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General activities

Kosovo Justice Academy joins the Gender Champions in the Judiciary Network



By signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the AIRE Center, Kosovo Academy of Justice joins the initiative for Gender Champions in the Judiciary Network. This initiative was launched at the beginning of April during the Judicial Forum on Gender Equality in Budva, where the participants emphasized the need for a coordinated approach in the training of judicial professionals regarding this aspect throughout the Western Balkans region.

"The promotion of gender equality is an important goal in all European countries. However, there are several social factors in the Western Balkans that make this issue particularly relevant for the region. Widespread violence against women, the existence of gender stereotypes, the under-representation of women in politics and in high positions, as well as the impact of COVID-19 on particularly vulnerable women are just some of the factors that show that improving the position of women in region is an urgent matter. Women are equal in law but not in practice. Implementing the law and measures to achieve gender equality remains a serious challenge whereas, local courts and legal experts across the region have a vital role to play in addressing these challenges," said Biljana Braithewaite, AIRE Center's Program Director for the Western Balkans.

With the signing of bilateral agreements, the AIRE Center has started cooperation with judicial training institutions in Montenegro, Serbia, North Macedonia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo, thus laying the foundations for the Network's activity. The implementation of this initiative is supported by the United Kingdom Government.

"Kosovo Justice Academy is pleased to be part of the efforts of the Gender Champions in the Judiciary Network, which will be realized today with the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the judicial academies and training centers of the region. Recognizing the importance of trainings for gender equality, from 2017 onwards, the implementation of gender equality and non-discrimination trainings commenced. Since 2017, the

Academy of Justice in partnership with international professional organizations and donors, provided training on gender equality for judges, prosecutors, legal professionals, and free legal profession. The trainings have covered parts of substantive and procedural law in aspects such as property, employment, inheritance, governance, etc.," said Academy's Director Mr. Enver Fejzullahu. Ms. Braithewaite welcomed the Academy of Justice, appreciating its commitment and stressing that the AIRE Center will continue to support its efforts to strengthen judicial training programs. She underlined that the existence of the Network will establish the foundations of cooperation between judicial training centers everywhere in the region. "The network will provide opportunities for strengthening connections and cooperation between judges and practitioners of the legal profession, will provide specific training with practical impact, as well as in-depth research and sharing of knowledge, skills, experiences and ideas related to gender equality, following a structured mentoring and networking model.



Memorandum of understanding signed between the Academy of Justice and KJC

July 15 2022, Executive Director of the Kosovo Justice Academy Mr. Enver Fejzullahu and Chairman of the Kosovo Judicial Council Mr. Albert Zogaj, signed the Memorandum of Understanding for fulfilling the responsibilities that derive from the Rule of Law Strategy between the two institutions.

Purpose of this memorandum is to set forth the scope of work parties' terms, and responsibilities on the following areas: drafting of training programs for members of the judge's performance evaluation committees, training the members of the recruitment committees of judges, the mandatory trainings that derive as a result of deficiencies on the judges performance evaluations, training of the KJC Verification Unit Officials, the court translators/ interpreters, assessing the training impact and ensuring tools for coordinating training of judges and interconnection of databases, exchange of information between the KJC and AJ.

The AJ Executive Director stated that the institution he is leading will be committed to implement trainings for the judicial system in order to reach the necessary capacity development of the judicial system.

Chairman Zogaj, in this occasion stated that this MoU will focus on exchange of mutual information for implementation of the activities and exchange of mutual information for training needs assessment, determining policies, program implementation and exchange of training related information.

Judicial Council and the Justice Academy will continuously exchange information of training participation and other programs.



Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the Academy of Justice and KPC

On 25 July 2022, the Executive Director of the Academy of Justice, Mr. Enver Fejzullahu and the Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Mr. Jetish Maloku signed a Memorandum of Cooperation aiming to fulfill responsibilities deriving from the Rule of Law Strategy toward both respective institutions.



The purpose of this Memorandum is to establish cooperation between the Academy of Justice and the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council for coordination of activities with the aim of realizing the Rule of Law Strategy 2021-2026 through implementation of activities foreseen by the Action Plan of this Strategy in training area.

The Executive Director of the AJ has said that the Academy will be committed to implementing training for the prosecutorial system, offering professional, technical and organizational support, in order to raise the necessary capacities of the prosecutorial system.

On the other hand, Chairman Maloku stated that this memorandum will focus on defining and guaranteeing coordination standards and the interconnection of electronic systems to enable the exchange of information between AJ and CPC in training of prosecutors.

