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## Activities from Continuous Training Program (CTP)

### Pre-contracts and validation of the contracts

On 03 April 2018, the Academy of Justice within the Continuous Training Program, organized training on: “Pre-contracts and validation of the contracts”.

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of judges regarding the pre-contracts and its validation in the Republic of Kosovo.

During the training were elaborated topics such as pre-contract, conditions and its effect that were followed by questions raised by participants and answers provided by the training on the subject matter. Afterwards, was dealt the validation of the contracts and recommendations for the future.

The training focused on issues related to contracts, in particular, pre-contractual obligations and responsibilities, as well as the current problems in the field of implementation of these legal requirements in practice, and a general outline of the provisions of the Law on Obligation Relationships relating to this legal institute.

Further, was outlined that the principle of trust and fairness regarding pre-contractual relations is an old principle in the European legal tradition

and applies to all national legal systems of EU member states and is envisaged in several EU directives, making this mandatory principle in member states as the EU standard at the pre-contractual stage and as part of the contract's fulfillment.

The training also emphasized the fact that the Law on Obligations in Article 20 contains a legal basis for the possibility of creating pre-contractual obligations and responsibilities, even if the parties have not yet entered into a contractual relationship.

During the training the participants developed a fruitful and interactive debate about the questions and uncertainties raised by analyzing legal provisions and the ways to properly apply them in practice, they also discussed the method of partial theoretical explanation, cases from local and international judicial practice.

Beneficiaries in this training were judges of the basic courts - general departments - civil divisions, judges from the department for commercial affairs, professional associates and legal officers.



## Witness protection

On April 5 2018, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training Program conducted a training on Witness Protection.



Purpose of this training was to extend the participants knowledge, through discussions, presentation of best practices and elaboration on dilemmas, on how to contribute to efficient protection of witnesses during the court proceeding.

This training focused on protection of witnesses as a special category that are stipulated in the Criminal Procedure Code of Kosovo, and in the Law on Witness Protection, and present important category in the criminal proceeding.

Primary attention was paid to examples from the case law, where in most of the cases the damaged parties and witnesses do not testify due to the feeling of risk for their health, lives and for their family members. Therefore, in criminal proceedings, protection of witnesses shall be paid the right caution, in order they do not suffer any intrusion or eventual inconveniences from external and internal instances.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges of the basic instance courts of different regions of Kosovo.



## Criminal offences against sexual integrity

On 10 April 2018, the Academy of Justice, with the support of GIZ, organized a training on "Criminal offenses against sexual integrity".

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of participants regarding criminal offenses against sexual integrity under the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo.

Initially, the training covered criminal offenses against sexual integrity set forth in Chapter XX of the Criminal Code of Kosovo, with particular emphasis on the forms of rape and related offenses to sexual integrity.

Also during the training attention was paid to the elements and characteristics of criminal offenses against children's sexual integrity, where were presented cases from judicial practice and were provided challenges faced by judges and prosecutors.

Beneficiaries of this training were: judges and prosecutors of basic instances from different regions of Kosovo.



## Capacity building for criminal investigations against corruption with criminal justice partners in Mitrovica region

On 13 April 2018, the Academy of Justice in cooperation with EULEX organized a training on: "Capacity building for criminal investigation against corruption with criminal justice partners in the Mitrovica region".

The purpose of this training was to advance participants' knowledge of effective criminal investigation techniques in corruption cases and corruption-related cases.

During this training session were addressed the local laws, the CPC, the Law on International Cooperation in Criminal Matters, the Law on Anti-Corruption Agency and mutual legal assistance. Particular emphasis was paid to the process of international cooperation through which States seek and assist in gathering evidence to use them in the investigation and prosecution of criminal cases.

During the training special attention was paid to the principles of mutual legal assistance such as reciprocity, bilateral agreements, mul-

tilateral agreements, strengthening the effectiveness of central authority, staff exchanges between central authorities of different jurisdictions, and the efficiency of direct personal contacts between states who require and those who receive legal assistance.

Within this training session was also addressed the cooperation regarding the confiscation, execution of the civil confiscation and the allocation of assets.

Beneficiaries of this training were: prosecutors from the basic instances, representatives of Kosovo Customs, representatives from the Anti-Corruption Agency, representatives from the Kosovo Police, representatives from the Agency for Seized Property, representatives from the Financial Intelligence Unit, representatives from the Police Inspectorate, from TAK and representatives from the Municipality - the cadastral office from Mitrovica region.



## International Legal Cooperation

On 17 April 2018, the Academy of Justice, within the framework of the Continuous Training Program, conducted training on: "International Legal Cooperation".

The purpose of this training was to advance the participants' knowledge on international legal cooperation in criminal proceedings, developed with the most successful implementation of legal provisions in obtaining different evidence, handling international legal assistance requests and on extradition issues.

During the training was treated the international legal cooperation that emerged as a need, since the crime has surpassed the internal borders and has taken international dimension. In this increasingly interdependent world, no country can fight the crime effectively without

cooperation between states in order to prevent and detect crimes.

