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Continuous Training Program Activities (CTP)

Permission of enforcement and deciding on the objection

On 01 November 2017, the Academy of Justice within the Continuous Training Program conducted training on: “Permission of enforcement and deciding on the object”.



This training aimed to deepen the knowledge of judges related to the procedure for reviewing the proposal on enforcement and permission of enforcement and decisions issued during the

phase of reviewing the objection.

In the first part of the training were treated issues related to legal basis for determining the enforcement and conditions for its permission. Whereas, the second part dealt with the competencies for deciding on objection and causes of its appearance.

During this training, combined methods of explanation were used, including theoretical and practical explanations, where the participants were active in order to fully achieve the objectives of this training. The training was dominated by cases related to the examination of the enforcement proposal, permission of enforcement, as well as the decisions made at the stage of review of the objection.

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



Specialized training program for strengthening professional capacities in combating money laundering – Session III

On 3-4 November 2017, the Academy of Justice, within the Continuous Training Program, conducted the third session of the specialized program on strengthen professional capacity in combating money laundering.

This training aimed at deepening the knowledge in the area of cross-border and international cooperation in combating and detecting money laundering as well as adequate preventive measures related to offenses of this nature.

At the first session, was elaborated the use of intelligence and money laundering prevention, the process of gathering and planning information on money laundering by the FIU, the nature of the case, report analysis, addressing the requests, risk management, criminality and identification of perpetrators of criminal offenses, and how to identify the alleged crime.

On the second session was elaborated the manner of preparing materials related to the covert technical measures of surveillance and investigation for detection of money laundering, types, conditions, competent persons for issu-

ing such measures, the content and duration of orders for issuance of measures, the assistance of other bodies for the implementation of these measures, the manner of submitting documents, as well as reports to the parties regarding these measures during the procedure.

Also during this session was elaborated the virtual money, more precisely Bitcoin, definition of the Bitcoin and its function.

A special attention was paid to the Bitcoin money supply which does not depend on the monetary policy of any virtual central bank, but it is developed based on users interested in this activity.

The training was conducted in an interactive way handling practical cases, where also discussed challenges and difficulties that judges were and prosecutors encountered during their practical work.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges and prosecutors of different levels.



Deciding procedure according to regular and extraordinary legal remedies

On 08 November 2017, the Academy of Justice within the Continuous Training Program, organized training on: “Deciding procedure according to regular and extraordinary legal remedies”.

The purpose of this training was to enhance participants' knowledge in implementing legal provisions regarding the right and development of skills in the exercise of regular and extraordinary legal remedies.

The training was divided into two parts where trainers presented topics related to complaint as a regular legal remedy and the grounds of appeal, the examination limits and the decisions of the first instance and second instance court regarding the decision on the appeal.

During this training were provided explanations regarding extraordinary legal remedies of the objection of judicial decisions such as revi-

sion, request for reopening of contested procedure and proposal for filing a request for protection of legality. All of these in order to unify the judicial practice in cases when it is decided on these legal remedies and especially on the revision and request of the State Prosecutor for protection of legality.

The dilemmas and questions during the training were addressed through partial theoretical explanation, as well as working groups, based on cases and using concrete examples from current judicial practice.

Beneficiaries of the training were judges of basic courts, professional associates and legal officers from the General Department-Civil Division.



The right to address the court

On 09-10 November 2017, the Academy of Justice in cooperation with the Regional Environmental Centre – REC, and the Magistrate School of Tirana, conducted a workshop on: “The right to address the court”.

The purpose of this workshop was to gain knowledge on the possibility of judges and legal professionals from Kosovo and Albania to address the court in accordance with the directives of the European Union and international legislation.

The workshop was focused on providing knowledge about requests related to access to justice on environmental cases, Aarhus Convention, the structure, rights, legal basis, and general implementation in UNICEF, as well as EU legislation.

On the first day of the workshop, participants had the opportunity to gain more detailed knowledge regarding the implementation of the third pillar of the Aarhus Convention and the role of the court, as well as the OSHC perspective (Civil Society Organisation) related to the access to the court.

