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Activities from Continuous Training Program (CTP)

Insurance contract – damage compensation and recourse

On June 1 2018, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training Program organized training on “Insurance contracts – damage compensation and recourse”.

Purpose of this training was to enhance the judge’s knowledge about insurance contracts in the Republic of Kosovo.

First part of this training elaborated on subject of the insurance law, insurance for auto-liability, TPL insurance police and ceilings of coverage, as well as claims for damage compensation. Whereas, in the second part it was continued about compensation of material and immaterial compensation by the insurance police, the right to rent and damage recourse. The law on Obligational relationships, in provisions of Article 136 until 193, has foreseen obligational non-contractual relationships, i.e. cause of damage and other issues that relate to it, particularly the two types of damage compensation – the material and immaterial damage compensation.

The training emphasized the fact the most frequent damage compensation claims result from the area of auto-reliability insurance, where the focus was on the insurance contracts for auto-liability and compensation of damages covered under the insurance coverage, as well as on the right to recourse of the compensated damage in cases when this may be required.

The training continued with the finding that in practice, courts receive a large number of cases claiming compensation of material and immate-

rial damages, particularly damages caused by road traffic accidents. The case law is relatively developed on this matter, but the large number of cases in courts of the Republic of Kosovo, the growing tendency of the number of these cases, has caused distinctions in the case law, respectively in relation to the criteria for setting the height (ceiling) of the compensation, especially the immaterial one.

During this training, participants together with trainers participated in fruitful and interactive discussions on queries and uncertainties that were raised, through analysis of legal provisions and ways how they should be correctly applied; also, the training used combined theoretical lecturing and provided study cases to discuss about the ways for meritory judgment for concrete cases.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges of basic courts from different regions of Kosovo.



Evidence in criminal procedure

On June 5th 2018, Academy of Justice supported by GIZ, conducted a training on the topic of “Evidence in Criminal Procedure”.

Purpose of this training was to enhance knowledge of participants related to implementation, importance, and the proving value of evidence for correct and comprehensive substantiation of the factual and procedural state.

This training elaborated on evidence in criminal procedure which during the proving process by the parties are evaluated by the judge for admissibility, respectively reliability of an evidence which proves an important legal fact, for proving or finding criminal liability of the defendants.

According to Criminal Procedure Code, it's the judge's responsibility to entirely estimate the quality of evidence, based on the conviction about reliability of that evidence, and what proving importance and value the evidence has for proving correctly and comprehensively a factual state in criminal proceeding.

The training was delivered in form of interactive discussions accompanied with practical examples where participants could present challenges and difficulties they face in practice.

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



Gender equality in disputes over the right to inheritance and in labor disputes

On June 7th 2018, Academy of Justice with the support of GIZ conducted training on Gender equality in disputes over the right to inheritance and in labor disputes.



Purpose of this training was to extend the participants knowledge on gender equality in cases of inheritance and in working relationship disputes.

During the training it was elaborated on violation of the indispensable part and litigation in cases of violation, non-declaration of heirs and procedure after declaration of inheritance, discrimination of the right to inheritance in other forms such as the violation of the law or factual separation; discrimination at work, the manner of manifesting gender-based discrimination; judicial protection in cases of gender-based discrimination, drafting and reasoning of court decisions according to the procedures and case specifications.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges of the basic instance from different regions of Kosovo.



Specialized Training Program for professional capacity growth in combating money laundering – Session I

During June 7-8 2018, Academy of Justice in cooperation with the EU funded project “Further support to Kosovo institutions in the fight against organized crime, corruption and violent extremism” implemented by B&S Europe, conducted the first session of the Specialized Training for professional capacity growth in combating money laundering.

Purpose of this training was to enhance the participants knowledge related to legal infrastructure for fighting money laundering, forms or actions to be undertaken in fighting money laundering, as well as problems that occur in practice with the purpose of efficient implementation of respective mechanisms.

This training targeted to elaborate criminal of-

fences of money laundering that fall under the most serious crimes, which impedes economic development of society. As a form of criminality, money laundering is manifested in different forms, like: fiscal evasion, various criminal activities, money laundering, etc.

All crimes that relate to money laundering are committed by undertaking criminal activities. These crimes seriously undermine democracy development and the rule of law, by violating the human rights, safety and economic growth of a country.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges of the Appeals Court, prosecutors of the Special Prosecution Office, as well as judges and prosecutors of the Basic instance.



