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Legal Education for Justice



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1 *Preamble*

Kosovo Judicial institute (KJI), for 12 years experience of its function has achieved a significant development in training judges, prosecutors, candidates for judges and prosecutors and other legal professionals in our country.

Various training programs of KJI, do not cover only all areas of the law, but also handle different areas outside the legal life, with the purpose of capacity building and strengthening the principal of independence, impartiality and professional ethic of KJI beneficiaries.

Despite many challenges, legal changes and reforming processes in the judicial and prosecutorial system, KJI in cooperation with national and international partners, achieved to develop successfully the preparatory program for fourth generations of the candidates for judges and prosecutors, implementing in the same time the continuous legal education program and the training program for promotion of judges, prosecutors and other professionals in the judicial field. There is no dilemma that these activities have produced a professional judicial and prosecutorial system in Kosovo.

As KJI Director, I am privileged to present through this brochure the summarized activities, achievements, the mission and the fulfillment of KJI legal function.

We are certain that KJI services will support the construction of a professional judicial and prosecutorial system that will protect individual rights, general welfare and public trust.



Sincerely,

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Introduction

OSCE Mission, Department of Human Rights and Rule of Law established a judicial training center, which later in 2000, was named: “Kosovo Judicial Institute”.

On April 24, 2006, the Special Representative of Secretary General of United Nations (UN) under the Regulation No.2006/23 promulgated the Law “on Establishing the Kosovo Judicial Institute” (KJI). Law was adopted by the Kosovo Assembly on February 2006. This law establishes KJI as the main independent body for legal education within Kosovo Judicial System which should fulfil its functions based on legal principals, impartiality and efficiency.



Photo.2. Trainings conducted at KJI

The KJI mission is to offer high quality trainings on capacity building of judges, prosecutors, candidates for judges and prosecutors and other legal professionals of judicial and prosecutorial system in Kosovo. This will be done by using the most advanced techniques for adult teaching.

Main responsibilities of KJI according to the law on its establishment are;

- Continuous training of judges and prosecutors;
- Evaluation and organization of the preparatory exam for candidates for judges and prosecutors
- Initial training of the candidates for judges and prosecutors
- Special trainings for promotion of judges and prosecutors
- Basic trainings for lay judges;
- Trainings for other legal professionals identified by KJI;
- Development of short, medium and long term plans for an efficient, effective and impartial judiciary;
- Other professional activities as professional-research institution for development of the Kosovo judiciary in accordance with the international standards.

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Continuous Training Program (CTP)

Continuous Training Program (CTP) is a training program dedicated to sitting judges and prosecutors.

CTP is drafted by using techniques, mechanisms and special methodology enabling a comprehensive and miscellaneous training program.

After drafting the program, CTP is discussed by the Program Council and then approved by KJI Managing Board

Main purpose of the CTP is the professional capacity building of practical skills and of the legal expertise of judges and prosecutors.

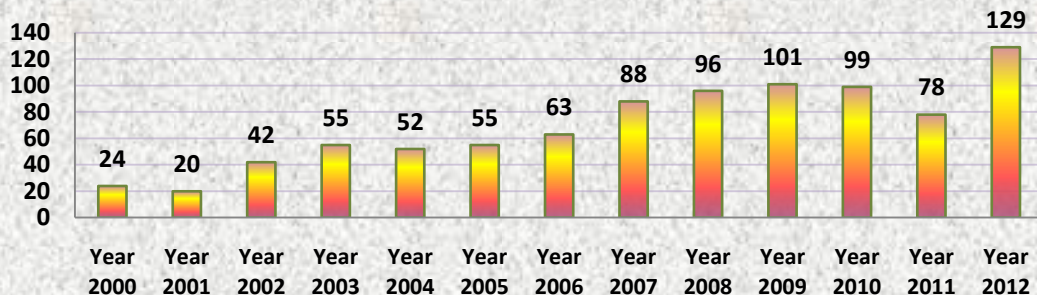
CTP addresses issues such as:

- Criminal Law (material, procedural, juvenile justice, execution of penal sanctions);
- Juvenile Justice;
- Civil Law (includes all topics of the field);
- Administrative Law;
- International and European Law;
- European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and its protocols;
- Minor Offence field;
- Special Training Programs such as: ethics case management, communication, development of trial advocacy skills, foreign languages, legal writing and reasoning, etc).