A part of the workshop has been devoted to discussions related to the right to address the court in obtaining information in accordance with the Aarhus Convention and national legislation. Whereas the rest of the workshop contained topics and discussions regarding public participation in accordance with the Aarhus Convention.

Furthermore, the workshop was based on concrete case studies and demonstrative court cases to show the most problematic aspects of the right to address the court on environmental issues.

Beneficiaries if this workshop were: judges, prosecutors, representatives from Ministry of Environment Protection from Kosovo, judges and prosecutors, representatives from Environmental Protection, as well as representatives from civil society from Albania

From the Academy of Justice in this workshop was present: Valon Kurtaj, Executive Director of the academy of Justice and Kadrije Bicaj, Senior Officer for training in CTP.



Measures to ensure the presence of the juvenile in the procedure

On 10 November 2017, the Academy of Justice within the Continuous Training Program, conducted training on: “Measures to ensure the presence of the juvenile in the procedure”.



This training aimed at enhancing the participants' knowledge regarding practical implementation of measures for ensuring the presence of the juvenile in the procedure, problems that arise in the case of non-enforcement or improper implementation of these legal provisions and their effect on court proceedings.

The training focused on measures foreseen by

the Juvenile Justice Code in accordance with the provisions of the CPCJ to ensure the presence of a juvenile in the proceedings, prevent recidivists from committing the criminal offense and for the successful implementation of criminal proceedings such as: conviction, arrest warrant, police detention, temporary arrest and detention.

Also were discussed the elements of detention and the legal conditions for determining the measures for ensuring the juvenile's presence in the procedure, as well as the respect of human rights and freedoms in cases of the imposition of these measures.

The methodology developed in this training was combined with theoretical lecture, practical cases and tasks and discussions related to problems and challenges that are encountered in practice.

The beneficiaries of this training were judges and prosecutors of the basic level - Juvenile Department, from different regions of Kosovo.



Measures to ensure the presence of the defendant in criminal procedure

On 14 November 2017, the Academy of Justice, within the Continuous Training Program, conducted a training on: "Measures to ensure the presence of the defendant in criminal Procedure".

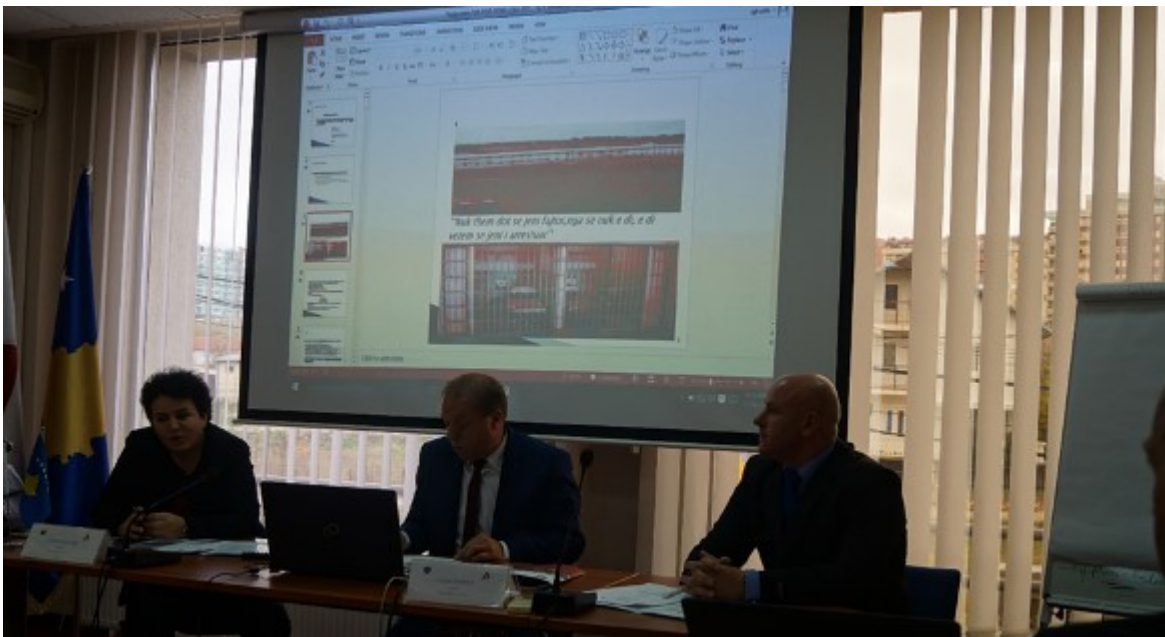
The purpose of this training was to advance the professional knowledge of judges and prosecutors in the proper implementation of legal provisions and conditions in relation to the circumstances in which it may be established, including international standards for pre-trial detention as the most serious measure to be imposed to ensure the presence of the defendant in a judicial proceeding.