The Academy of Justice and the Prosecutorial Council will continue to exchange information regarding data on participation in trainings and other joint activities.



Activities from Initial Training Program (ITP)

Official commencement of the Initial Training Program for the newly appointed Prosecutors of the IX generation

July 4, 2022, Academy of Justice officially commenced the Initial Training Program for the newly appointed prosecutors of the IX generation, holding the first meeting with the newly appointed prosecutors.



This meeting was opened by the Executive Director of the Academy of Justice, Mr. Enver Fejzullahu congratulating the new prosecutors on their appointment and wishing a good start in the journey and the new duty, to then continue with the announcement of the role and importance of the initial training for increasing professional and practical skills in order to prepare them adequately to exercise the function of the prosecutor. Mr. Fejzullahu also briefly elaborated on the structure of the initial program, the way of its organization and implementation, both the theoretical part and the practical part, as well as other issues related to this program. He further expressed his and the AJ's readiness for continuous

support for the newly appointed prosecutors, in order for the initial training to be carried out in the best possible way.

The newly appointed prosecutors were also addressed by the Chairman of the Prosecutorial Council of Kosovo, Mr. Jetish Maloku, who emphasized the support of the KPC for the newly appointed prosecutors, emphasizing the role and importance of the prosecutors in relation to the challenges that will await them during the exercise of their duty.

At the end of the brief meeting which marks the official commencement of the Initial Training for the newly appointed prosecutors, the Head of Initial Training Program Mrs. Valmira Pefqeli informed them with detailed information about the program, about the ways how it is delivered in the theoretical and practical training parts, which will be carried out in the respective prosecutor's offices where the prosecutors are appointed, as well as the visits that will be carried out in non-judicial institutions. She also emphasized the importance of evaluation, which is very important in the performance of prosecutors in initial training.

Initial Training will be attended by 6 prosecutors – generation nine (9) 2022/2023.



Meeting with mentors of the newly appointed prosecutors – generation IX

During the month of June, the activities of this program continued with the preliminary preparations for the training program for the



ninth generation of new judges and prosecutors, which are expected to be decreed soon as all the stages of recruitment by KJC

and KPC have been completed.

Under these preparations, the program initiated the drafting of training modules and their updating in accordance with the current legislation in force.

With the support of the Program for Research and Publications, the relevant modules have been sent for printing to the Academy of Justice contracted company to provide samples for the beneficiaries of the Basic Training Program.

Official commencement of the Initial Training Program for newly appointed judges (generation nine)



July 15 2022, Academy of Justice after the decree of the newly appointed judges of the ninth generation commenced the implementation of the Initial Training Program and in this case held the first meeting with newly appointed judges marking the official commencement of the Initial Training Program for 2022/ 2023.

In the introductory speech, the opening of this meeting was made by the Executive Director of the Academy of Justice, Mr. Enver Fejzullahu in which occasion he initially congratulated the judges for their appointment and the journey of the new task, to continue further with the announcement of the role and importance of the initial training for their further professional preparation and the advancement of knowledge. The newly appointed judges were informed about the structure of the training and the methodology of the realization of the training. Mr. Fejzullahu emphasized the continuous support during the one-year journey for the newly appointed judges in order for the initial training to be complete and profitable for the new judges.

Thanking the Chairman of the Judicial Council of Kosovo for his presence in this meeting, Chairman Zogaj once again congratulated the judges for their new position, wishing them successful work but also mentioning the challenges that will await them. Mr. Zogaj also expressed the support of the KJC and the Academy as well as encouraged the newly appointed judges for maximum dedication and commitment in order to adequately prepare them to exercise the function of a judge in a fair and professional manner.

The newly appointed judges were also addressed by Mr. Vilard Bytyqi President of the Training Committee congratulating them and wishing them successful path. He also highlighted the fact that they should be proud since they come as from a process with integrity and merit-based which was the best example of the institution with an independent power as KJC.

At the conclusion, the new judges were addressed by Head of the Initial Training Program Mrs. Valmira Pefgeli who presented detailed information about the program, the ways of organizing of the theoretical and practical training in respective courts where they are appointed, as well as about the visits non-judicial institutions to based on competence of the Initial Training program. Mrs. Pefgeli also emphasized the importance of assessment during the training which is important for the judge's performance.

