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## Activities from Continuous Training Program (CTP)

### Competencies of the Special Chamber of the Supreme Court

On March 1st 2017, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training Program conducted training on “Competencies of the Special Chamber of the Supreme Court”.

Purpose of this training is to enhance the knowledge on application of concrete provisions of the Republic of Kosovo’s Constitution and other provisions referring to the correlation of the Supreme Court jurisdiction, consequently of the Special Chamber as well as the Appeals Panel, compared to Decisions of the Kosovo property Agency with regard to the appeal and the extraordinary legal remedies.

This training session elaborated on topics related to exclusive jurisdiction of the Special Chamber, types of competencies, focusing on the special Chamber, the claimants and opposing parties in

the special Chamber.

Particular elaboration was made on provisions of Article 10 paragraph 1 of the Law No. 03/L-79 on Amendment of UNMIK Regulation No. 2006/50 on The Resolution of Claims relating to Private Immovable Property, Including Agricultural and Commercial Property.

During this training, applied interactive methods interpreting legal norms, presenting concrete cases from the case law, and breaking down all uncertainties and dilemmas related to the topic.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges of the Supreme Court’s Special Chamber, judges and legal associates from the basic instance and of the appellate instance as well.



## Criminal Offences against Children Sexual Integrity

On March 3rd 2017, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training Program conducted training on “Criminal Offences against Children Sexual Integrity”.

Purpose of this training was to extend knowledge of participants related to actions to be undertaken for qualification of these criminal offences, as well as sentences imposed for these offences, considering that victims are children.

This comprehensive training elaborated on crimes against children sexual integrity according to the Criminal Code, sexual assault of children, elements and characteristics of criminal offences against children sexual integrity, children as victims and the most sensitive category of society for whom the state and its mechanisms are obliged to take care and pro-

vide protection.

Criminal Code of the republic of Kosovo, in the chapter on crimes against sexual integrity, foresees also offences that harm the children sexual integrity. Also, adequate application of legal provisions from this chapter is often challenging for judges and prosecutors. Therefore, these issues were all addressed through discussions of the participants, answering to all the questions and dilemmas that they may have in judicial practice.

Training was delivered in form of interactive discussions, where the participants had the opportunity to present their challenges and difficulties that they face in practice.

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



## Litispence and interferers in the proceeding

On March 8th 2017, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training Program, conducted training on “Litispence and interferers in the proceeding”.

This training aimed to enhance the knowledge of civil law judges on joint litigation as a legal institute, which in practice appears in very complex way, and at the same time extend their knowledge about interferers when they occur in the procedure, to the function of correct application of the procedure and brining merit based judgments.

First part of this training elaborated on the notion of joint litigation, types of joint litigation, effects of decisions on joint litigants in the contested procedure, procedural position of joint litigants and their actions, as well as consequences caused by these actions.

It was further elaborated on participation of third persons in civil disputes (interferers), ways and types of interferers, effects of court decisions against litigants and against interferers. It was also elaborated on types of intercessors, conditions foreseen in the LCP for allowing interference and distinctions between interferers. This training, also elaborated on the effect of judgment against joint litigants and interferers in contested procedure.

This training was delivered in combined methods of lecturing including theoretical and practical presentations followed by practical examples, where the participants were active participating in discussions with the trainer after each presentation session.

Beneficiaries were judges of civil division in basic courts and of the Appeals Court, as well as legal associates.



## Trafficking in Human Beings

During March 9-10 2017, Academy of Justice in cooperation with the US Embassy, within its Continuous Training Program conducted training on “Trafficking in human beings”.

Purpose of this training was to enhance knowledge of participants related to the national legislation and the international legal framework in the fight against criminal offences of trafficking in human beings.



Training focused on detailed analysis of national legislation and international legal framework that sanction and regulate different aspects, to

cover the elements, forms and investigation techniques, handling the victims of human trafficking as well as forms of efficient cooperation in national, regional and international levels.