Within this training were elaborated issues about measures to ensure the presence of the defendant in criminal proceedings. Special at-

tention was paid to detention, as a measure to ensure the presence of the defendant as well as to protect the citizens from the perpetrator by achieving efficiency in criminal proceedings. Whereas in advance were treated measures of house arrest, the appearance at the police station, prohibition of approach the victim, the bail, and other measures.

The methodology applied during the training was combined with theoretical explanations and interactive discussions as well as working groups.

Beneficiaries of these trainings were judges and prosecutors of the basic level as well as professional associates from all regions of Kosovo.



Intellectual property right – Copyright

On 15 November 2017, the Academy of Justice, within the Continuous Training Program, conducted training on: "Intellectual property rights - Copyright".

The purpose of this training was to deepen the knowledge of judges regarding intellectual property rights, including copyright and related rights as well as trademarks.

In the first part of the training were discussed issues related to the understanding of copyright and authorizations of the right holder, legal protection in civil aspect, and the alternative protection of copyright - professional associations. Whereas, in the second part were discussed, judicial proceedings for the protection of copyright and the contract for transferring the copyright.

During this training, was used a combined method of partial lecturing and interactive discussion between participants, using their professional opinions related to hearings and the judicial practice in the region and CJDC. Also during the training were given comments about provisions of the EU main directives and other legal resources, followed by practical cases and various decisions and interpretations from the EU case law Justice Court in Luxembourg, and related to the field of copyright.

Beneficiaries of this training were: judges of basic and appeal court of Prishtina – Department for Commercial Affairs, judges of General Department – civil division and legal officers from CLE.



Corruption, investigation techniques

On 15 and 16 November 2017, the Academy of Justice, in cooperation with the EU Twinning Project "Strengthening the Efficiency, Accountability and Transparency of the Judicial and Prosecutorial System in Kosovo", conducted a training on "Corruption, Investigation techniques".

The purpose of the training was to enable participants to deepen their knowledge of fulfilling legal conditions through a real practical case related to corruption, investigation techniques, initial investigative phases and how to investigate corruption cases when we have two companies one private and one public and the other private individuals allegedly involved in corruption.

Within this training were elaborated issues regarding the qualification and evaluation of evi-

dence on corruption offences, prior to this, special attention was paid to the issues of intelligence and investigation techniques, due to the collection of evidence that as very important part in cases when dealing with offences of this nature, which in practice requires international cooperation for the purpose of exchange of information, as well as providing evidence for an effective criminal procedure.

The applied methodology was combined with theoretical explanations and interactive discussions of examples from practice.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges, prosecutors from Kosovo Special Prosecution Office and Anti-Corruption Unit from Kosovo Police.



Roundtable discussion “Handling the actual dilemmas of the Law on Administrative Conflicts”

On 17-18 November 2017, the Academy of Justice in cooperation with GIZ conducted a round table on: "Handling actual dilemmas of the Law on Administrative Conflicts".



The purpose of organizing the roundtable was to address the dilemmas of the Administrative Procedural Law from the panel for judges of the Department of Administrative Affairs of the Court of Appeal, and the Basic Courts, as well as other relevant administrative bodies.