The newly appointed judges are equipped with documents of the ITP like: Regulation on the Initial Training Program, the Initial Training Program and the Training Calendar for July 2022.

The initial training (2022/2023) will be attended by 48 newly appointed judges, of which 3 are from the Serbian community. Judges are appointed in 6 branches of the basic level and all sub-branches of the courts of Kosovo, in this generation the judges will carry out the training divided into two groups, where one group will start the training with the criminal field to continue with the civil one while the other group with civil law to continue later with the criminal one.

Initial trainings for newly appointed prosecutors, generation (IX) for the month of July 2022

The initial trainings for the 6 newly appointed prosecutors were carried out in accordance with the training program and the calendar determined for the month of July. Prosecutors have attended theoretical training sessions for two days per week, and practical training sessions in the respective prosecution offices for another three days.

During this month, 10 sessions of theoretical training and 13 days of practical training were carried out in the relevant prosecution offices. The theoretical training sessions were carried out in the modules: 'Personal and Interpersonal Skills' and 'National and International Legal Order'.

From the module: Personal and interpersonal skills, three (3) sessions were held from the sub-module "Increasing the social skills of judges with an emphasis on the individual and the social environment, Motive, Time management as a predisposition to stress management and Health protection and Improving the quality of work and life".

One (1) training session was carried out from

the sub-module "Case Management and Performance Evaluation", where prosecutors benefited from the importance and principles of case flow management. Also two (2) sessions on "Rules of communication" with emphasis on the basics and types of mass communication, were held.

Within the framework of the 'National and International Legal Order' module, 4 (four) training sessions were held from the submodule "Constitutional Justice in relation to the judicial and prosecutorial system in Kosovo". The prosecutors gained knowledge from these sessions about the sources of constitutional law and the role of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo, about the decisions of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo and the organization of the Judicial and Prosecutorial System in the Republic of Kosovo.

The training methodology is implemented by dealing with (elaborating) practical cases as well as through interactive discussions.



Initial training for newly appointed judges, generation (IX)

The initial trainings for the 48 newly appointed judges were carried out in accordance with the calendar established for the month of July. The program is designed to be implemented initially with theoretical training sessions during five days a week. Also, the trainings were carried out by dividing the judges into two groups, as the number of 48 people in one room would not offer comfort, quality and effect of the training.

Due to the coordination of the trainers, the first group of judges has started with the training modules: Criminal Code - general part, national and international legal order as well as with personal and interpersonal skills that have resulted in a total of 20 training sessions.

From the module: Criminal Code-general part, a total of 10 (ten) training sessions were held in which the notion and elements of the criminal offense, criminal offense and criminal responsibility, necessary protection, violence and intimidation, intent, negligence, deviation, co-commitment of a criminal offense, instigation and agreement to commit a criminal offense, were discussed.

From the Penal Code - special part" 2 (two) sessions were held, in which: criminal offenses against life and body and criminal offenses against freedoms and human rights, were elaborated.

Within the framework of the National and International Legal Order module, 4 (four) training sessions on "Constitutional justice in relation to the judicial and prosecutorial system in Kosovo" were carried out. From these sessions, the judges gained knowledge about the sources of constitutional law and the role of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo, on the decisions of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo and the organization of the Judicial and Prosecution System in the Republic of Kosovo.

From the module: Personal and interpersonal skills, 4 (four) training sessions were held on "Professional ethics and disciplinary responsibility" with an emphasis on the Code of professional ethics for judges, the principles of the code of ethics for judges, responsibility, violations and disciplinary measures against judges as well as disciplinary procedures for judges.

The second group of newly appointed judges appointed has started with the training modules: Personal and Interpersonal Skills, National and International Legal Order, Legislation and Complementary Skills and Civil, Administrative and Economic Law, which resulted in a total of 20 training sessions.

From the module: Personal and interpersonal skills, 4 (four) training sessions were held from the sub-module "Professional ethics and disciplinary responsibility" with emphasis on the Code of professional ethics for judges, the principles of the code of ethics for judges, responsibility, violations and disciplinary measures against judges as well as disciplinary procedure for judges.

Also two (2) sessions on "Rules of communication" with emphasis on the basics and types of mass communication.

Within the framework of the 'National and International Legal Order' module, 4 (four) training sessions on "Constitutional justice in relation to the judicial and prosecutorial system in Kosovo" were carried out. From these sessions, the judges gained knowledge about the sources of constitutional law and the role of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of the decisions Kosovo. about of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo and the organization of the Judicial and Prosecution System in the Republic of Kosovo.

