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## General activities

### Practical program of two candidates for judges from the School of Magistrates of France in Kosovo

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From March 6-24, 2023, two candidates for judges from the Magistrates School of France have followed the internship program in the Kosovo Justice institutions system. This internship program has been enabled by the French Embassy in Kosovo as a result of the continuous cooperation of the Academy of Justice with the School of Magistrates of France.

Candidates for judges from France have started the internship program at the Academy of

Justice, where they were hosted by Mr. Enver Fejzullahu, Executive Director and Mrs. Valmira Pefqeli, Head of the Initial Program.

During the visit to the Academy of Justice, the candidates were informed about its scope and programs. They also participated in an initial training session together with the IX generation prosecutors who were currently following the theoretical training sessions from the Criminal Procedure Code module.

In continuation of this program, the candidates will also be introduced to the judicial and prosecutorial system through visits and practical observation of the courts and prosecutor's offices, with special emphasis on the Special Prosecutor's Office of Kosovo, since the focus was on war crimes.



## Meeting with representatives from the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ)

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On March 10, 2023, Mr. Enver Fejzullahu-Executive Director, Mrs. Luljete Hetemi, Leader of the Program for Research and Publications and Mrs. Valmira Pefqeli, Leader of the Initial Training Program at the Academy of Justice held a joint meeting with Mrs. Frauke Bachler - General Director of IRZ, Mr. Frank Hupfeld - Director for Southeast Europe, Bilateral Sector and Mr. Volkmar Theobald, EUKOJUST Project Director.

The purpose of this meeting was to continue cooperation in the field of judicial training with an emphasis on European law, since Kosovo is oriented towards European integration and the membership of its structures.

On the occasion of the meeting, the activities carried out in support of this foundation were discussed, with an emphasis on the visits carried out for judges and prosecutors to the courts and prosecutors' offices in Bonn, Trier and Koblenz, and especially to the German Academy of Justice and the Academy of European Law. In relation to the latter, the director of the AD presented the need to include Kosovar judges and prosecutors in the programs, conferences and other forms of judicial training that this institution offers for judges, prosecutors and other legal professionals for the member countries of the Union European.

At the end of the meeting, both sides confirmed further cooperation and the implementation of joint activities for professional exchange and strengthening of contacts between the courts in the region



## Meeting of the Academy of Justice's Managing Board

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On March 28, 2023, Managing Board of the Academy of Justice was held at the Academy of Justice, led by the Chairman of the Board Mr. Vaton Durguti, Head of the Special Department at the Appeals Court.

The purpose of this meeting was to review and approve the Annual Work Report of the Academy of Justice for 2022, as well as other issues within the mandate of the Academy.

According to the agenda set for this meeting, initially the SC members approved the minutes of the last SC meeting and then the Executive Director of the Academy briefly presented the Annual Work Report of the Academy of Justice for 2022.

The members of the Managing Board, evaluating the work of the Academy during 2022, unanimously approved the presented report.

Also, in this meeting, the Executive Director informed the members of the MB about the invitation from the National School of Magistracy in France (ENM) to the Academy of Justice, for participation as a member in the project on juvenile justice, within the European Commission Program scope, in which case the members of the MB gave their consent for the participation of the AJ in this project in partnership with ENM.





## Activities from Initial Training Program (ITP)

### Initial training for newly appointed prosecutors, (IX generation)- 2022-2023

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During March, 16 theoretical training sessions and 15 days of practical training were carried out for the 5 prosecutors of this generation.

The theoretical training sessions were from the Criminal Procedure Code module and sub-modules: The role of the prosecutor in the main trial, initial and second hearing and the main trial, special procedures according to the Criminal Procedure Code as well as from the sub-module: Exercise of legal remedies.

From the sub-module: "Alternative Procedures" 5 training sessions were held and dealt with: negotiation of the plea agreement, acquittal from the sentence, cooperating witnesses, the request for the declaration of the person as a cooperating witness and the conditions when prosecution is not mandatory.

From the sub-module: "The role of the prosecutor in the main trial phase, 3 sessions

were held, addressing the following: the role of the prosecutor in the judicial examination, direct examination, cross examination and re-examination of the witness and the role of the prosecutor in the closing argument.

Within the sub-module: "Initial and second hearing and the main trial" 4 training sessions were held addressing the following: initial hearing, objection of evidence, request for indictment in the judicial hearing and the main trial.

From the sub-module: "Special procedures according to the Criminal Procedure Code" 3 sessions were held, addressing the following: judicial procedures against persons who have committed a criminal offense under the influence of drugs or alcohol, detention, procedures for issuing a punitive order.

And within the sub-module: "Exercise of legal remedies", 1 session was held, handling the drafting of indictment by the state prosecutor.

For all the above-mentioned sub-modules, in addition to the detailed explanations for the specifics and features that characterize the respective actions and procedures, practical cases are also illustrated, enabling the prosecutors to provide their own perspective.



## Practical training for newly appointed judges, (IX generation)-2022-2023

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During March, the 45 judges of the IX generation have followed the practical training sessions in the respective courts where they were appointed.

During this period, a total of 23 days of practical training were carried out, under the supervision of the judge/mentor.

In the framework of this training, the judges under the supervision of the mentor judge reviewed cases and assisted in all judicial activities planned for March, taking the appropriate actions for the relevant cases in

practice.

The mentors have been coordinated with the Academy of Justice in fulfilling practical training according to the competencies defined by the Training Program.

Also, their attendance at the practical training during the respective month has been regularly attending the practical training according to the training calendar.