On the first day, were presented dilemmas encountered in practice regarding the initiation of the administrative conflict, the review of the lawsuit, main trial and the issuance of the judgment. Also during the roundtable were addressed issues raised in practice regarding provisions of the LAC on the appeal and issuance of a decision by the department of administrative affairs of the court of appeal and basic court.

On the second day, the dilemmas introduced in practice during the implementation of the LAC provisions on extraordinary legal remedies and

the need to harmonize specific material laws with the LAC.

The officials of the participating institutions throughout the discussions have asked questions and raised dilemmas related their daily work and at the same time have received helpful clarifications and answers from the trainers and judges of the Court of Appeal.

At the same time, this roundtable presented the views of the participating institutions as parties to the administrative procedure and the administrative conflict procedure.

Participants in this roundtable were judges of the Court of Appeal and Basic Court - Department for Administrative Affairs, GIZ experts, Kosovo Tax Administration Officers, Kosovo Customs, Independent Oversight Committee for Mines and Minerals, Independent Oversight Board for Civil Service of Kosovo and Pension Department - MLSW- MPMS.



Legal persons and minor offence procedure

On 21 November 2017, the Academy of Justice, within the Continuous Training Program, conducted training on; "Legal Persons and minor offence procedures".

This training aimed at advancing the knowledge of judges regarding the applicable legislation on the legal status of business entities in court proceedings.

The training focused on topics such as: development of minor offence procedure against a business entity with a quality of a legal person and against responsible person as a legal person, the liability of a legal person and a responsible person of a legal person, business entities

as individual businesses and the development of a legal procedure against them and the responsibility of the natural person.

The training was developed interactively along with discussion of participants where they had the opportunity through practical examples to contribute in the unification of the case law in this field.

Beneficiaries of this training were: judges from the Basic Courts, General Department – minor offence division.



Initiation of investigation in criminal procedure

On 22 November 2017, the Academy of Justice within the Continuous Training Program, conducted training on: “Initiation of investigation in criminal procedure”.



The purpose of this training was to clarify in detail the role of the state prosecutor in the investigation phase as a very important stage in the criminal procedure as well as the correct implementation of the provisions of the Criminal Procedural Code when it comes to investigation and its duration.

Within this training were addressed issues related to the initiation of the investigation as an important action in criminal proceedings. The state prosecutor, upon receipt of the criminal report, initiates criminal prosecution after the issuance of a decision for the initiation of investigations in the sense of the relevant legal provisions.

Special attention was paid to the initiation of investigation, the reasons for the suspension of the investigation, termination of the investigation and the length of the investigation, which play an important role in criminal proceedings for the purpose of collecting evidence.

The applied methodology was combined with theoretical explanations and interactive discussions as well as group work among participants.

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



Internet Black market and organize crime

On 23-24 November 2017, the Academy of Justice, within the Continuous Training Program, in cooperation with EULEX, organized a training on: "Internet black markets and organized crime".

The purpose of this training was existing capacity building within the relevant justice authorities to combat Internet blackmail and organized crime, addressing the challenges and best possible practices of the institutions responsible for combating and preventing organized crime and terrorism as well as various types of virtual risks and cybercrime.

The training focused on elaboration of the local and international legal framework that regulates this area, the challenges and dilemmas related to the implementation of provisions by prosecutors in order to investigate more effectively and prosecute organized crime and terrorism, with particular emphasis on gathering material evidence in cases of cybercrime.

During the training were also tackled issues related to internet black markets versus traditional markets for illegal goods, how internet

black markets can be detected and investigated with links to social media, their structure and access. Special attention was paid to the police-prosecutorial cooperation and challenges - the investigation of transactions in the internet black markets and respect of the right to privacy.

The international expert in this two-day training has also introduced an easy-to-use practical tool for local prosecutors who face the new challenge of incorporating cyber evidence into conventional investigations, called: Brief guideline for Police and Prosecutors for Internet Market Investigation.

The training was conducted by using combined methods of explanation, theoretical and practical examples, and group work where participants had the opportunity to present the challenges and difficulties they face in practice.