Judgments and types of judgments according to the Law on Contested procedure

On June 12 2018, Academy of Justice within its Continuous training program organized a training on “Decisions and types of decisions according to the Law on Contested Procedure”.



Purpose of this training was to extend the judges knowledge related to the content and structure of judgments and its types.

First part of the training elaborated on types of judgments and conditions for issuing them, whereas the second part continues on content of the judgment and role of each type of judgment.

The training emphasized the fact the Law on Contested procedure has foreseen several types of judgments that can be issued by the court, in certain circumstances and in complementing the special procedural terms. Assessment of specific terms for each type of judgment by the courts has created some dilemmas that are causing in some cases courts assess wrongfully these conditions, and consequently bring conclusions, respectively judgments that may breach provisions of the contested procedure.

In the training it was emphasized that by a judgment the court decides on the merits of the peti-

tion which is the subject of the trial. When deciding on the main issue, the court is bound by the parties' request. It cannot decide for anything else except for what the party has asked. When deciding on a merit of the case, the court is obliged to decide on all the claims in full. The judgment, in addition to the decision on the main issue, also contains the decision on the accessory claim.

It was continued and highlighted that the matter of reasoning of judgment is treated in the constitutional legislation, which considers that the right to have a justified judgment is part of the right to a fair legal proceeding, as in Article 31 of the Constitution and Article 6 of the ECHR.

Regarding the reasoning of the decisions, the European Court of Human Rights has emphasized in one of its decisions that: "The reasoning of the verdict is a key component of fair trial and is essential for brining justice and is the best indicator which proves that courts have grounded sayings in their decisions. Function of a well-reasoned decision is to tell the parties that they have been heard".

In this training participants were provided training handouts, were involved in discussions and case study analysis, and elaborate correctly provisions of the Law on Contested Procedure related to the judgments and its types. This training was delivered in form of theoretical lecturing combined with practical cases from the case law and ways of brining merit-based judgments.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges of basic courts – general departments – civil division.

Legal entities and minor offences procedure

On June 14 2018, Academy of Justice supported by GIZ in its Continuous Training Program conducted training on “Legal entities as offenders of minor offences”.

Purpose of this training was to enhance the judge’s knowledge related to the applicable legislation in relation to the legal status of business entities in judicial proceedings.

This training session elaborated on the following topics: was to conduct minor offences proce-

dures against business entities in the quality of legal persons, and of the persons in charge of the legal entity, business entities as individual businesses and conducting legal procedure against them and the liability of the physical person.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges from basic courts, General department – minor offences division.



Covert measures

On June 19 2018, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training program conducted training on the Covert Measures.

Purpose of this training was to enhance the participant's knowledge on the legal framework that regulates the way of issuing covert measures of investigation and surveillance and the procedure of application of these measures for clarifying dilemmas that exist in the judicial practice.

This training emphasized importance of these measures and their correct application in practice, types of all the measures and stages of investigation in which these measures are authorized. It was further discusses about legal terms, authorized persons for issuing covert measures,

preparing orders for application of these measures and content of the requests for obtaining authorization to engage these measures, as well as their duration. In this context, it was elaborated about competencies of the police, state prosecution and judges of the preliminary procedure.

Training methodology was a combined way of theoretical lecturing and practical cases presented by the trainers with the purpose to contribute to unification of judicial practice in this area.

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



Educational measures and sanctioning

On June 26 2018, Academy of Justice with the support of UNICEF under its continuous training program conducted a training on “Educational measures and sanctioning”.



Purpose of this training was to enhance the knowledge of participants through discussions and elaboration of practical cases to increase professional capacities for imposing educational measures and sanctions.

This training treated the purpose of educational measures and benefits of their application, types

of these measures, by elaborating in details each of the measure, additional supervision measures as well as educational institutional measures.

Furthermore, the training continued with discussion about legal terms and criteria that the court assesses in case of issuing one of the measures, setting their duration, as well as their role in avoiding stigmatization of juveniles. Beforehand, attention was given to the treatment of sanctions that can be imposed to a juvenile who committed the crime which is punishable with 5 or more years of imprisonment.

This training was interactive with discussions by participants on matters focus of this trainings, and practical and hypothetical cases were presented by the trainers.

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



Legal grounds for setting enforcement

On June 28 2018, Academy of Justice within its continuous training program organized the training on “Legal grounds for setting enforcement”.

Purpose of this training was to extend the judges knowledge about legal grounds for setting enforcement.