## Activities from Continuous Training Program (CTP)

### Training: Co-litigants

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On March 01, 2023, within the framework of continuous program, a training on: "Co-Litigants" was carried out.

This training aims to advance the knowledge of judges about the institution of co-litigation, namely for the procedural position, and the adequate evaluation of the co-litigant actions as well as the consequences that these actions create for other co-litigants. Also for the procedural actions that should be taken in the cases of intercessors and depending on the capacity of the intercessors, to develop procedures and decide in a meritorious manner in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Contentious Procedure.

During the training, was discussed about cases in which several plaintiffs or defendants may appear; The possibility of joining the lawsuit during the procedure by the other plaintiff; The possibility of expanding the lawsuit against other plaintiffs, eventual plaintiffs, the main intervention in the procedure, unique co-litigants, opportunities and rights for proposals related to the conduct of the judicial process.

The training focused on issues highlighted above and their practical aspect, challenges and better modalities to be followed, this was realized through highly professional interactive discussion and through practical cases presented for discussion.

Also though practical cases the dilemmas referring to the identification of co-litigants, the role of the court, the court's decision in disputes where there are different types of co-litigants, the conceptual and practical differences between co-litigants and intercessors, as well as the common elements were clarified.

The training methodology was of a combined character with theoretical explanations and interactive discussions, followed by practical cases.

Beneficiaries of this training were: 44 judges, 2 from the Special Chamber of the Supreme Court, 5 from the Court of Appeal and 37 other judges from the basic level from all regions of Kosovo



## Training: Judicial Reasoning and Human Rights

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On March 02, 2023, the Academy of Justice, within the framework of the Continuous Program, conducted a training on: "Judicial Reasoning and Human Rights".

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of judges about the rules of reasoning and legal writing in accordance with the unified standards of reasoning and legal writing and to apply the techniques of interpreting legal issues in practice in order to improve the quality of writing and legal reasoning while performing their duty.

During the training, the basic rules of writing legal acts and documents were discussed with an emphasis on the writing process, the principles of legal writing, and the four-step method of legal reasoning known as IRAC, also elaborated in the criminal procedure, including the trial, the

appeal and the execution of the court decision as well as in the civil procedure with a focus on general principles and thematic issues.

During the discussion of the above-mentioned issues, practical instructions were offered through cases from judicial practice and instructions for access to legal issues, how to carry out the research of resources of the issues subject to discussions, how to carry out the legal analysis and the standards that must be taken into account in cases of legal writing and reasoning.

Beneficiaries of this training were 22 judges, 2 prosecutors as well as 4 professional associates and legal officers of the courts.





## Training: Mediation (Civil) Prizren - Gjakova Region

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On March 07, 2023, in cooperation with the USAID Program - Commercial Justice Program, DEXIS implementer, as part of continuous program, conducted a training on: "Mediation in Civil Aspects" for judges and mediators in the Prizren and Gjakova region.

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of judges and mediators about the alternative method of dispute resolution between two or more people in civil cases and the role of the mediator, as a third person, independent and impartial, who has no authority or power to make decisions for the parties but that only helps the parties through conversations to reach a solution regarding the dispute they have among themselves.

During the training, Mandatory Mediation was discussed; The procedure for approving or canceling Mediation agreements; Mediation procedure, Mediation Agreement; The mediator and his role and responsibility in practical cases.

Special attention was paid to the referral of cases to the mediation procedure, which is at the discretion of the judges, not ignoring the will of the parties in the dispute and in accordance with the relevant legal provisions. This training served as an orientation for judges and other staff of courts and prosecutor's offices for the easier identification of suitable disputes to be developed in the mediation procedure, as well as other cases for which mandatory mediation is foreseen.

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

Beneficiaries of this training were: 3 judges, 11 mediators, 8 professional associates, 1 information officer, 1 translator, 1 administrator and 1 intern from the region of Prizren and Gjakova.



## Training: Protection of children's rights in cases of divorce and domestic violence

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On March 14-15, 2023, the Academy of Justice, within the framework of the Continuous Training Program, organized two-day training on: "Protection of children's rights in cases of divorce and domestic violence".

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of the participants regarding the implementation of material and procedural provisions on of family law area.

On the first day, the following were addressed: Principles for the protection of children's rights according to local legislation; Domestic Violence, Protection Orders and Court Procedures Pursuant to Protection Order Requests. While on the second day, the following were addressed: Types of protective measures and their duration, enforcement and consequences of non-enforcement of the protection order.

The training also addressed challenges of judicial practice related to the implementation of material and procedural provisions of family law area. The ways and methods of court communication with children in court proceedings, the principle of the best interest of the child, the role of the court and the guardianship body in procedures related to the protection of the rights of children without parental care and in cases of change of their status as well as the applicable local legislation, including the innovations of the Child Protection Law.

The training was delivered in a roundtable format where were presented challenges identified in practice by the second and third instance court elaborated through practical cases. The cases presented were selected from the relevant fields related to the protection of the rights of children without parental care and in cases of change of their status. The cases selected from the judicial practice objectively presented the problematic issues but also the way of handling them in the future.

During the training was emphasized that the fifth part of the Family Law regulates the special forms of children protection without parental care, the way these forms are applied and basic principles related to which children are considered to be without parental care and what are legal forms that the law identifies them as special forms of protection of children.

After extensive discussion, it was concluded that the decision on the implementation of any form of protection for children without parental care is taken after a detailed examination of each individual case, while the competent body will draw a conclusion on the form of family protection for the child that meets the requirements of the child to a greater extent.

The training methodology was of a combined character with theoretical explanations and interactive discussions, presentation of issues through cases from judicial practice, discussion of cases and provision of conclusions on the discussed issue.

