrime department, officials from the Ministry of Justice and the Academy of Justice.



Case flow management

On May 23 2018, Academy of Justice upon request of the Free Legal Aid Agency, with the support of UNDP organized the second training for officials of this institution on Case flow management.

Purpose of this training was to implement the planning and coordination of all working processes, with the purpose of increasing efficiency at work and performance of cases within the legal and reasonable time framework.

Trainers stipulated the advantages of the correct management of cases, emphasizing initially the work ease in the institution, avoiding undesirable situations, increase of working efficiency and eliminating waste of time. In this direction, an important contribution on case flow management was given to establishment of a good

team work environment, which beyond any doubt will increase the public trust in the respective institution.

The training provided practical cases and work in groups, where participants initially presented practical problems during their management, and at the same time presented proposals for solving the noted issues.

Beneficiaries of this training were officials of the Free Legal Aid Agency from Prishtina, Gjilan, Ferizaj, Gjakova, Mitrovica and Podujevo. Participants at this training were also members of NGOS like CRPK, CLARD and Active Women of Gjakova.



Implementation of Tax Legislation in Kosovo

May 29 2018, upon the request of the Free Legal Aid Agency, Academy of Justice with the support of UNDP, carried out the third training for officials of this institution on “general introduction on the Kosovo Judicial System”.

Purpose of this training was to acquaint them with stages of historical development of the judicial reform in Kosovo, since 1999 until nowadays, including the applicable legislation and the actual structure of courts and prosecution, as well as their competencies.

Trainers in highlighted the structure of courts according to the Kosovo’s self-government Constitutional framework, competencies and functions after the Provisional Criminal Code entered into force, organization of the judicial system according to Constitution of the Repub-

lic of Kosovo, and lately the actual Law on Courts. In this light, it was elaborated also on challenges of courts, as well as positive changes in work management and in serving justice.

During the training it was also discussed by participants about issues of interest for the Free Legal Aid Agency, and on other issues that relate to the subject.

Beneficiaries of this training were officials of the Free Legal Aid Agency from Prishtina, Gjilan, Ferizaj, Gjakova, Mitrovica and Podujevo. Participants at this training were also members of NGOS like CRPK, CLARD and Active Women of Gjakova.



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