From the 'Legislation and supplementary skills' module, two (2) sessions were held on "Misdemeanor Law" with an emphasis on misdemeanor offences, misdemeanor procedure and verdict, as well as the bodies for submitting a request for the misdemeanor procedure. From the module: "Civil, administrative and economic law ", four (4) training sessions were held with an emphasis on civil law, the notion, principles and sources of civil law, legal-civil relations and the classification of subjective civil rights, legal affairs, their modification and division of legal affairs and representation as well as invalidity of legal affairs.

In addition, four (4) training sessions on the "Enforcement Procedure" were carried out, in which case the following were addressed: the start of the enforcement procedure, the competences and decisions of the enforcement body, the legal bases for the appointment of the enforcement, the means, the object and the implementation of the enforcement and legal remedies in the enforcement procedure, the return of the worker to work and the procedure of receiving and handing over the child.

The training methodology for the two groups was realized through the interaction method as well as through practical cases.

Out of 48 newly appointed judges, generation (XI), 3 of them are from the Serbian community.



Activities from Continuous Training Program (CTP)

Detention and other measures for ensuring the presence of the defendant in the procedure

On July 5, 2022, as part of ongoing training, the training on the topic "Detention and other measures for ensuring the presence of the defendant in the procedure" was carried out.

The purpose of this training was for judges and prosecutors to increase their capacities in the practical implementation of measures for ensuring the presence of the defendant in the procedure in accordance with the highest standards for the protection of human rights and freedoms and the Code of Criminal Procedure of the Republic of Kosovo.

The training initially focused on dealing with the important aspects of the judicial procedure and the legal provisions related to the legal conditions - the bases for setting measures for ensuring the presence of the defendant in the procedure, the rights of the defendant in the judicial procedure, detention and the reasoning of the decision for setting (assigning) detention, detention and other measures in relation to human rights and freedoms.

On the occasion of this training, it was highlighted that the international instruments but also our legislation suggests that detention be applied only when all other possibilities to achieve the goal have been exhausted. Also, through the discussion of practical cases, the participants had the opportunity to discuss the problems and their effect on the judicial procedure in the case of non-implementation or unfair implementation of the legal provisions provided by law for ensuring the presence of the defendant in the procedure.

The applied methodology was of a combined character, with theoretical explanations and interactive discussions.

Beneficiaries of this training were: 10 judges and 6 prosecutors from the basic level of courts and prosecutor's offices from all regions of Kosovo.



Roundtable on property issues



On July 06-07, 2022, the Academy of Justice, within the framework of the Continuous Training Program, held the "Roundtable on property issues".

The main purpose of the roundtable was to address the challenges of the case law related to the implementation of material provisions in the field of property law, where the essential issues in the framework of property law were addressed.

On the first day of the roundtable, the issues related to: The right of ownership; Coownership and joint ownership; Ways of obtaining the right of ownership - Derivative and original gain of the right of ownership as well as judicial protection of the right of ownership, were discussed.

It was emphasized that joint ownership can be created through law or contract. The agreement by which joint ownership is created can be concluded only if it is expressly permitted by law. Therefore, if several persons have ownership rights over a thing in such a way that their shares are not assigned, then they are joint owners. Joint owners may request a partial sale of the joint ownership, but not at an inconvenient time. While on the second day, issues related to: Real rights on foreign objects, authentication, establishment and termination of real servitudes, and protection of real servitudes; Possession and protection of possession; Pledge, mortgage, pre-purchase, real lien and right of construction (Superficies), were addressed.

It was further emphasized that the real lien can be assigned both as in favor of a certain person - personal real lien, or even in favor of the respective owner of another immovable property, where a contract in written form is necessary for the creation of the real lien and the registration of the real lien in the Real Estate Rights Register. Any beneficiary of the real lien may require the owner to fulfill the obligation to all beneficiaries. A real lien on an immovable property that exists in favor of the owner of another immovable property cannot be divided or affected by the ownership right in this immovable property.

The handling of the issues at this roundtable was done by presenting the challenges identified in the case law of the third instance court, which were presented through concrete cases.

The presented cases were carefully selected and enabled the handling of all challenges related to the field of property issues. Through the selected cases, the panelists presented their research from the case law of the courts where they work and explained that the cases objectively present the problems of the issues but also the way on how to act in the future. TAlso, the presentations at the roundtable were based on the legal concepts of the regulation of property relations, for which the moderators were prepared and offered their answers and comments based on the case law and legal provisions on all the related issues that were addressed.

he methodology of the roundtable was developed in interactive discussion, presentation

of issues through cases, discussion of cases and summary of conclusions on the discussed issue.