Beneficiaries of this training were: 36 judges, of them 1 from the Supreme Court, 4 from the Court of Appeal and 31 other judges from Basic Courts from all regions.

## Training: Multi-institutional approach to Gender-Based Violence, with special emphasis on cases of child abuse - Mitrovica Region

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On March 14, 2023, within the continuous program and with the EULEX cooperation, was conducted a training on: "Multi-institutional approach to Gender Violence, with special emphasis on cases of child abuse", in Mitrovica region.

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge on the legal framework of the Mitrovica region for cases of gender violence, with special emphasis on child abuse aiming to handle and render meritorious decision on the respective cases in accordance with the legal provisions and standards for children's rights and human rights in general.

To begin with, the training focused on the correct understanding of gender-based violence, namely abuse and sexual violence against children as one of the worst forms of child abuse. In this view, special attention has been paid to the local and international legal framework that incriminates the abuse of children, defining it as a direct violation of human rights. Further, it was also discussed about the physical and emotional disturbances

that children suffer and often also the irrevocable loss of dignity and self-confidence from sexual violence and other forms of abuse.

The participants also had the opportunity to discuss practical cases from the report of child abuse to the final verdict from the court, highlighting the challenges and modalities for a better practice.

Also of interest was the perspective of the state of Finland in such cases and the comparison of judicial practice with Kosovo, as well as the exchange of experiences.

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

Beneficiaries of this training were: 1 prosecutor, 2 lawyers, 1 victim advocate, 1 official from the Center for Social Work, 6 police officers, as well as 1 senior official for professional cooperation from the Prosecutor's Office





## Workshop: Access to public documents maintained by the police and justice institutions

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On March 15, 2023, in cooperation with the Agency for Information and Privacy and EULEX, as part of the continuous program conducted a workshop on: "Access to public documents maintained by the police and justice institutions".

The purpose of this workshop was to advance the knowledge of judges, prosecutors and other legal professionals regarding the Constitutional and legal framework on access to public documents, including access to public documents held by the court, the prosecution and the police and justice institutions for implementation in practice in accordance with the legislation in force.

In this workshop, the Law on Access to Public Documents and its implementation within the justice system, namely access to public documents in the police, prosecutor's office and courts, were discussed in detail. Special attention has been paid to concrete cases that have established positive practices and

situations in the past when public documents were not given to the public until a positive approach was built on legal ways and issuing of the relevant decisions.

During the workshop, there was a discussion regarding the legal obligation for proactive publication of public documents, presenting concrete examples of the benefits of proactive publication for the daily work of courts, prosecutors' offices and the police.

Beneficiaries of this workshop were 52 participants. Among them 1 judge, 3 prosecutors, 34 administrative staff from the rank of information officers, senior officials for professional cooperation, professional associates, referents and administrators as well as 12 policemen and police inspectors and 2 others from KJC and KPC, Ministry of Justice and the Forensic Agency.





## Workshop - Unification of the Case Law

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On March 16-17, 2023, as part of the continuous program, a workshop on the unification of the case law in civil and administrative cases was conducted.

The purpose of this workshop was to identify the non-unique judicial practice in civil and administrative cases and to provide best practices in accordance with the legislation in force and the case law.

The focus of the workshop was on the identification and solution of current problems in terms of judicial practice in the contentious procedure, in matters related to the acquisition of ownership by statute of limitations in social property, in matters of compensation of damage related to the institute of statutory limitation of claims and in marital disputes.

All the judges present agreed that the unification of the case law for the identified cases should be done by the judges themselves, and as a result the entire workshop was held in separate groups. Each of the groups drafted

proposals related to the unification of judicial practice, giving the reasons for the submitted proposals.

For two consecutive days, the participating judges provided 27 proposals, which were then discussed by the judges and the Collegium of judges of the Court of Appeal-Civil Division, and as a result, they reached agreement and conclusions on how to decide in the future on similar cases for the 12 given proposals.

Meanwhile, 15 others remain to be dealt with at the next roundtable, once finalized will be published by AJ and be accessible to all judges and the rest of the legal community.

This workshop was attended by 18 judges from the Court of Appeal and 1 professional associate of this court.



## Multi-institutional approach to Gender-Based Violence, with special emphasis on cases of child abuse - Pejë Region

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On March 16, 2023, within the framework of Continuous Program in cooperation with EULEX, a training on "Multi-institutional approach to Gender Violence, with special emphasis on cases of child abuse" was carried out for the Peja region.

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of the legal framework of the region of Peja for cases of gender violence, with special emphasis on child abuse for the proper treatment and meritorious decision of the respective cases in accordance with the legal provisions and standards for children's rights and human rights in general.

To begin with, the training focused on the correct understanding of gender-based violence, namely abuse and sexual violence against children as one of the worst forms of child abuse. In this view, special attention has been paid to the local and international legal framework that incriminates the abuse of children, defining it as a direct violation of human rights. Further, it was also discussed about the physical and emotional disturbances

that children suffer and often also the irrevocable loss of dignity and self-confidence from sexual violence and other forms of abuse.

The participants also had the opportunity to discuss practical cases from filing of the report of child abuse to the final verdict from the court, highlighting the challenges and modalities for a better practice.

Also of interest was the perspective of the state of Finland in such cases and the comparison of the case law with Kosovo, as well as the exchange of experiences.

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

Beneficiaries of this workshop were 16 participants. Among them, 1 prosecutor, 6 officials from the Center for Social Work, 6 police officials, 1 lawyer and 2 victim advocates.