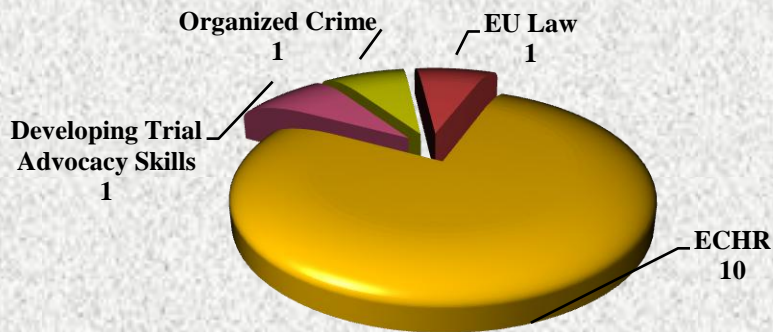
KJI commenced the development of the CTP Program also through the learning in distance platform (e-learning).

Some of the CTP trainings (according to the more specialized character) are attended also by the officials from the institutions dealing with the judiciary.

Trainings conducted in CTP 2000 - 2012



Trainings conducted in TPP & CTP during 2012



**This chart presents CTP and TPP training activities conducted for judges and prosecutors since 2010, as beneficiaries of these trainings were judges and prosecutors, the organization of the training courses in one program has reflected to the other program as well.*

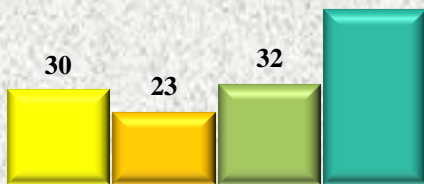
Initial Training Program (ITP), is a training program dedicated to the candidates for future judges and prosecutors.

ITP is divided in three phases.

- First phase lasts 6 months. During this period, candidates for judges and prosecutors are trained together;
- Second phase lasts 3 months. During this phase, candidates for judge are trained separated from the candidates for prosecutors.
- Third phase lasts 6 months. During this period the candidates for judges and prosecutors are assigned to courts and prosecution offices to conduct practical work, under the supervision of their mentors (judges/prosecutors).

The implementation of ITP Program has been conducted so far based on the 34 modules (training programs), whereas, at the end of the trainings, for each module the candidates had to take exams. The number of ITP candidates is determined by the Kosovo Judicial Council and Kosovo Prosecutorial Council.

■ First Generation ■ Second Generation
■ Third Generation ■ Fourth Generation



Candidates which were subject to exams during the generations

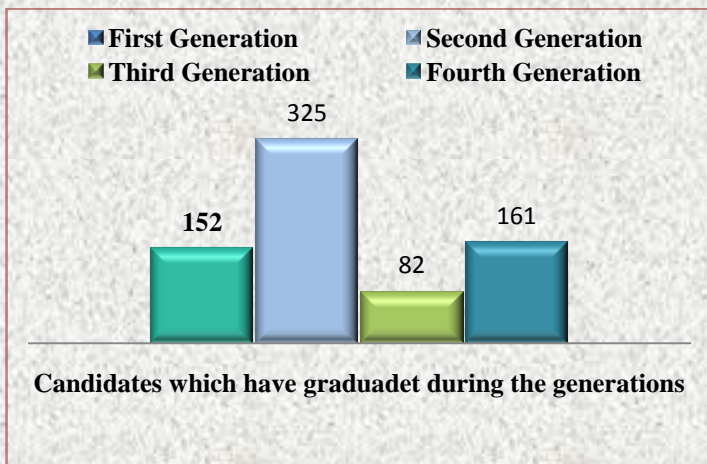


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Preparatory Exam

Based on the Law on Establishing the Kosovo Judicial Institute, KJI is responsible for organization and assessment of the Preparatory Exam of the candidates for judges and prosecutors.

Preparatory Exam is a precondition for the commencement of the ITP Program and only the candidates with the highest results can follow the ITP trainings. The composition of the commission for drafting and evaluation of the exam is approved by the KJI Managing Board.

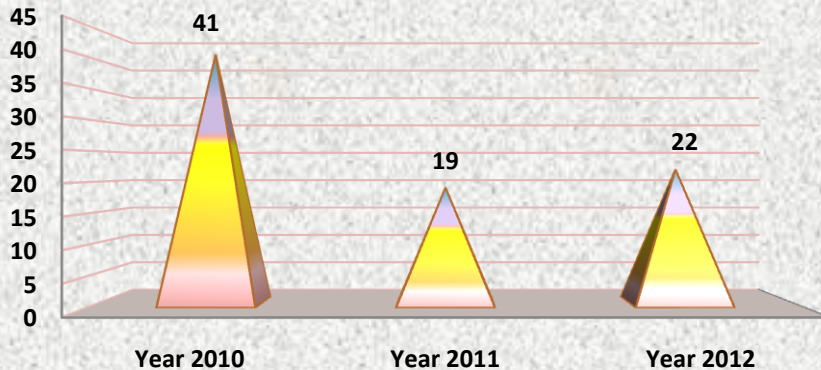


Based on the KJI law and statute, TPP is organized for:

- Newly appointed judges and prosecutors which previously have not worked in such positions,
- Judges and prosecutors which have been promoted to different levels by the Kosovo Judicial Institute and Kosovo Prosecutorial Council;

The main purpose of TPP is to support the capacity building and professional and interdisciplinary skills of the newly appointed judges and prosecutors and those who have changed their functions.

Trainings conducted in TPP 2010 -2012



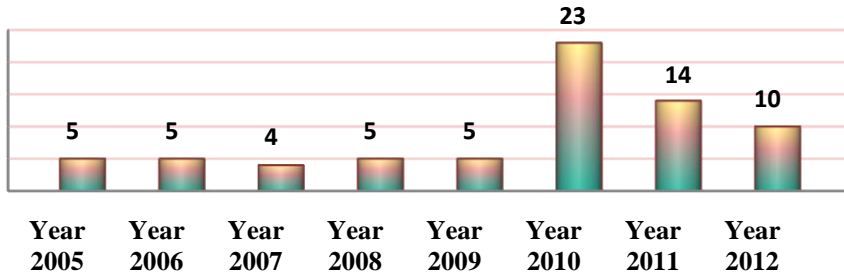
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Training of other professionals in the field of judiciary and prosecution

KJI in addition to continuous training of judges and prosecutors has also a legal responsibility to identify and train other professionals in the field of judiciary and prosecution.

During 2012, there were 10 training activities where beneficiaries were professional associates of courts and prosecution offices, executive officers of the courts and lay judges.

Trainings conducted for lay-judges and other professionals in the field of judiciary 2005-2012



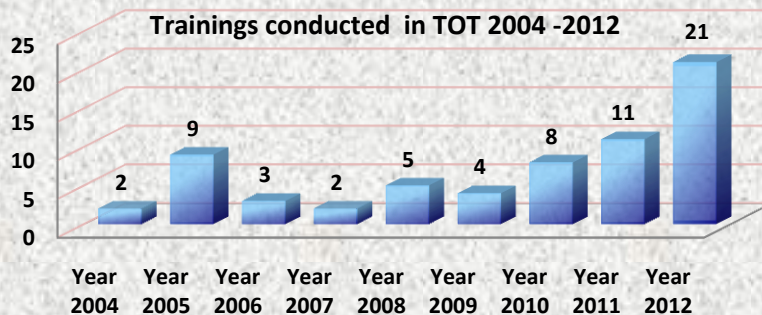
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Training for Trainers

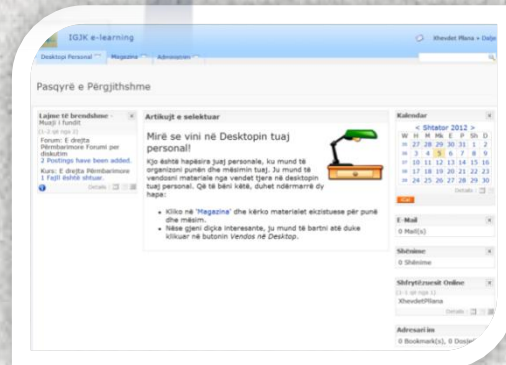
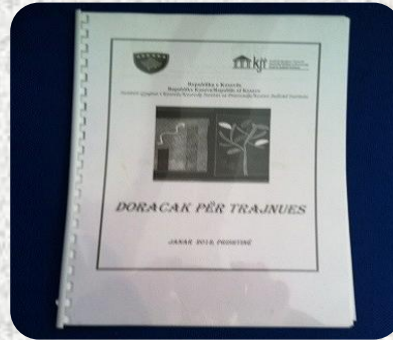
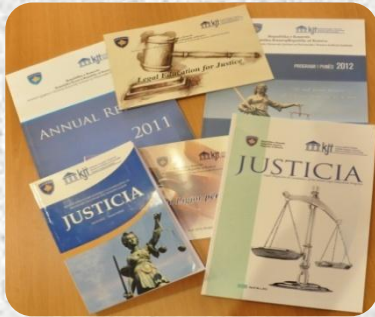
KJI is committed in enhancing the most advanced methods of trainings.