Beneficiaries of this training were prosecutors from basic and appeal court, judges of basic courts and police officers.



Protection of children rights in cases of changing their status

On 24-25 November 2017, the Academy of Justice within the Continuous Training Program, conducted training on: “Protection of children rights in cases of changing their status”.

The purpose of the training was to advance the theoretical and practical knowledge of the participants regarding the correct interpretation and implementation of legal provisions relating to the procedure of objection and recognition of paternity and maternity in order to protect the best interests of the children, in cases of changing their status and cases of domestic violence.

During this training, the status of the child was assessed, as well as the marital status, and extramarital children, the ways of establishing extramarital parental relationships, the conse-

quences for the child in cases of paternity and maternity disputes and legal effects of paternity and maternity recognition in court proceeding.

Further, were elaborated the children's rights in domestic violence cases, types of protection orders, and protection measures against domestic violence.

The methodology developed in this training was combined with theoretical and practical cases, various tasks and discussions on the problems and challenges that are encountered in practice.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges of basic courts from General Department - Civil Division and representatives from Social Work Center.



Criminal offences against economy

On 29 November 2017, the Academy of Justice within the Continuous Training Program, conducted training on: “Criminal offences against economy”.

The purpose of this training was to advance the professional knowledge of participants in the correct implementation of provisions of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo, which sanctions criminal offenses against the economy.

Within this training were elaborated issues related to criminal offenses against the economy, which cause irreparable financial damage to the state, issues that are closely related to tax evasion, money laundering, fraud and bankruptcy.

During the training, the need for co-operation between institutions was discussed, increasing

as such the success in combating this phenomenon.

Special attention was paid to criminal offenses which are not only subject to investigation by the prosecutor, but also the court have many cases of these criminal offenses, which seek to be tried because they have a great impact on the country's economic development.

The methodology applied during the training was combined with theoretical explanations and interactive discussions as well as work in groups with participants.

Beneficiaries of these trainings were judges and prosecutors of basic level from different regions of Kosovo.



Ensuring the lawsuit

On 30 November 2017, the Academy of Justice within the Continuous Training Program, conducted training on: “Ensuring the lawsuit”

The aim of the training was to advance the knowledge of the participants regarding the types of measures to ensure the lawsuit, the competence for deciding on the measures to ensure the lawsuit, temporary measures and their duration, as well as the guarantee when determining the measures to ensure the lawsuit.

In the first session, the assurance of the lawsuit was provided, which provides legal protection to the parties in disputes, in situations where there is a risk that the implementation of the civil legal sanction does not give the right result.

In this regard, it was emphasized that such le-

gal protection is provided with the imposition of insurance measures foreseen by the provisions of the LCP, which provides for the claim of the plaintiff until the conclusion of the procedure by a final decision.

On the second session was elaborated the power to decide on the insurance of the lawsuit when it comes to a final judgment. Also were discussed were temporary measures, the procedure for their appointment and the decision on the imposition of ensuring measures.

The applied methodology was combined with theoretical explanations and interactive discussions of examples from practice.

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



Initial Training Program Activities (ITP)

The Academy of Justice, with the aim of completing the training program, has continued to carry out the planned activities within the Initial Training Program, which are being followed by newly appointed state prosecutors.

In the framework of theoretical training, were developed the following activities: sub-module "Evasion from criminal prosecution" was conducted through one (1) training session in this period, the sub-module: "The line between criminal offenses and minor offenses" also was accomplished through one (1) training session.

Also, six (6) training sessions were conducted from the sub-module: "Prosecutor's role in criminal proceedings", which included the role of the state prosecutor during the initial and second reading, the state prosecutor's role during the main trial, direct examination, cross examination, redirect examination of the wit-

ness (Article 332 of CPCK), the role of the prosecutor in closing argument, closing argument of the state prosecutor and the content of the closing argument (Article 353).