Beneficiaries of this Roundtable were 15 judges and 1 professional associate. Of the judges, 1 of them was from the Supreme Court, 3 from the Court of Appeals, as well as 11 judges from the Basic Courts from all regions of Kosovo.



Training: Criminal offenses against the environment

On July 14, 2022, as part of the continuous training and in cooperation with GIZ, the training on the topic: "Criminal offenses against the environment" was carried out.

The purpose of this training was to enhance the knowledge of judges and prosecutors regarding local and international legislation on the protection of the environment and the correct interpretation and application of the relevant provisions in the case law (judicial practice) of criminal offenses against the environment.

The training was initially focused on the theoretical part of the notions of pollution, degradation or devastation of the environment, the devastation of the flora with harmful substances as well as the devastation of forests. Afterwards, the training focused on the definition and essential elements of criminal offenses against the environment, the circumstances, ways and forms of committing criminal offenses and practical problems in the case of qualification. During the training, the participants had the opportunity to discuss cases from practice and thus also to clarify the adequate legal provisions. Also, as an illustration, some cases from the case law of the ECHR are used which, despite the "lack" of an expressly defined regulation for the environment, has provided solutions relevant by to the issues implementing the articles of the Convention that include general regulations related to the protection and the enjoyment of basic rights, including here the protection of the environment and the right to have a clean environment, which is directly related to the right to enjoy private life, property, family, etc.

There were 4 beneficiaries of this training from the Basic Courts, 1 prosecutor from the Basic Prosecutor's Office, 5 inspectors from the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning as well as 2 police officers.

Roundtable on judicial defense in labor disputes, according to the Labor Law

On July 14, 2022, the Academy of Justice, in the framework of the Continuous Training Program organized the Roundtable on the topic "Judicial defense in labor disputes, according to the Labor Law".

The purpose of this roundtable was to address the challenges of the case law regarding the implementation of the material provisions in labor disputes, where the essential issues within the judicial protection procedure in such disputes were addressed. Panelists engaged in this roundtable were: Mr. Zenel Leku, Mr. Rrustem Thaqi, judge at the Supreme Court and Mr. Lumni Sallauka, judge at the Court of Appeals.

The table was initially focused on the elaboration and explanations regarding the labor contracts and their types in order to continue latter on with disputes from the labor relationship according to the Law, court proceedings for the protection of labor rights, compliance with the deadlines for seeking legal protection as well as the implementation of the general collective and sectorial agreement.

Elaboration of these issues was done by presenting the challenges identified in the cases of the third instance court, which were presented through concrete cases.

At this table, among other things, the issues related to the procedure initiated by employees in cases of violations of work duties by employers were addressed, including the identification of the preliminary conditions that must be met by the applicant before turning (addressing) to the court with lawsuit to ensure judicial protection in such disputes.

The methodology of the roundtable was of a combined character with theoretical explanations and interactive discussions and the presentation of issues through cases.

Beneficiaries of this Roundtable were 18 judges from the civil division, of them 5 from the Court of Appeals and 13 from the Basic Courts from all regions of Kosovo.



Roundtable on Criminal offenses against sexual integrity

On July 15, 2022, in the framework of continuous training, a round table was held on the topic: "Criminal offenses against sexual integrity".

The main purpose of the round table was to review the current issues that are arising with regards to criminal offenses against sexual integrity and to eliminate dilemmas in the interpretation of legal provisions regarding these criminal offenses.

The current issues from the case law, when the perpetrator is an adult were discussed at the round table, as well as the forms of rape occurrence were analyzed and other similar offenses related to sexual integrity, elaborating what are the elements and characteristics of criminal offenses against sexual integrity. Early marriages and sexual assault received special attention too, at this round table, emphasizing that the sensitivity of these criminal offenses requires more detailed treatment in order to avoid dilemmas from the fact that the legal provisions leave room for interpretation and confusion.

At the round table, it was emphasized that the correct implementation of the legal provisions from this chapter often appears as a challenge for judges and prosecutors, therefore, through cases from the case law, the best legal solutions in this field were analyzed and offered.

The applied methodology was of a combined character, with theoretical explanations and interactive discussions.