## Advanced training on prevention of domestic violence - Istanbul Convention

On March 20, 2023, in cooperation with the Organization Center for Legal Aid and Regional Development - CLARD and IKD, "Advanced training for the prevention of domestic violence - Istanbul Convention" was carried out.

The purpose of this training was to familiarize participants with the basic concepts of the Istanbul Convention and its standards in combating domestic violence and violence against women and its practical application in relevant cases.

During this training, the main instruments that incriminate domestic violence and violence against women, namely the ECHR and the Istanbul Convention of the Council of Europe, which are applicable in Kosovo, were elaborated in detail. From the discussions, it was highlighted that domestic violence and violence against women represents the most serious gender-based violation and that their

treatment of these cases requires special care since most of them remain in silence.

During the training, different cases were elaborated from both local judicial practice and from the ECtHR practice, for which the participants had the duty to answer the questions that the competent authorities in the respective cases had performed the appropriate actions or had failed and in this aspect to choose best practices.

The training methodology was of a combined character with theoretical explanations and interactive discussions presenting practical cases.

Beneficiaries of this training were: 6 Lawyers from all regions of Kosovo, 1 Victim Protection Officer and 1 police officer.





## Training: Financial investigation and asset recovery



On March 20-24, 2023, with the support of UNDP/SAEK 3 and the Basel Institute for Governance, as part of the continuous program, was conducted a training on: "Financial Investigation and Asset Recovery".

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of the participants regarding the tracking of assets and the organization of evidence in cases of financial investigations and asset recovery.

During two days the training focused mainly on dealing with important aspects of money laundering, asset tracking, electronic evidence organization and elements of crime in the context of local legislation.

On the third and fourth day, the training focused on financial investigative approaches with an emphasis on indirect methods for proving illegal income and mutual legal assistance, as well as on asset confiscation mechanisms.

For four days, the participants had the opportunity to practically exercise asset tracking and in this way they discussed eventual problems and exchange best practices in relevant cases.

On the fifth day, the training focused on the preparations and presentations of the participants for the case studies.

The training methodology is of a combined character with theoretical explanations and interactive discussions, also presenting practical cases.

Beneficiaries of this training were 4 judges, 8 prosecutors, 1 professional associate and 3 police officers.





## Training on the case law in family matters

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On March 21-22, 2023, within the framework of continuous program, a two-day training was held on: "Training on the case law in family matters".

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of judges in addressing the challenges of the case law related to the implementation of material and procedural provisions from the family law.

On the first day, were discussed topics such as: Annulment of Marriage; Divorce; Divorce proceedings, alimony obligation and parental rights; and Special forms of protection of children without parental care. While on the second day, the following were addressed: Objection and proof of motherhood or paternity; Property relations between spouses; and the role of European law and ECtHR jurisprudence in Luxembourg, as well as the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989).

This training addressed, the challenges of judicial practice related to the implementation of material and procedural provisions from the family law. In the Republic of Kosovo, family right as a whole is regulated by the Family Law, which in 2019 has undergone some amendments regarding the method of calculating the contribution of spouses, but at the same time, judicial practice has recognized

its development in the treatment of cases from marital and family relations which were dealt with within this roundtable.

In the training, it was emphasized that family matters are usually sensitive and require a high level of dedication and professionalism in handling cases according to the requirements for judicial protection, therefore during this roundtable the problems related to the implementation of the Law on the Family of Kosovo, other local and international legislation were elaborated thoroughly.

During the training also a significant time was given to the implementation of European law and the decisions of the ECtHR in Luxembourg that have to do not only with EU member states but also with third countries, such as the Republic of Kosovo. European law was emphasized as providing equality and qualitative rights or qualitative solutions. It was clarified that the new Law on International Legal Cooperation in Civil Matters and the Law on Private International Law that entered into force in 2022 contain transposed EU conventions, regulations and ordinances, as well as some institutes in the legal-family field, status and hereditary which are the same as those of the EU.

The training was provided in a form of roundtable and dealt with issues that are included in the field of marital and family relations. The handling of the cases and presentation of challenges identified in the practice of the second and third instance courts. The cases selected from the judicial practice objectively presented the problematic issues but also the way of handling them in the future. The explanations that the trainers offered at the event were based on the legal concepts of regulating family relations and on the judicial practice and legal provisions in force.

The training methodology was of a combined character with theoretical explanations and interactive discussions, presentation of issues

through cases from court practice directly related to the issue that was addressed. In every case handled, the trainers took into consideration the factual and legal aspects, offering concrete answers. Trainers also provided their own views on legal perspective and case law to support their conclusions.

Beneficiaries of this training were 22 judges, 1 of them from the Appellate Court and 21 others from the Basic Courts from all regions of Kosovo.

## **Training: Multi-institutional approach to Gender-Based Violence, with special emphasis on cases of child abuse - Prizren Region**

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On March 21, 2023, within the framework of ongoing training in cooperation with EULEX, the training on: "Multi-institutional approach to Gender Violence, with special emphasis on cases of child abuse" was carried out for the Prizren region

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of the legal framework of the Prizren region for cases of gender violence, with special emphasis on child abuse for the proper treatment and meritorious decision of the respective cases in accordance with the legal provisions and standards for children's rights and human rights in general.

To begin with, the training focused on the correct understanding of gender-based violence, namely abuse and sexual violence against children as one of the worst forms of child abuse. In this view, special attention has been paid to the local and international legal framework that incriminates the abuse of children, defining it as a direct violation of human rights. Further, it was also discussed about the physical and emotional disturbances that children suffer and often also the

irrevocable loss of dignity and self-confidence from sexual violence and other forms of abuse.