It was particularly elaborated on the Report on Trafficking in Human Beings (THB) as the main diplomatic tool of the US Government to engage foreign governments in the fight against Trafficking in Human Beings.

This training session covered discussions on concrete cases from the practice, efficient forms on how to identify and interview children who may be victims of forced begging and trafficking using the US best practices, National Strategy for the Fight against THB, role of the Office for Victim Protections and Assistance, as well as remuneration and compensation of the victims.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges, prosecutor, legal officers and victim protection officers.

## Application of the European Union Law by Courts of the Republic of Kosovo

On March 10th 2017, Academy of Justice, with the UNDP support, organized a training on “Application of the European Union Law by Courts of the Republic of Kosovo”, within its Continuous Training Program.

This training aimed to contribute to improvement of the judges and prosecutors capacities to identify problems, irregularities and implications of this activity as well as the impact of the EU Law in Republic of Kosovo’s judiciary and to deepen their knowledge on mechanisms and Directives of the European Parliament and of the Council of Europe.

This training focused on treatment and detailed analysis of the European Union principles by national courts, the supremacy, direct and indirect effect of the EU Law, the indirect impact of

the Stabilization and Association Agreement, legal impact of the ECtHR case law in the preliminary procedure.

Also, the second part of the afternoon session covered the impact of the EU Law in the Kosovo’s judiciary, legal position of the EU law in Kosovo, position of international agreements, relation between Kosovo’s Constitution and the EU law, the European Commission Report on Kosovo, rule of law and independent judiciary. This training provided discussion on concrete cases and efficient forms and procedures of the European Union Law, and participants elaborated on practical cases.

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



## Statute of limitation

On March 13 2017, Academy of Justice within its continuous training program conducted training on Statute of Limitation.

Purpose of this training was enrichment of the participants' knowledge related to calculation of the statute of limitation and the legal infrastructure for its application in practice, as well as forms or actions to be undertaken for consequent application of legal provisions that regulate the statute of limitation matter.

This training elaborated on the statute of limitation as legal institute which implies the inability to criminally prosecute, impose a sanction and execute criminal sanction or a mandatory treatment measure because the maximum legal time passes, a time that may vary from the type of the offence and height of the punishment.

Statute of limitation for criminal cases is complex and a challenge for the judicial and prosecutorial system, considering the number of statutory limited cases. Therefore, this training paid attention to the main factors that impact on the increase of statutory limited cases (taking into account also the case overload for judges and prosecutors), to include factors related to the professional aspect of application of legal provisions which bring to disregarding the legal deadlines.

Training was developed in the form of interactive discussion, where participants had the possibility to present their challenges and difficulties they face in practice.

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



## **Procedure of the Independent Oversight Board and the judicial protection of labor disputes in civil service of the Republic of Kosovo**

On March 17th 2017, Academy of Justice within its continuous training program conducted training on the following topic “Procedure of the Independent Oversight Board and the judicial protection of labor disputes in civil service of the Republic of Kosovo”.

Purpose of this training was to enhance the judge’s knowledge on correct application of the legislation on Civil Service in Kosovo and of the bylaws that regulate the area, implementation of the Independent Oversight Board decisions in judicial proceeding and overcoming dilemmas that judges have related to respective provisions. First part of this training focused on legal framework on civil servants, procedure and timelines within the employment entity, legal procedure at the IOB, decisions and legal remedies against decisions of the IOB, implementation of the IOB decisions as well as procedure in cases when the

IOB decisions are not implemented.

The training also discussed about judicial proceeding in working relationship disputes for civil servants, upon the lawsuit for administrative conflict, including the forms, content and conditions for filing a law suit, verdict in administrative disputes, as well as legal remedies in administrative disputes.

To the benefit of the judge’s knowhow were also analysis and interpretations of this field provided by regular courts, the Independent Oversight Board, the Supreme Court and the Constitutional Court presented by the trainers.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges of the general department - civil division, from basic courts and the appeals court, as well as professional associates.