First part of the training elaborated on the role and importance of the enforcement institute, decisions, remedies and object of enforcement. While second part of the training elaborated on legal grounds for setting enforcement and actions of the enforcement entity. In this context, it was discussed on what the proposal for enforcement shall contain, what is the procedure for proposal review, procedure for setting enforcement, content of the ruling for enforcement and of the enforcement order.

The elaboration continues on highlighting that the Law on Inheritance has foreseen basis for claiming inheritance, legal order of inheritance, judicial procedure which deals with the examination of the hereditary estate of the decedent and the heirs of the inheritance indispensable part. On the other hand, court practice has difficulties and dilemmas on setting the volume of the indispensable part and persons entitled to this right, as well as on issues that relate to the basis for claiming inheritance and the inheritance legal order.

This training also contributed to removing dilemmas and unification of the court practices on the aforementioned issues, particularly in the part pertaining to competence for carrying out the procedure for reviewing the inheritance estate, is it the court or notaries (because of non-

harmonization of provisions of the Law on Inheritance and the Law on Uncontested Procedure with the Law on Notary). Afterwards it was emphasized that delays in enforcement of civil judgments in courts of Kosovo, are severely damaging the right to a fair trial within a reason-



able time, as well as the rule of law in general.

Whereas for the private system of enforcement, it was highlighted that it has an advantage of removing the responsibility of the enforcement process from judges and court enforcement officials. These responsibilities are carried to private enforcement officers, but role of courts remains important because in more sensitive cases like family matters, continue to be handled exclusively by courts, also legal remedies matter is on court to decide, as well as another very important function – the supervision.

During this training participants were provided training handouts and they discussed and analyze case studies, as well as elaborate correctly provisions of the Law on Contested procedure.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges of basic courts – general department – civil division.

Activities from Initial Training Program (ITP)

Initial Training Program Activities for the Newly Appointed Judges conducted during June

.Initial training program for the newly appointed judges during June 2018, conducted total 16 training sessions from the following modules: “The civil, commercial and administrative law”, and “Personal and inter-personal skills”.

Under the sub-module on “Commercial Law”, four training sessions were delivered to cover the following: specifics of the contested procedure in commercial disputes, business organizations, bankruptcy, liquidation and reorganization of legal entities, commercial contracts, banking and insurance matters and the intellectual property cases.

Within the sub-module on “The property and other real rights” seven training sessions were conducted for the newly appointed judges to develop their professional competence on the following aspects: the right to ownership on multiple objects; joint ownerships and common own-

ership; ways of acquiring ownerships; types of lawsuits for protection of ownership and the ways of its loss. Also, under this module, one training session was dedicated to the law on obligations area, pertaining to the lawsuit in cases of unjust acquisition, where participants could develop their practical skills by preparing a judgment related to such a claim.

In this reporting period, the sub-module on “Judgment reasoning” was covered in two training sessions in the criminal law area where the participants elaborated on importance of legal writing, features that make it sustainable and the analytical component. Whereas, the sub-module on “Rules of communication” conducted two training sessions where they treated internal and external communication rules, and best practices in working environments.



Initial Training Program Activities for the Newly Appointed Prosecutors conducted during June

During June 2018, the Initial training program for newly appointed prosecutors was conducted according to the training program. This period conducted in total 16 training sessions from the modules of “Criminal Code” and the “Criminal procedure Code”.

Under the “Indictment” sub-module, five training sessions were delivered to treat the following: Criminal charges of the police and other sources, actions of the prosecutor regarding the criminal report, additional data and the dismissal of the criminal report.

While the sub-module “Indictment – reviewing procedure” had seven training sessions, where the newly appointed state prosecutors elaborated in the following: rights of the defendant after admission of the indictment, changes, extension and dismissal of the indictment, representation of the indictment by the state prosecutors in the main hearing stages, proposals against perpetra-

tors with mental disorders, proposal against juvenile perpetrators, indictment with proposal for detention and challenges of the state prosecutors for ensuring forensic expertise in cases of filing indictment.

Also, the sub-module on “Covert technical measures of investigation and surveillance” had three training sessions, where participants were presented on the following: legal terms for authorizing covert measures and the rights of the attacked persons, interception of telecommunications and recording of telephone conversations, covert investigation and revealing of financial data.

While the sub-module on “Serious crimes” conducted one training session where participants could extend their knowledge on the legal infrastructure on trafficking in human beings, money laundering and cybercrimes.