In this framework, five (5) training sessions were conducted from the sub-module "Reasoning of decisions (complaints/accusatory complains acts), where were elaborated the following topics: legal writing principles, legal writing and methodology of using the IRAC formula, legal reasoning, reasoning of prosecutor's acts, proper interpretation of legal norms and reasoning.

While the practical training component for this period was implemented through attendance of practical training by newly appointed prosecutors in the respective prosecution offices, according to the schedule defined by the program.



Practical training of newly appointed judges at Kosovo Police

On 15 November 2017, within the framework of the visits to non-judicial institutions, as part of the initial training program for the newly appointed judges, the Academy of Justice in cooperation with the Kosovo Police conducted practical training in this institution.

Training in this institution aimed at advancing the knowledge of newly appointed judges regarding the mandate, the role, structure and practical work of the Kosovo Police.

Initially, newly appointed judges were informed on the legal basis and organizational structure of the Kosovo Police, its role, types of investigations, international cooperation in the field of law enforcement, capacity building,

and the challenges faced by police members, related to the work of the courts, with particular focus on the defects encountered during practical work in the implementation of the Criminal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure, which affect the effectiveness of the Kosovo Police.

The newly appointed judges had the opportunity to present issues that were on their interest and discuss the work of the Kosovo Police and its role in relation to the courts.

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



Visit of newly appointed judges at Kosovo Customs

On 29 November 2017, the Academy of Justice, in cooperation with Kosovo Customs, conducted a visit with the newly appointed judges in this institution.

The purpose of the visit was to the knowledge of newly appointed judges regarding the field of activities of Kosovo Customs in general, practical work and areas of common interest in particular.

In the framework of this visit, were briefly elaborated the history and process of Customs development, its role and mission, legislation based on which exercises its competences, organizational structure and cooperation with other law enforcement institutions.

Further, practical issues were discussed in the criminal justice system in the field of customs, comparing the relevant articles of the Criminal Code and the Customs Code regulating this matter, presenting the current challenges facing Kosovo Customs in this area.

In this context, it was also discussed about the appropriate ways of co-operation and advancement of this code, in order to successfully combat and punish negative phenomena of this nature

Beneficiaries of this training were the newly appointed judges, the VI generation of the Initial Training Program.



Activities for administrative staff of court and prosecution

Legal writing of legal officers and professional associates

On 16-17 November 2017, the Academy of Justice in cooperation with EULEX organized training on: “Legal writing of legal officers and professional associates”.



This training aimed at increasing the capacity of participants in relation to general legal drafting techniques in order to provide a broader understanding of how to identify and address the challenges in legal drafting, provide them with basic knowledge on written advocacy skills and skills to develop detailed and focused requests, decisions, and justifications.

On the first day of this training, the experts of the International Criminal Court elaborated the principles and general rules of legal drafting, structuring of complaints and construction of the argument, whereas at the end a group work exercise was developed on the compilation of a

request for detention.

On the second day, were treated issues related to the approach in drafting of different types of claims or complaints, drafting of complaints, the response to submissions of the opposing party, and ethics in legal drafting. Also this working day was finalized with group work regarding drafting of a case law where participants had the opportunity to demonstrate their legal drafting techniques and at the same time to gain experience from the expertise provided under the EU perspective, on how to act in order to be accurate and precise in legal drafting within a reasonable time frame.

The methodology of this training was combined through presentations with examples, group exercises and lots of discussions, where participants exchanged their experiences and gained new knowledge that will help them to be more productive in their daily tasks delegated by prosecutors.

Beneficiaries of this training were legal officers and professional associates of prosecution from all levels.



Ethics and professional conduct

On 30 November 2017, the Academy of Justice with the support of GIZ conducted a training on "Ethics and Professional Conduct".

The purpose of the training was to advance the knowledge of the administrative staff of courts and prosecution in the implementation of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, which is directly related to their work in courts and prosecutors.

The training focused mainly on the elaboration of ethical norms applicable to enhancing the

professional quality of the work of the administrative staff of courts and prosecution offices.

Analytical and substantive insights were devoted to the principles of the code of ethics for administrative staff, work discipline, impartiality and efficiency at work.