The participants also had the opportunity to discuss practical cases from the beginning of the reporting of child abuse to the final verdict from the court, highlighting the challenges and modalities for a better practice.

Also of interest was the perspective of the state of Finland in such cases and the comparison of judicial practice with Kosovo, as well as the exchange of experiences.

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

Beneficiaries of this workshop were 14 participants. Among them, 1 judge, 2 prosecutors, 2 officials for protection and assistance of victims, 6 police officials, 1 official from the Social Work Center and 2 lawyers from the Prizren region.



## Specialized Training Program - Cybercrime and cryptocurrencies – Session I

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On March 22-23, 2023, within the framework of continuous program, a training under the "Specialized Training Program - Cybercrime and cryptocurrencies - Session I" was carried out.

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of judges and prosecutors about cybercrime as a criminal offense in domestic legislation, procedure and practices related to electronic evidence for the meritorious decision of relevant cases.

During this training, the following topics were covered: Cybercrime - trends and instruments; Technology involved in cybercrime; Local cooperation; cybercrime offenses under the domestic legislation – child pornography; Legislation, procedure and practice relating to electronic evidence and case studies.

The training were emphasized challenges faced by prosecutors and judges when dealing with cybercrime cases, the implementation of material provisions in general, and in particular the criminal offense: child pornography, namely all forms of committing this offense but also the offenses of sexual exploitation where the subject are children (their sensitivity and

importance), cooperation with service providers, accelerated storage of data in emergency cases, as well as submission of requests for international legal assistance.

Judges and prosecutors have been notified of the special Laws that regulate this matter, in particular the provisions of the Law on Electronic Communications, which deal with the powers and obligation of service providers to cooperate with law enforcement, implementation of orders of the prosecutor's office and the court, for the time limits defined in this Law and the manner of inter-institutional cooperation. The participants have been asked to be more active during the implementation of the procedure, not only because the established time limits must be taken into account, but also due to the fact that the electronic data or evidence can very easily be lost, destroyed and disappeared if it is not acted quickly, in the right way and with the right methods.

Beneficiaries of this training were 3 judges and 2 basic level prosecutors.





## **Training: Multi-institutional approach to Gender-Based Violence, with special emphasis on cases of child abuse – Gjilan Region**

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On March 23, 2023, within the continuous program and with the EULEX cooperation, was conducted a training on: "Multi-institutional approach to Gender Violence, with special emphasis on cases of child abuse", in Gjilan region.

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge on the legal framework of the Mitrovica region for cases of gender violence, with special emphasis on child abuse aiming to handle and render meritorious decision on the respective cases in accordance with the legal provisions and standards for children's rights and human rights in general.

To begin with, the training focused on the correct understanding of gender-based violence, namely abuse and sexual violence against children as one of the worst forms of child abuse. In this view, special attention has been paid to the local and international legal framework that incriminates the abuse of children, defining it as a direct violation of human rights. Further, it was also discussed about the physical and emotional disturbances

that children suffer and often also the irrevocable loss of dignity and self-confidence from sexual violence and other forms of abuse.

The participants also had the opportunity to discuss practical cases from the report of child abuse to the final verdict from the court, highlighting the challenges and modalities for a better practice.

Also of interest was the perspective of the state of Finland in such cases and the comparison of judicial practice with Kosovo, as well as the exchange of experiences.

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

Beneficiaries of this training were: 1 prosecutor, 1 officer for victim protection and assistance, 6 police officers, and 1 officer from Center for Social Work

## Training: Risk Assessment in Cases of Domestic Violence

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On March 27, 2023, in the framework of continuous training in cooperation with OPDAT, the training on the topic "Assessment of Risk in Cases of Domestic Violence" was carried out.

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of victims' advocates and police officers regarding the procedures and means of risk assessment in cases of domestic violence so that the perpetrators of violence are held accountable and the victims enjoy appropriate protection from the relevant institutions.

The training initially focused on detailed explanations regarding the conditions of detention, treatment of victims, inter-institutional communication, protection of victims, mitigating and aggravating factors as well as risk indicators in cases of domestic

violence. Special attention was paid to the difficulties and challenges of judicial practice which were discussed by the victims' advocates and police officers through which they offered the best legal solutions.

In the training, a significant place was also devoted to the perspective of the USA through the provision of examples from practice.

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

Beneficiaries of this training were: 5 Officials from the Office for the Protection of Victims and 11 Police officers.



## Training: Application of diversity measures, challenges and obstacles in implementation

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On March 28, 2023, in cooperation with EULEX, as part of continuous program, a workshop was held on: "Application of diversion measures, challenges and obstacles in implementation".

The purpose of this workshop was to advance the knowledge of judges, prosecutors and other participating legal professionals regarding the Legal Framework for the imposition of Diversion Measures and their implementation in practice in accordance with the legislation in force.

In this workshop, the diversion measures were explained in detail by the trainers, emphasizing that according to the KDM there are a total of 16 diversion measures that can be imposed on minors depending on the nature of the criminal offense, enhancing the diversity measure of the police notice and which was not foreseen in the previous Code and also the way of its application in the case of the decision by the State Prosecutor.

The participants in this workshop had the opportunity to discuss the conditions and the method of placement when determining the type of diversity measures, as well as what the diversity measure should contain - the police warning during drafting by the police officer since the same should be blackened and supervised by the Kosovo police.

The methodology of the workshop was of a combined character with theoretical explanations and interactive discussions, presenting also practical cases.

Beneficiaries of this workshop were: 4 judges, 6 prosecutors, 6 police officers, 2 officers from the Probation Service, and 2 interns.