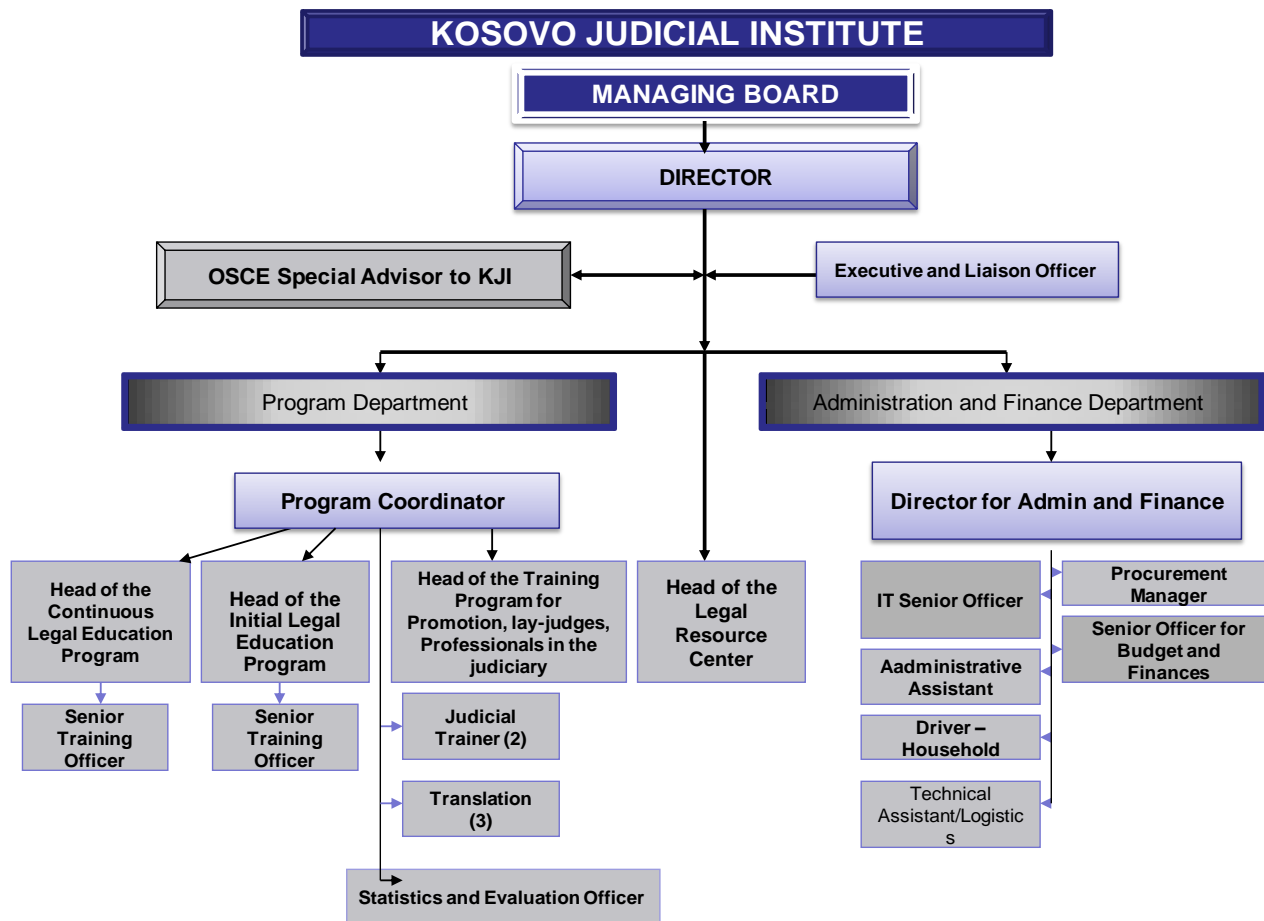
Since 2004 this program is quite active within which were organized training of trainers who are engaged in drafting and implementation of KJI programs.

These trainings are mainly organized with the support of the KJI partners.



KJI conducts a numerous publications (magazines, newsletters, manuals, training modules, brochures) through which aims to professionally support judges, prosecutors, candidates for these positions and other professionals within judicial and prosecutorial system. It also presents the content of the KJI activities in different manners and with different topics.





Trainings are very useful in strengthening the knowledge needed

The advanced practical teaching method is a useful method for the future

KJI should continue organizing regional trainings for interpretation of the laws with grater involvement of judges

To organize such training with the purpose of having more professionals in the field of justice

To organize more trainings on European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms since this field is less familiar for judges and prosecutors

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