## Judicial protection in cases of defamation and insult

On 22nd of March 2017, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training Program conducted training on “Judicial protection in cases of defamation and insult”.

This training aimed to extend the judges knowledge on issues related to defamation and insult, its notions, responsibilities up to compensation as well as timelines for judicial protection. First part of the training treated the notions of defamation and insult, measures for protection from defamation and insult, cases of exception from liability and liability margins, as well as the international practice of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR).

Second part elaborated on topics related to obligation to mitigate the damage and the right to reaction, compensation for defamation and insult and timelines, protection of sources and the competent court.

Beneficial for judges was also the analysis of

court decisions and interpretations in this field provided by regular courts of regional states and the ECtHR, as well as trainers explanations related to slander and insult and its correlation with the freedom of expression.

This training was dedicated to judges of different instances, focusing on the lacking court case law on compensation for damages caused by defamation or insult. Participants had the possibility to obtain clear instructions for the way of approach in trial practice of these cases, which are sensitive for our society because of mentality and lack of awareness on the freedom of expression, which is speaking and writing freely but responsibly.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges of civil divisions within general departments of basic instance courts, and of the appeals Court, including professional associates.



## Quality and assessment of evidence in criminal proceeding

On March 24th 2017, Academy of Justice within its continuous training program delivered training on “Quality and assessment of evidence in criminal proceeding”.

Purpose of this training was to enhance knowledge of participants related to application, importance and proofing value of evidence for correct and comprehensive proof of factual situation in criminal proceeding.

This training covered topics on evidence qualification and assessment in criminal proceeding, which brings to convincing the judge for admissibility, respectively reliability of an evidence, which proves or not an important fact for proving or finding the criminal liability of the de-

fendants.

Pursuant to Criminal Procedure Code, it is to the judge’s discretion to assess the quality of evidence, based on his/her opinion if a certain evidence is reliable or not, and to determine the significance and proofing value of that evidence in showing the factual situation in criminal procedure.

The training was delivered in form of interactive discussions, where the participants had the possibility to present their challenges and difficulties they face in practice.

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



## Business Associations

On March 29th 2017, Academy of Justice within its continuous training program conducted training on Business Associations.

Purpose of this training was to enable the participants to extend their knowhow related to meeting legal requirement for registration, establishment and closure of business associations, what are the rights and obligations of the owners and officials, as well as types of business associations, capacity and their legal structure.

During elaboration of legal provisions of the Law on Business Associations, explanations were given related to its scope, elements, definitions and its advantages, to include also issues that this law does not regulate, the disputable issues and procedure that is conducted before the court for solving these cases.

This training also covered problems with previous business practices, the best practices of regional countries on application of international instruments that regulates this field, role and tasks of the Business registration Agency of Kosovo, and many other important issues that help overcoming difficulties that judges face in practice.

Training was delivered in form of interactive discussions, tackling dilemmas related to the aforementioned topics of the training.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges of basic instance from the Commercial, administrative and general departments, as well as legal officials of the USAID/ CLE Project.



## **Implementation of the European Convention for Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in the constitutional system of Kosovo**

On March 31st 2017, Academy of Justice with the support of UNDP conducted training on “Importance of the European Convention for Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in the constitutional system of the Republic of Kosovo”.

Purpose of this training was extending knowledge of judges about importance of implementing the ECHR and case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), and their effect in the legal-constitutional system of the Republic of Kosovo.

This comprehensive training treated aspects of applying European convention on Human Rights, impact of the ECtHR decisions in national legislation, and the HUDOC portal. Particular attention was paid to interpretation of the Con-

vention provisions using cases from the ECtHR case law and ways of practical application of its decisions from state parties of this Convention.