## Training: Protection and safety of journalists

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On March 29-30, 2023, within the framework of continuous program, a training on: "Protection and safety of journalists" was carried out.

The purpose of this training was to increase the capacities of judges and prosecutors for judicial protection in cases of violation of journalists' safety in accordance with the EU standards on human rights which are also an integral part of our local legislation.

For two consecutive days, the obligations of the state for the protection of journalistic activity and the media were discussed. Special attention has been paid to international instruments for the protection and safety of journalists, with an emphasis on the Parliamentary Resolution of the Council of Europe on attacks against journalists, the Recommendations of the Council of Ministers

of the Council of Europe on the protection and safety of journalists and media actors, as well as the Declaration of Committee of Ministers.

During this training, the participants had the opportunity to discuss cases from the jurisprudence of the ECHR and the various decisions from this court, which were confirmed by all participants as the best practices in this field that should be followed by our local courts.

Beneficiaries of this training were 12 Professional Associates, 9 from the courts and 3 from the prosecutor's offices from different regions.





## Training: International legal cooperation in criminal matters, opportunities and challenges

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On March 29, 2023, as part of the continuous program a training on: "International legal cooperation in criminal matters, opportunities and challenges" was carried out.

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of judges and prosecutors in international legal aid area, namely on extradition, case transfers, provision of evidence and other requirements in criminal cases to increase efficiency in the execution of requests for legal aid according to the highest international standards in international legal cooperation.

The training was initially focused on detailed explanations regarding the role and importance of international legal cooperation for bringing justice to cases where the crime has exceeded internal borders and has taken on an international dimension. Special attention has been paid to the current legal framework and other mechanisms for international legal cooperation, such as the Department for BJN within the Ministry of Justice, coordinators from the courts and prosecutor's offices, as well as the agreements that our country has with the

states for legal cooperation.

During this training, the forms of international legal cooperation were discussed in detail, starting with the extradition of persons suspected and convicted for criminal offenses in the requesting state; International legal assistance in criminal matters; Transfer of criminal proceedings, execution of foreign decisions, recognition of foreign criminal decisions, search, freezing and confiscation of proceeds of crime as, well as other forms of cooperation that judicial practice recognizes as common in the criminal field.

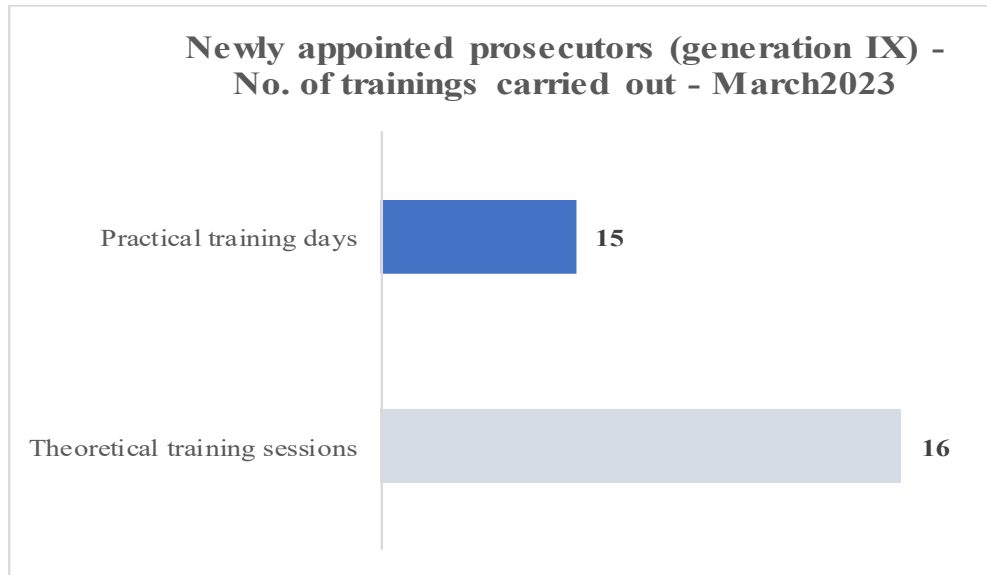
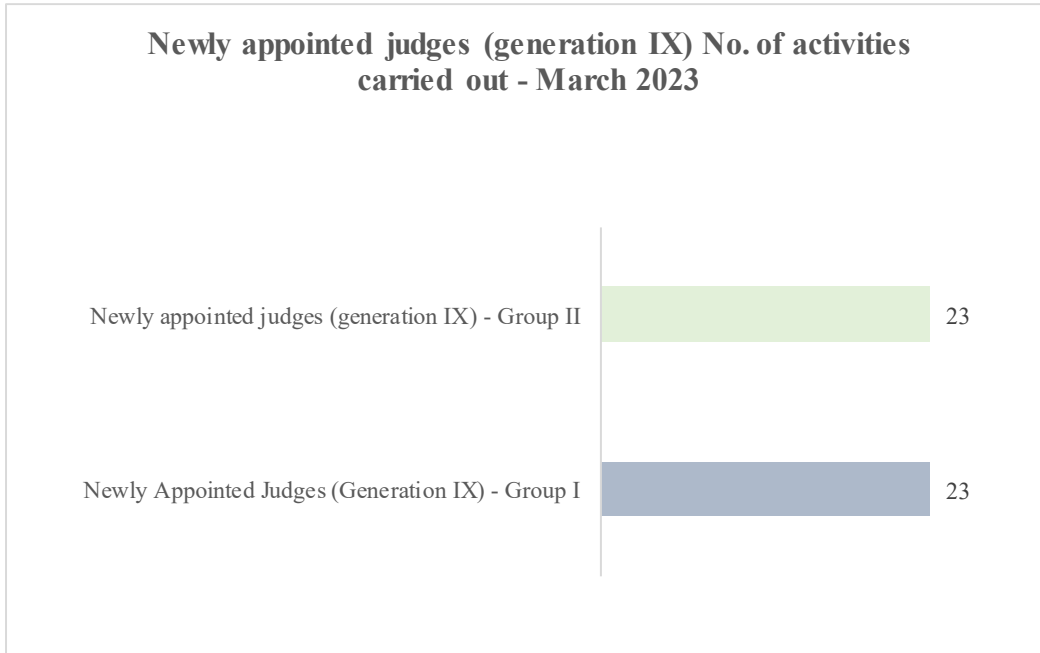
The participants had the opportunity to provide their legal perspective and practical problems in this field for each form of cooperation, so that together with the trainers they can find the best legal solutions in the respective situations.