Practical training of newly appointed judges in the Anti-Corruption Agency

On June 6 2018, Academy of Justice in its Initial Training Program for the newly appointed judges conducted a visit in the Anti-Corruption Agency.

Purpose of this training was to inform the newly appointed judges with the role, function, tasks and responsibilities of this institution.

During the visit it was discussed about combating and preventing corruption, the suspected persons for corruptive actions, criminal reporting with respective institutions like the Sate Prosecution, Kosovo Police, cases referred based on the structure of the criminal offence, conducting investigation, termination of inves-

tigation, dismissal of cases.

Also, it was elaborated on the conflict of interest, asset and gift declaration and control, types of asset declaration, declaration upon appointment of senior public officials, control of asset declaration, as well as prevention of the conflict of interest.

This training used theoretical presentations and interactive discussions, where the newly appointed judges had the opportunity to make questions of interest for this training.

Beneficiaries of this training were the newly appointed judges of the ITP 6th generation.



Practical training in the National Audit Office

On June 13 2018, academy of Justice within its Initial Training Program for the newly appointed judges conducted a practical training in the National Audit Office.

Purpose of this training was for the newly appointed judges to have an overview about the mandate, role, organizational structure and responsibilities of the National Audit Office.

Initially, in this visit, Director of the National Audit Office, introduced a brief history of establishment and development, mandate and function of the National Audit Office, and the auditing Works that it performs, as well as the NAO cooperation with the legislative and justice bodies. Also he presented the challenges and actual difficulties in carrying out their legal

mandate.

Also, they in details elaborated on independence of the National Auditing Office, its internal and external auditing functions, as well as the auditing of regularity and performance.

The training was delivered through theoretical presentations and interactive discussions, in which case the newly appointed judges had the opportunity to raise different questions that were focus of this training.

Beneficiaries of this training were the newly appointed judges of the ITP's 6th generation.



Activities of the Research and Publication Program (RPP)

Roundtable with judges

On June 1st 2018, Academy of Justice with the support of the GIZ Legal and Administrative Reform Project conducted the second roundtable with judges for on the “Handbook on Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights and Reference to it by Regular Courts”.

Purpose of this roundtable was to present the work made so far in drafting the Handbook on Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights, and discussion with participating judges about the need of using this handbook.

At this roundtable it was discussed about the purpose of preparing this handbook, methodology used for drafting this handbook, cases that are elaborated and areas of impact, as well as other issues related to this handbook. Particular attention was paid to reasoning of the Decisions of the Strasbourg Court, which are impressive

for all the jurists, and which methods are integrated in this handbook about each article of the Convention, enabling an easier use of this practice by judges of Kosovo.

Judges expressed that they are pleased with the work in this handbook, and at the same time presented the need for using it considering that human rights are integrated in the Kosovo’s Constitution and considering its orientation for EU integration.

After completion of this draft handbook, a workshop for the use of the handbook will be held.

Participants in this roundtable were judges of all instances of Kosovo Courts, mainly from the basic instance.



Activities for Administrative Staff of Courts and Prosecution Offices

Legal and judicial skills

During June 5-6 2018, Academy of Justice supported by the EU Twinning Project “Further Support to Legal Education Reform”, organized a training on “Legal and judicial skills”.

Purpose of this training was to extend knowledge of the professional and administrative staff of courts and prosecution of the Republic of Kosovo, about the legal and judicial skills.

First day of this training elaborated on the following: preliminary review of the indictment, assessing the indictment and ways of acting after this assessment, actions to avoid procedural obstacles from which the permissibility of the legal process depends, and the judicial steps in the preliminary hearing, second hearing and the court hearing.

Whereas the second day covered: the process and principles of a good legal writing, legal writing and reasoning according to IRAC method, structured questions, examples of judgments and practical cases, analytical process and its importance, analytical challenges, the written legal analysis, structure and content of the judgment reasoning, and instructions for writing and reasoning of judgments.

During this training, while elaborating the preliminary review of the indictment and actions that the court may take, focus was given to the following: procedural presumptions related to the court, general review about the competence,

case competence, when and how a case judge shall assess the competence, territorial competence, procedural presumptions related to the parties, legal representative, temporary representative and regular representation of the legal entity.

It was also elaborated on some of the most important issues pertaining to the initial hearing, second hearing and the main hearing. In this light, the training elaborated on topics like the initial hearing, objection of evidence, request to dismiss the indictment, rulings of the single judge or of a panel of judges, publicity of the court hearing, carrying out the judicial hearing, prerequisites for conducting court hearing, postponing, terminating and timelines for completing a court hearing, minutes of the court hearing, and the flow of the court hearing, etc.