This training also elaborated cases from the Constitutional Court of Kosovo that had impact on regular judiciary. Discussion of case studies tackled the rights set forth in ECHR and the ECtHR case law was presented, particularly those decisions that have mandatory value for judges and prosecutors in the Republic of Kosovo, as a state with the European legal order.

Participants of this training were judges and prosecutors of the basic instance who extended their knowledge on application of ECHR provisions through explanations and answers of the trainers.



## Specialized training for capacity development in combating corruption – Session I

On 31st of March 2017, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training Program, conducted a training on “Specialized Training Program for Capacity Development in Combating Corruption – Session I”.

Training aimed enhancing knowledge of judges and prosecutors related to corruption, consequences of corruption, forms of combating and preventing corruption, criminal offences of corruption and their elements.

The first session elaborated on applicable legislation, international applicable legislation in this area, misuse of the position or official authority, misuse of official information, conflict of interest, and appropriation from the official duty, fraud, taking and giving bribe and practicing impact.

It was discussed on investigation plan and first steps of investigation, developing investigation plan, treatment and analysis of available public information, and access to nonpublic documents

and information, as well as obtaining and requesting electronic evidence.

The second session elaborated on ways of preparing materials on technical covert measures of surveillance and investigation for discovering corruption, types, conditions, competent persons to issue these measures, content and duration of the orders for issuing these measures, help of other institutions for application of these measures, ways of submitting documents, as well as relations of parties involved in application of these measures.

Training was delivered through interactive discussions of challenges in practices and difficulties that judges and prosecutors face during their work.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges and prosecutors as well as professional associates of different instances.



## Activities from Initial Training Program (ITP)

### Activities conducted in ITP – March 2017

During March 2017, training activities were carried out in fulfillment of the Initial Training Program for newly appointed State Prosecutors.

Within the framework of the theoretical training, were conducted 2 training sessions from the sub-module "ECHR - Human Rights Legislation", addressing Article 13 and 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

In fulfillment of the theoretical training, were also conducted 6 training sessions from the sub-module "Criminal Report". Within this sub-module were discussed in general issues of the criminal report, the meaning of the criminal report, police criminal report, criminal report from other sources, criminal report presented to the State Prosecutor, additional information on the criminal report and dismissal of the criminal report. 8 training sessions were conducted from the sub-module "Indictment - Reviewing Procedure", within which were elaborated the indictment and its necessary elements, filing of the indictment, the rights of the defendant after submission of the indictment, amendment, ex-

tension and dismissal of the indictment, its representation by the State Prosecutor at trial stages, proposals to mental disorder perpetrators and the proposals against juveniles as perpetrators of criminal offenses.

Within this program, was also conducted the activity: "Development of the research competence and distance learning", in this occasion, newly appointed prosecutors were registered in the platform and learned how to attend distance training, they also were informed about the procedure of drafting of the paper work "Justicia" and the possibility of using legal recourses of the Academy's library.

Within the practical training, newly appointed prosecutors continued their practical work at respective prosecution offices, conform determined schedule of the program, under the supervision of their mentors. Also, in fulfilling the training program, newly appointed prosecutors attended trainings in the following prosecutors: Kosovo Cadastral Agency, Mediation Committee and Kosovo Customs.



## Practical Training at the Kosovo Cadastral Academy

On 15 March 2017, within practical training in judicial institutions, the Academy of Justice in cooperation with the Kosovo Cadastral Agency conducted training for the newly appointed prosecutors.



The purpose of this training was to deepen the knowledge of the newly appointed prosecutors related to the role, responsibilities and the practical work of the Kosovo Cadastral Agency.

Initially, during this training was elaborated the mission and legal basis based on which the Cadastral Agency functions, organizational structure, achievements and challenges faced by this institutions in fulfilment of its mission.

Furthermore, the training continued with the explanation of the legal base and several practical cases on immovable property registration field, which were discussed together with the KCA experts.