Beneficiaries of this training were 8 judges (2 from the Appeal and 6 from the basic level) and 10 prosecutors from the basic level.



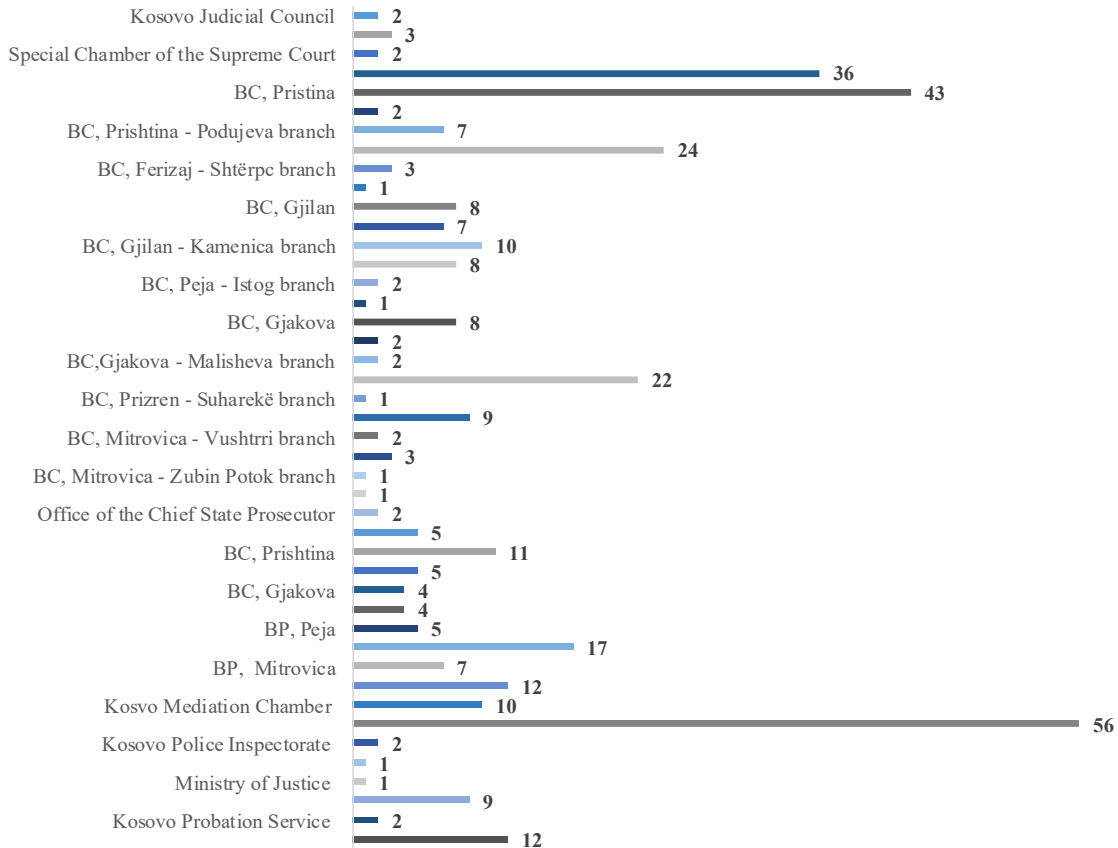
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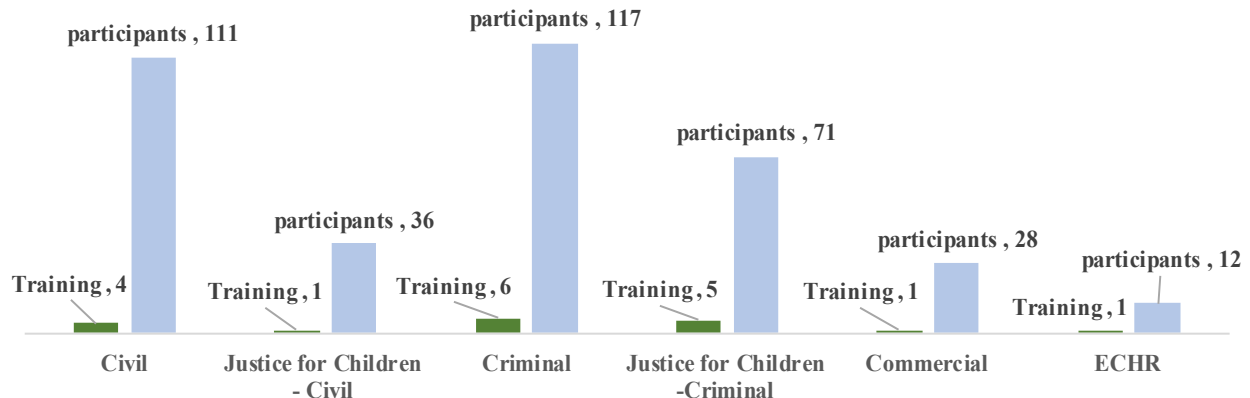