Beneficiaries of this training were professional associates and administrative staff in courts and prosecutions of Kosovo - from all instances.

Legal Research Skills

On June 11 2018, Academy of Justice under auspices of the Twinning Project “Further Support to Legal Education Reform” and the GIZ, conducted a training for the administrative staff of the judicial and prosecutorial system, from Module 3 “Legal and Judicial Skills” concretely the sub-module 1: Legal Research Skills.

This training aimed to increase of the participants skills on the different legal research techniques.

Focus of this training was on the legal research techniques and the legal writing and reasoning as prerequisites for the increase of quality and efficiency in implementation of the judicial and prosecutorial competencies, to handle the issues raised on timely and professional manner.

Particular attention was paid to the actions that shall be undertaken upon initiation of a proce-

cedure, which actions shall be undertaken for preparation of the following stages after commencement of the procedure, how can the IRAC method be applied during writing of court decisions and, which is the structure and content of the juridical decisions according to legal provisions.

This training provided theoretical and practical instructions related to the legal research skills, the skills of case handling and on the skills for legal writing and reasoning according to methods and standards that guarantee objectivity, safety, quality and efficiency.

Beneficiaries of this training were professional associates, legal officials and executive assistants.



Other Activities

The administrative law and administrative conflict

On June 5-6 2018, Academy of Justice upon the request of the Free Legal Aid Agency, and with the support of UNDP continued the fourth training in the series of trainings provided for this institution on the Administrative Law and administrative conflict.

Purpose of this training was correct implementation of the Law on General Administrative Procedure, in cases of the free legal aid provision in cases of the administrative procedure, competencies of the authority in charge to run the procedure, the procedure before issuing an administrative act, the administrative act itself, legal remedies as well as enforcement of a final administrative decision.

Second day of this training elaborated on issues pertaining to initiation of an administrative conflict, the rulings, complaints and the extraordinary legal remedies.

This training had interactive discussions particularly in practical cases and issues that were of interest for the officers of the Free Legal Aid Agency.

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



Contested Procedure

On June 11 2018, Academy of Justice upon the request of the Free Legal Aid Agency and with the support of UNDP, continued delivering the fifth training in the series of trainings provided for officials of this institution on the Contested Procedure.

This training focused on correct implementation of the legal provisions that refer to the preliminary review of the lawsuit and the preparatory session of the Law on Contested Procedure in general, by providers of the free legal aid.

This training elaborated on principles of the contested procedure, court competencies and its types, writes and their delivery, lawsuit and its types, hearings and timelines, proving remedies and obtaining of evidence, types of court rulings, insuring the claims, regular and extraordinary legal remedies, as well as special procedures.

Discussions were part of this training, particularly regarding the labor disputes, achievement of the jubilee salary and the farewell salary, as well as timelines that shall be respected with the purpose of successful conclusion of cases. Also, there were discussions about proving the right to ownership based on inheritance, providing that the free legal aid providers had many cases of this nature in their work.

Beneficiaries of this training were officials of the Free Legal Aid Agency from Prishtina, Gjilan, Ferizaj, Gjakova, Mitrovica and Podujevo. Participants were also representatives of NGO's like CRPK, CLARD, Active Women of Gjakova, as well as the Ombudsperson's institution.



Uncontested procedure

On June 12th 2018, Academy of Justice in response to the request of the Free Legal Aid Agency, and with the support of UNDP continued carrying out the sixth training for officials of this institution about the Uncontested Procedure.

Purpose of this training was correct implementation of the Law on Uncontested Procedure by officials that provide free legal aid.

This training elaborated on general provisions of the Law on Uncontested Procedure, announcing a missing person, procedure for announcing death of a person, procedure for proving death, setting the ceiling of compensation for expropriated real estate, regulating the land border, phys-

ical division and the right to inheritance, as well as the inheritance review procedure.

This training had many discussions with emphasis to cooperation with social welfare centers, and the custody body, as these are the most frequent cases that the free legal aid providers have in daily work.

Beneficiaries of this training were officials of the Free Legal Aid Agency from Prishtina, Gjilan, Ferizaj, Gjakova, Mitrovica and Podujevo. Participants were also representatives of NGO's like CRPK, CLARD, Active Women of Gjakova, as well as the Ombudsperson's institution.