In this occasion, newly appointed prosecutors had the opportunity to see the practical work developed by KCA, by visiting closely the KCA premises, where the officials of this Agency provided clarifications conforms their tasks and duties.

Beneficiaries of this training were newly appointed state prosecutors, CTP, VI generation.



## Practical Training at Mediation Committee

On 22 March 2017, the Academy of Justice within the Initial Training Program, for newly appointed state prosecutors conducted practical training at the Mediation committee.

This training aimed to provide newly appointed prosecutors with the knowledge about the role and functions of the Mediation Committee, as well as the mediation system in general.

Within this training was provided a brief history of the development of mediation in Kosovo and the competences of this Committee.

In addition, in detail were addressed the media-

tion legal framework applicable in Kosovo, the structure of the mediation system and the way of referring cases to mediation by prosecutors. The training continued with the handling of the mediation process, including initiation, development and reaching or not the mediation agreement during the process.

In this context, were also discussed issues of common interest, where newly appointed prosecutors were informed about advantages of mediation system in general.

Beneficiaries of this training were newly appointed prosecutors, CTP – VI generation





## Practical training at Kosovo Customs

On 29 March, the Academy of Justice in cooperation with the Kosovo Customs, conducted a training for the newly appointed state prosecutors.

The training aimed to advance their knowledge of newly appointed prosecutors regarding the scope of Kosovo Customs in general, practical work and areas of common interest in particular.

Within this training was briefly discussed the history and the development process of the Customs, its role and mission, the legislation on which the Customs exercises its competencies, as well as the cooperation with other law enforcement institutions,

In addition, the training continued by discussing practical issues related to the criminal law system in the field of customs, comparison of certain Articles of the Criminal Code and Customs Code regulating this matter and challenges faced by the Kosovo Customs in this area.

In this context, newly appointed prosecutors and Customs officials agreed to continue and enhance their cooperation, with the purpose of successfully combating negative occurrence of this nature.

Beneficiaries of this training were newly appointed prosecutors, CTP – VI generation.



## Activities of the Research and Publication Program (RPP)

### Workshop on development of legal the publications

On 14 March 2017, the Academy of Justice with the support of GIZ conducted a workshop on: “Development of the legal publications”.

This workshop aimed to straighten and develop the Academy’s publication activities with the purpose of documenting the actual legal development, encouragement of legal development and information of law practitioners.

During this workshop were treated issues related to function of legal publications, publication process, target groups and other issues regarding the content, selection and editing from the

German perspective.

During workshop, participants highlighted the lack of local publications in the legal field, especially the publication of judicial decisions. This problem as it was said remains to be addressed given the interest of legal professionals to have more legal resources and publications in this area.

Workshop participants were Academy trainers, who are also authors of the KJI paper work, now the Academy of Justice.



## Other Activities

### Internship program of the candidates of National Magistrate School of France – ENM

Based on the Cooperation Agreement between the Academy of Justice (former KJI) and the National School of Magistrates of France - ENM, from 20th February until 10th of March, two candidates of this school have stayed in Kosovo for the internship program (practical training program).

The objectives of this program remains on the



information about the judicial system in Kosovo, which in particular includes: investigation and adjudication of criminal offenses, the application of penalties, judicial family matters, contract and liabilities, understanding the international dimension of justice (support to cooperation and research in comparative law) and understanding of foreign systems for training of judges.

The Academy played a key role in preparation of this internship program which consists of a practical training conducted in courts and prosecution offices with the support of the international and national judges/prosecutors in Kosovo.

The candidate's agenda commenced with the meeting in the Academy of Justice, where they were informed in general about the functioning of the judicial and prosecutorial system in Kosovo,

the functions, responsibilities and programs implemented by the Academy. Also, they had the opportunity to attend a training on European Convention on Human Rights and Freedoms implemented on the Initial Training for newly appointed prosecutors.