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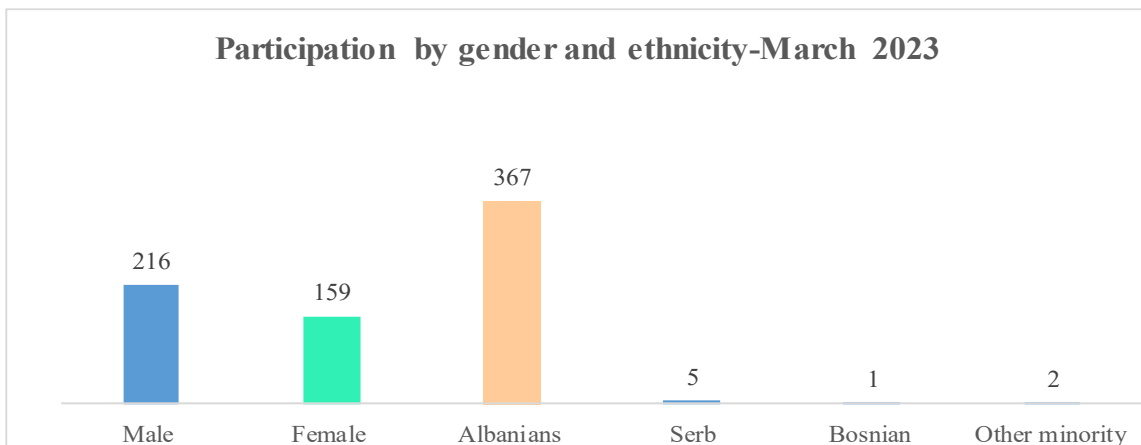
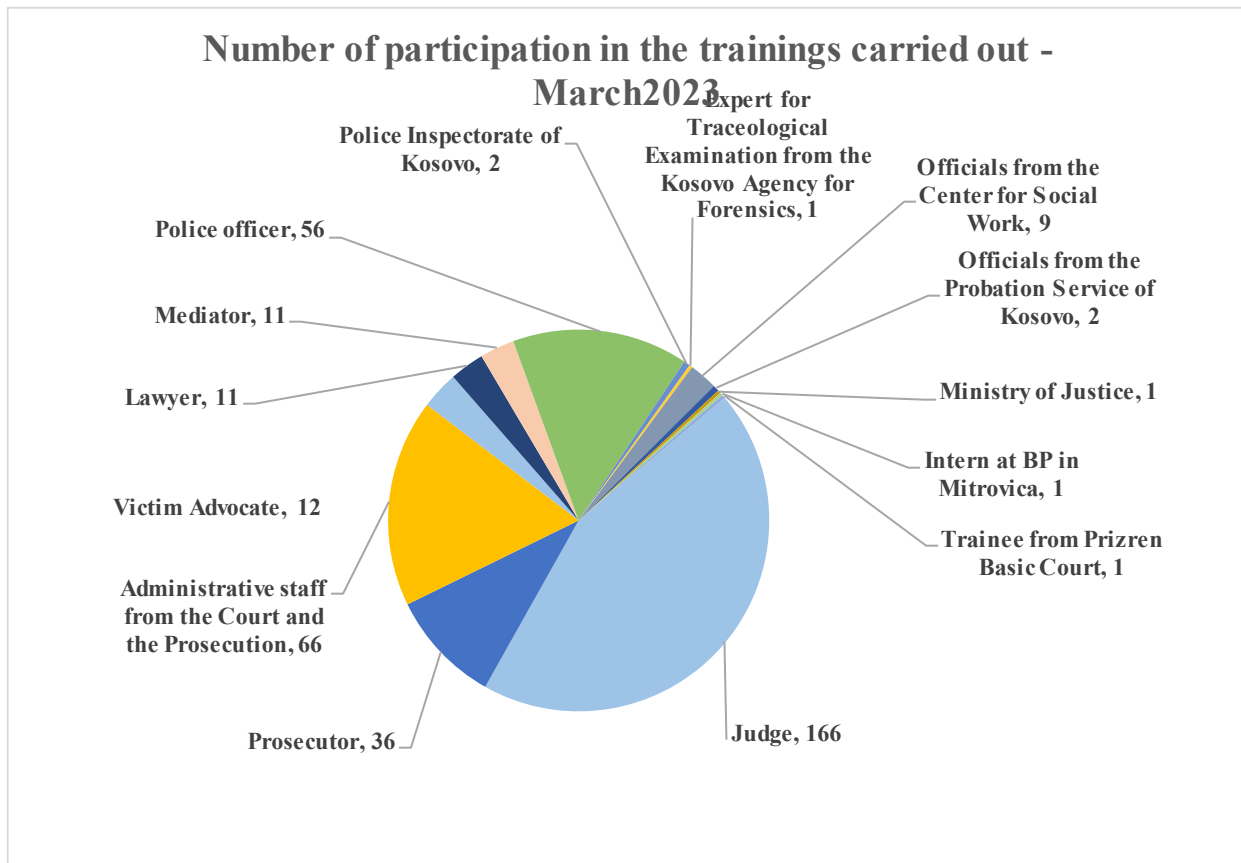
**Number of participants in training based on Institutions-March 2023**



**The number of participations and trainings carried out by field March 2023**



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