Case-based training

On June 12th 2018, Academy of Justice with the support of the EU funded Twinning Project “Further support to Legal Education Reform”, conducted training of trainers on the “Case-based training”.

This training aimed to increase the trainer’s capacities on the training methodology, so when they’re engaged as trainers, to apply the most advanced techniques and methods of the case-based training.

Focus of this training was mainly on the method of conducting a training with practical cases, preliminarily, this training elaborated on setting the learning goals and preparation of practical cases that shall be delivered through interactive

workshops with the training beneficiaries.

Attention was paid to the Case-Based Training Handbook, which will serve to the trainers as a guideline for preparing and application of their practical cases, upon elaboration of certain topics within the training program of the Academy of Justice.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges and prosecutors of the Appeals and Basic instances – trainers at the Academy of Justice.



Enforcement procedure

On June 13th 2018, Academy of Justice based on the Free legal Aid Agency request, under the auspices of UNDP, carried out the seventh training – the last training session of this cycle, for officials of this institution on the Enforcement Procedure.

The training focused on correct application of legal provisions pertaining to enforcement by the free legal aid providers.

This training elaborated on issues that relate to competence of the enforcement entity, respectively the court and the private enforcement bailiffs, the enforcement document and the reliable documents, proposal for enforcement, implementation of enforcement, postponement, suspension and termination of enforcement, enforcement on movable property and bank accounts, bank obligations as well as reg-

ular legal remedies.

This training discussed on many aspects, particularly on cases when the debtors are persons under the social assistance scheme, as well as the retired persons. Also, discussions covered aspects of alimony in cases when the obligation for alimony is not fulfilled. These issues raised were addressed by the trainers who presented alternatives for solutions based on provisions provided in the Law on Enforcement Procedure.

Beneficiaries of this training were officials of the Free Legal Aid Agency from Prishtina, Gjilan, Ferizaj, Gjakova, Mitrovica and Podujevo. Participants were also representatives of NGO's like CRPK, CLARD, Active Women of Gjakova, as well as the Ombudsperson's institution.



Exchange program related to the case-based initial training, in Germany

During June 19-23 2018, an Exchange program was enabled with the support of the EU Twinning Project “Further support to legal education reform” that took place in Koblenz and Mainz in Germany. Focus of this exchange program was on the case-based training, as an effective approach for professional training and education, primarily in the initial training.



Purpose of the visit was increase of the participant’s knowledge about the learning process, organization of the initial training based on competencies and on working places, as well as methods and tools used for conducting this training.

First training day was conducted in the Regional second instance Court in Koblenz, where the delegation was welcomed with a greeting speech by the Court President, who continued with presentation of the work in this court, from the receiving of cases, nature of cases, and the training methods in this court.

During this program, participants had the chance to attend practical sessions of the initial training that was delivered according to the aforementioned methodology, which enables the candidates for judges and prosecutors to develop their knowledge, skills and practical skills related to their main tasks.

Focus of this methodology remains in the interactive training format and simulations, and in two real judicial sessions in the civil and criminal areas, which were closely attended by the Academy of Justice delegation.

During the stay in Mainz, delegation was hosted by the Secretary of the Ministry of Justice of the Rheinland – Pfalz, who expressed appreciation for the cooperation so far, and committed to future cooperation between the two countries in respective institutions.

Beneficiaries of this visit were three judges of the Appeals Court and the Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Prizren, Program Coordinator and the Head of the Initial Training Program of the Academy of Justice, who have been engaged to support the Twinning program in establishing the case-based system in the initial training program.



EJTN supported training on “Human Rights and access to Justice in European Union”

During June 26-27 2018, under the auspices of EJTN – the Human and Fundamental Right Project held a training for judges and prosecutors of the EU member states, and participation of the Western Balkan countries on “Human Rights and Access to Justice in the European Union”.

Purpose of this training was to increase the knowledge and skills of judges related to the right to a fair e timely trial, and the notion of effective remedies, as fundamental rights set forth in Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights, and in Article 47 of the European Union Chart on Human Rights.

Objective of this training was that through combination of theoretical part and the workshop on case law, participants are ready to addresses issues like: judicial independence, the principle of equity of arms and duration of the judicial procedure; and that this training serves as a forum for exchange of knowledge and good practices between judges and prosecutors from all European Union countries.

Kosovo was represented with a beneficiary Judge Lumnije Krasniqi, from the Basic Court of Pristina, Criminal Division – general department.



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