According to the agenda, ENM candidates continued the training in the Basic Prosecution and Basic Court in Prishtina, with the support of a prosecutors and two judges, one of civil field and one of criminal field. The candidates also had the opportunity to attend different court sessions regarding investigation procedure to the prosecutor, where they gained a broad knowledge about the judicial system, such as adjudication of criminal offences, in particular corruption offences and application of sentences in Kosovo.

Also, during this program, the candidates had the opportunity to attend different court sessions regarding family disputes, domestic violence, and the role of the litigants, hearing of witnesses, matters related to contracts and other material and procedural aspects in civil field. A special emphasis was paid to understanding of the procedures, comparison of judicial systems of two countries, as well as exchange of experiences in the judicial area.



## Training of Trainers Article 10 of the Convention on Protection of Human Rights

On 01-04 March 2017, the Academy of Justice in cooperation with the Project “Strengthening of the judicial expertise on freedom of expression and media in the South-East Europe (JUFREX)”. Conducted training of trainers on: “Article 10 of the Convention on Protection of Human Rights”.

This training aimed to deepen the knowledge of participants regarding the presentation of the handbook on Article 10 of ECHR, freedom of expression and media, the role of judges and prosecutors and its effect in the legal system of the ECHR and Kosovo.

This training focused on the analyzation of the provision of Article 10 of the ECHR. Whereas, more precisely was elaborated the nature, importance, the effect and the scope of the right to expression, from the point of view of the ECHR case law, defamation, public figures in media, responsibility and sanction in journalism, intrusions in internet freedom and protec-

tion of the journalism and media activities by the Kosovo judicial system and ECHR case law.

During this training, the trainers had the opportunity to break up in groups with the purpose of developing defamation cases given to them, responsibilities and sanction in journalism and journalism and media activities.

Also, during the working groups, the trainers had the opportunity to conduct mock trials and solve cases based on national legislation and compare them to cases and important decisions of the ECHR jurisprudence, which are of mandatory value for judges and prosecutors of the Republic of Kosovo.

Beneficiaries of this training were trainers of the Academy of Justice and lawyers of the Kosovo Chamber of advocates.



## Court/Prosecution Management – Practical challenges and curriculum development

On 10 March 2017, the Academy of Justice in cooperation with the Twinning Project “Further support to legal education reform” conducted training on: “Court/Prosecution Management – Practical challenges and curriculum development”.

This training provided the opportunity for court presidents and chief prosecutors to discuss issues related to court and prosecution management from the case law point of view.

The training focused on the definition of key topics for future training modules on court and prosecution management in terms of practices related to the initial training program.

This workshop provided to newly appointed Presidents and Chief Prosecutors and those re-appointed the opportunity to discuss issues rel-

evant to the management of courts and prosecution offices from the point of view of practitioners. The training was also supported by the CEPEJ program (European Commission on Efficiency in Justice) in Kosovo, which provided its guidelines and means for the management of courts and prosecution offices.

During the training, participants were divided in two groups, whereby one group worked on the task regarding managing a court and prosecutor's office and the other group in developing a curriculum for the management of courts and prosecution offices.

Beneficiaries of the training were the President of the Court of Appeal, Chief Prosecutor of the Appellate Prosecution, Presidents of Basic Courts and Chief Prosecutors of Basic Prosecutions.



## Fourth Regional Forum on Rule of Law in South-Eastern Europe

On 17-18 March 2017, representatives of the Academy of Justice participated in the "Fourth Regional Forum on Law Rule in South Eastern Europe" organized by AIRE Center and Civil Rights Defenders, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Kingdom, the Government of Sweden, the Regional Cooperation Council and GIZ.

The aim of the Forum was to promote the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights in the region, to encourage the cooperation toward constant development of the rule of law and human rights, as well as providing assistance in the EU integration process.

In this Forum was emphasized that the "Idea for establishing the Regional Rule of Law Forum came from understanding that by encouraging and facilitating the regional cooperation

and dialogue, can be exchanged the best practices and lessons, as something necessary and desirable, with the purpose of overcoming common challenges faced by the region".