Beneficiaries of this training were: 4 judges and 5 prosecutors mainly from the basic level of the courts and prosecutor's offices as well as 2 officers from the Kosovo Police.



Activities for judicial and prosecutorial administrative staff

Training on freedom of expression and the right of access to public documents

On 05-06 July 2022, the Academy of Justice, in cooperation with the Council of Europe, the JUFREX project, within the framework of training for the administrative staff of courts and prosecution offices, has carried out: "Training on freedom of expression and the right of access to public documents" dedicated to public communication officers from the Courts and Prosecution Offices as well as assistants to the presidents of the Courts and Chief Prosecutors".

The purpose of the training was for the communication officers within the Courts and Prosecutio Offices, as well as the assistants of the Court presidents and chief prosecutors, to become familiar with the basic concepts of the European Convention, namely about freedom of expression, the scope of Article 10 of the ECHR, and the functioning of the European Court for human rights as well as rights of access to public documents based on the local and international legal framework.

The training on the first day focused on dealing with important aspects of the right to freedom of expression, based on the standards of the European Convention on Freedoms and Human Rights as well as the developments regarding the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights in this field.

On the second day, the training mainly focused on the right of access to public documents with an emphasis on the constitutional and legal regulation at the local level, also focusing on the role of the Information and Privacy Agency on the right to get informed, etc. and from the perspective of Council of Europe Convention on Access to Public Documents.

The participants had the opportunity to discuss access to documents in the courts and the prosecution offices based on the criteria defined by the legislation in force and of course through case studies and group work to increase their capacities in this field.

Beneficiaries of the training were 26 information officers, legal officers and administrative assistants from the courts and prosecution offices. Of them, 12 were from the courts and 14 from the prosecution offices.



Trainer Training Activities

Workshop on the Certification of Trainers – Criminal Field



On July 5-7, 2022, the Academy of Justice, in cooperation with the Embassy of the United States of America - the OPDAT office in Kosovo and the OPDAT regional office in Croatia, have held a three (3) day workshop for the certification of AD Trainers, from the Criminal field.

This initiative, called the Training of Trainers Program (ToT Program), was created with the need to complement AD's efforts to strengthen education and training programs. Also to increase capacities in designing, developing and delivering effective presentations for judges and prosecutors.

For three days in a row, the participants had the opportunity to receive instructions for the design of interactive trainings, the way of presentations including the audience and training needs, for the development of useful materials and extracts that contribute to the organization and holding of workshops, trainings and evaluate satisfaction of participants and application of knowledge and skills.

Special emphasis during this workshop has been dedicated to increasing the presentation skills of the participants, regardless of the level of experience, enabling them to demonstrate the presentation based on advice and recommendations in terms of time, materials, getting feedback and other important issues to consider when planning a workshop, seminar or conference.

The certification course is organized in accordance with the requirements of the Law on the Academy of Justice, for the certification of its trainers.

The trainers of this workshop were 2 international experts: Ameet Kabrawala -Resident Legal Advisor at the OPDAT Office in Croatia and Jelena Firic - Legal Advisor, OPDAT Office at the US Embassy in Croatia.

Beneficiaries and participants in the workshop were 7 judges, 5 prosecutors and 4 other external trainers who serve as trainers at the Academy of Justice in the Criminal field.



Training of Trainers on Mediation

From July 14th to July 17th, the Academy of Justice, in cooperation with the Department of Justice and the USA Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), supported and funded by the Office of International Narcotics and Enforcement Affairs of Law (INL) at the US Embassy, has conducted the second session of the Training of Trainers on Mediation.

The training was a continuation of the 1st session held in May, which is being followed by 15 mediators from different regions of the Republic of Kosovo, with whom it is intended to create a professional team of trainers on mediation field.

The second training session was focused on Property, Family and Commercial issues, in which case the entire training was combined with practical cases, and with role playing by all participants, being divided into working groups.

In addition to experts from the USA, Mr. Peter Swandon and Mrs. Emily Rife, the training was also enriched by the expert from Slovenia, Mrs. Simona Frumen, who shared her knowledge in Mediation matters from the Civil/Property, Commercial and Family fields.

On the last day, the Chairman of the Judicial Council of Kosovo, Mr. Albert Zogaj, together with the participants discussed on drafting of mediation agreements, giving examples of good and bad agreements, and discussed on the common concerns.

Beneficiaries of the Training were the 15 mediators selected for the Mediation Training Program.



Attendance at trainings on PTV presented through graphs





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