Beneficiaries of this training were administrative staff of courts and prosecution from different regions of Kosovo.



Other activities

Regional Conference “Freedom of expression and internet”

On 2-3 November 2017, in Budva, Montenegro, in the frame of the project "Strengthening Judicial Expertise on Freedom of Expression and Media in South East Europe - JUFREX" with the support of EU and Council of Europe, was held the third regional conference on the topic: "Freedom of expression and the Internet".



The purpose of this conference was to raise the awareness and capacity of judges, prosecutors and attorneys involved in issues of freedom of expression and improve the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights in the field of freedom of expression, in daily work of the judiciary through interpretation and implementation of local legislation in line with European standards.

The work during this two-day conference were initially developed with the elaboration of key topics by experienced experts from the Strasbourg Court such as: the concepts of privacy and freedom of expression, the limit of appreciation and evaluation of states for the level of intervention allowed in the freedom of expression, internet-privacy and freedom of expression, freedom of expression and insult, as well as hate speech. All of these topics were followed by concrete examples from the case law of the ECHR.

On the second day of this conference, participants were divided into working groups, thus addressing different cases, exchanging good practices and providing mutual support for the development of domestic judicial practice in accordance with ECtHR case law on media issues, respectively Article 10.

The delegation from Kosovo was composed of three judges, two prosecutors, two lawyers and one representative from the Kosovo Justice Academy.



Meeting with the Director of the Academy of Justice - Brandenburg

On 03 November 2017, the Academy of Justice conducted a meeting with the Director of the Justice Academy of Brandenburg, Germany.



This meeting was conducted with the support of the Twinning Project: "Further Support to Legal Education Reform".

The purpose of this meeting was to gain infor-

mation about the Brandenburg Academy of Justice functions and discuss common challenges about judicial training.

During this meeting were presented the work of the Justice Academy of Brandenburg, the mode of operation, especially the training programs provided to its beneficiaries.

The Academy of Justice followed with the great interest the presentation of the Director of the Brandenburg Academy of Justice in order to gain more knowledge from the curricula and training programs.

Participants in this meeting were the Director of the Academy, the Program Coordinator and heads of Programs.



Workshop on drafting of the Training Program for 2018

On 03-04 November 2017, the Academy of Justice with the support of GIZ, has carried out the "Workshop on drafting of Training Program for 2018".

The purpose of the workshop was drafting of a Training Program for 2018 for judges and prosecutors based on the results from the development of mechanisms of training needs assessment.



The workshop selected topics that will be part of the 2018 Training Program and was drafted the Training Program.

During the workshop trainers first analyzed proposals emerging from the development of mechanisms for training needs assessment. Further, based on the request of the Academy

of Justice on the general structure that the Training Program should contain, were determined priority topics to be addressed during 2018.

Training Program 2018 will be a one year program and will include topics of a legal and interdisciplinary professional character.

The program reflects the needs of judges and prosecutors as well as requirements arising from domestic policies and judicial strategies. The program also includes topics proposed by the Academy's partners.

Based on the structure defined for the Training Program 2018, the concept of each training was drafted based on the challenges and problems manifested in judicial practice in the country.

The concept of each topic includes the purpose, describing the subject matter, have been identified dilemmas and the approach to address these dilemmas during the training. The concept also includes content, training methodology, training beneficiaries and training duration.

Participants in this workshop were trainers of the Justice Academy from among judges and prosecutors.



Visit to state and justice institutions of the Republic of Croatia

From 08-09 November 2017, with the support of UNHCR and CRPK, a study visit to the Croatian Judicial Academy was conducted in the Ministry of Internal Affairs - Sector for Administrative and Inspection Affairs on the topic of "Recognition of the procedure for granting international protection (asylum) - legislation, as well as judicial practice and decision-making in the courts of the Republic of Croatia".



Initially was visited the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Croatia - Service for Foreigners and Asylum, where officials Mrs. Anita Mandic, Head of the Service for Foreigners and Asylum

and Mrs. Sandrina Srsan, the head of the procedure for foreigners and asylum, provided a presentation on the legislation in force in the Republic of Croatia and the implementation of EU directives regulating issues of international protection and temporary procedure in the Republic of Croatia.