This year Forum focused on the right to expression of the European Convention of Human Rights, particularly its relation to the right to private life and the fair trial.

The work of this Forum was followed by more than 160 honorable representatives of highest courts, Supreme and Constitutional Court, Judicial Councils, Directors of the Academy of Justice, institutions and non-governmental organizations in Albania, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Monte Negro, Bosnia and Hercegovina (BH) and Serbia, as well as representatives of this countries in the European Court of Human Rights in Strasburg



## Workshop on capacity development of staff of the prosecutorial system of Kosovo

On 24-25 March 2017, the Academy of Justice organized a workshop on: “capacity development of staff of the prosecutorial system of Kosovo”.

This workshop aimed at enhancing the knowledge of participants relating development of the recourses on public communication, drafting of various normative acts and ensuring the access and unified standards for drafting of all types of bylaws and identification of the needs for benefiting from IPA fund projects 2018-2020.

Topics treated during this workshop were related to the functioning of prosecutorial system in Kosovo, such as: the role of KPC Secretariat

toward the efficiency of the prosecutorial system, planning of working tasks for 2017 in light of KPC plans, KPCS Regulation, working tasks, transparency, design and content of the KPC webpage, as well as other possible platforms.

Beneficiaries of this workshop were heads of organizational units of the Secretariat and the Unit for Performance Review of the Prosecution and Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, legal officers of KPC and State Prosecutor’s office, as well as other officials.

The training was implemented by the Director of the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council.



## Judicial treatment of Terrorism

Based on the Cooperation Agreement between the Academy of Justice and the National School of Magistrates of France (ENM), from 26 to 30 March 2017, a Kosovo Special Prosecutor has stayed in France in a training program on "Judicial treatment of terrorism".

In the context, this training activity included topics such as: Anti-terrorist police and intelligence mechanisms, the level of terrorism threats, judicial means against terrorism and operational management, explanations related to Jihadist ideologies, terrorism investigation, anti-terrorism negotiations, the role of intelligence information in court proceedings, sight scene of terrorism cases, mines and other improvised explosive devices, court decisions and challenges in terrorism cases, radicalization in prisons and securing of businesses and assets from the terrorism threat.

The focus of this training program was directed at the practical aspect and the direct challenges of the authorities in preventing, combating terrorism and rehabilitating convicts for various offenses related to terrorism. Particular attention was paid to the role of women in indoctrination, radicalism, support and concrete assistance in the commission of terrorist offenses, as well as the involvement of children directly in the commission of various terrorism acts. This phenomenon was a concern for the respective authorities as it is increasing rapidly.

Participants to this training were judges and prosecutors from different countries from Africa and Europe who are facing new challenges in the field of terrorism and participants from Latin America. This practical program was funded by the French Embassy in Pristina.





## Workshop “Institutional dialogue between KJC, KPC and KAJ on the issues of common interest”

On 29 - 31 March 2017, the Academy of Justice, Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and Kosovo Judicial Council held a joint workshop organized with the support of the United Nations Development Program in Kosovo - UNDP.

Main purpose of this workshop was the cooperation between institutions of the judicial system in Kosovo, by sharing experiences of addressing and managing the main processes, as well as training in capacity building of judges, prosecutors and administrative staff of courts and prosecution offices in order to perform their work successfully and efficiently.

An important topic of discussion in this workshop was the implementation of the Law on the

Academy of Justice, the amendments brought by this law, functions and competences of the Academy of Justice.

Among the other topics discussed were: Evaluation of prosecutor performance, disciplinary procedures, transfer, recruitment, appointment of experts and compensation, court and prosecution administration, and institutional coordination in training of judges and prosecutors.

At the end of this two-day workshop held in Tirana, the representatives and experts of the three state judicial institutions came to a joint conclusion for even more intensive cooperation for the fulfillment of the mandate defined by law.



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