They also responded to any questions and interests of Kosovar officials on asylum issues. Participants have visited and were more closely acquainted with the structure and functions of the Refugee Center. In this institution were informed about the conditions, procedures and interaction of state institutions dealing with the field of refugee protection.

Part of the visit was also the meeting at the Academy of Justice, where the delegation from Kosovo was hosted by Ms. Andrea Pasavec Franic, Director of the Academy of Justice and Mrs. Nella Popovic, head of the Sector for International Cooperation.





In this institution they were familiarized with the work of the Croatian Judicial Academy, its functions and structure. In addition, Croatian officials have provided explanations about the training program developed by the Academy on Asylum and International Defense in the Republic of Croatia.

At the invitation of the director of the Croatian Judicial Academy, participants had the opportunity to participate in the roundtable on: "Croatia's Republic - 20 years at the European Court of Human Rights" organized by the Judicial Academy and the Office of the Representative of the Republic (ECHR), where they had the opportunity to get acquainted with the achievements, obstacles and challenges of the Republic of Croatia in the implementation of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

(ECHR), standards and case law of the ECHR in Strasbourg.

Participants in this visit from the Republic of Kosovo were: Hasan Shala, President of the Court of Appeal, Ragip Namani, Judge of the Court of Appeal, Ms. Afërdita Bytyçi, President of the Basic Court in Prishtina, Besim Morina, Program Coordinator at the Academy of Justice, Hajriz Hoti, Judge of the Basic Court in Pristina, Islam Slamnik, Permanent Trainer at the Academy of Justice, Ms. Melihate Rama, Head of the Continuous Training Program at the Academy, Bujar Prebreza, official from UNHCR, and Mr. Shadan Horosani, CRPK official.

Initial Training Case Based Training – Elaboration of the Handbook for Case Based Training

On November 16, 2017, the Academy of Justice in cooperation with the Twinning Project - Further Support to the Legal Education Reform, conducted the third workshop on "Initial Case Based Training - Elaborating the Handbook for Case-Based Training".

The purpose of this workshop was to develop the structure of the manual and to present drafted chapters focused on the field of civil procedure.

In this workshop the experts have discussed the structure to be followed in drafting this handbook. They agreed that the handbook should consist of two parts: the introductory part, didactic model (provided for the trainer) and a shortened and adjusted practical case, while the second part contains selected parts of the given subject such as the lawsuit, questions, answers and tools that will be used by the trainer.

Based on the established structure, the experts

have exchanged opinions and experiences about the approach of case-based training, how problematic is the selection of the subject, its shortening to be presented to the participants, finding important and didactic questions.

Also were discussed about the subject-based learning advantages, where beneficiaries will be able to apply analytical tools, articulate problems, reflect on their relevant experiences, and draw conclusions that may be related to future tasks and future problems. It was also emphasized that this form of learning develops analytical, collaborative and communicative abilities.

Participants in this workshop were Trainers of the Academy of Justice among civil judges, other experts engaged by the Twinning Project, and the Academy of Justice staff.



Advancing training methodology

On 17-18 November 2017, the Academy of Justice, with the support of the Twinning Project "Further Support to the Legal Education Reform", conducted training of trainers on: "Advancing Training Methodology".

The training intended to contribute to the further advancement of the training methodology applied to the Academy of Justice, focusing on the training that is being carried out in the Initial Training Program.

The training included modern training methods, advantages and limitations, the efficiency and effects of each of them, as well as the appropriate forms / methods of their application during the training.

The training was mainly focused on elaborating

case-based training approach where necessary steps were taken to prepare the plan and train the trainers. In this context, participants were divided in groups, with the assistance of the experts engaged for the implementation of this training, prepared and presented their ideas for the application of the case-based training method.

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Beneficiaries of the training were trainers of the Academy of Justice, engaged in the implementation of the training program, criminal area for newly appointed judges.



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