Due to the circumstances in which human society is today, especially due to the expansion of the perpetrators' ability for crossing the borders, judges and prosecutors need to get acquainted with the effective practices of international legal cooperation in criminal cases, a topic dealt with within this training.

Beneficiaries of this training were prosecutors of Special Prosecution Office, judges and prosecutors of basic instances from different regions of Kosovo.



## Grounds for claiming inheritance and legal order for inheritance

On April 19 2018, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training Program organized a training on Grounds for claiming inheritance and legal order for inheritance.

The training elaborated on inheritance by law, inheritance by will and legal order of inheritance, indispensable part of inheritance, exemption from inheritance and procedure for examination of hereditary estate.

The training emphasized that the Law on Inheritance, foresees basis for claiming inheritance, legal order for inheritance, as well as judicial procedure that is related to review of the hereditary estate to the heirs. Also, it was emphasized that the law foresaw heirs of the indispensable part of the inheritance, which in judicial practice has difficulties and dilemmas about determination and volume of the necessary part and persons that are entitled to this right, but also on issues that relate to basis for claiming inheritance and the legal order for inheritance.

Focus of this training was to avoid dilemmas and unification of judicial practice for the aforementioned issues, particularly in the part pertaining to competence – on who has the right to decide about review of the hereditary estate, courts or notaries – due to differences in provisions of the Law on Inheritance and the Law on Uncontested Procedure with the Law on Notary.

At the training it was stipulated that based on the law, basis for claiming inheritance is related to existence of certain facts that relate to family relation of the decedent. By law, inheritance usually comes in cases when the decedent did not leave a will, or when h/she did, but included one part of the hereditary estate, and in cases when the will is partially or totally void.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges of basic courts – general department – civil division, as well as professional associates in courts.



## **Technical skills for interviewing witnesses/ victims of war crimes, focusing on cases of sexual and gender violence in armed conflicts**

On April 19-20 2018, Academy of Justice in cooperation with EULEX within its Continuous Training Program conducted training on Technical Skills for interviewing witnesses/ victims of sexual and gender violence in armed conflicts.

Purpose of this training was to enhance professional skills of participants through elaboration of practical cases related to technical skills for interviewing witnesses/ victims of sexual and gender violence in armed conflicts.

This training elaborated on war crime issues according to the international legislation and according to the laws in Kosovo. In this training it was discussed on issues that are related to elements of crimes that shall be proved, with particular emphasis on preparing an interview for a victim or witness that relates to war

crimes, according to international criminal law, and related to identification of challenges during interviewing of witnesses and victims.

During the training, participants discuss cases from the case law, and through the work in groups it was demonstrated how to prepare and interview witnesses.

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



## Commencement and conduct of administrative conflict proceeding

On April 24 2018, Academy of Justice supported by the GIZ in its Continuous Training Program delivered a training on Commencement and conducting administrative procedure conflict”.

This training treated legal provisions on the administrative conflict procedure and the legal procedure in the Department of Administrative Issues at the Basic Court, and legal remedies against its decisions, as well as enforcement of the decisions issues by the Administrative Department of the Pristina Basic Court.

The training mainly covered issues related to judicial protection and addressing the legality of the decisions of public administration bodies in the Administrative Department of the Basic Court of Pristina and the Court of Appeal. Comprehensive discussion was made related to dilemmas that are being presented to the courts as well as the professional, procedural and material issues during handling these cases. It was further underlined that the pur-

pose of the provisions of the LAC is to provide judicial protection of the rights and legal interests of natural, legal and other parties whose rights and interests have been violated by individual decisions or actions of the public administration bodies.

During the training, focus was on the legal basis of the functioning of the administrative bodies and the general administrative procedure in the Republic of Kosovo, with the aim of resolving the administrative procedure at the public bodies serving as the basis for initiation of administrative conflict in courts, in this context, a general overview of the Law on Administrative Procedure was presented, respectively the changes foreseen in this law, and how these changes will be reflected in the work of the courts during the course of the respective procedure.



## Judicial Ethics

On 25 April 2018, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training program, in cooperation with the USAID Justice System Strengthening Program in Kosovo JSSP, conducted a training for judges of the Supreme Court and Appeal Court on: Judicial Ethics.

Purpose of this training was advance the knowledge of the participants on the Code of Professional Ethics for Judges, through discussion and presentation of practical cases.

During the training primary attention was paid to hypothetical cases identifying misconduct and at the same time elaborating on provisions

of the Code of Ethics for Judges, particularly in the aspect of communication of a party with the judge, use of social media, receiving a gift, which may create perception to the public that there is corruption in the justice system.

During the training, trainers and participants highlighted the necessity for judges to be cautious and mature and act with integrity in their private and professional life.

Beneficiaries of this training were 43 judges, of Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal.



**Issues of evidence related to the prosecution of terrorism-related offenses: Analysis of specific cases and sharing of good practices on digital forensics, use of Internet and conversion of detected information into evidence**

On April 26 and 27 2018, Academy of Justice in cooperation with EULEX within the Continuous Training Program, delivered a training on “Issues of evidence related to the prosecution of terrorism-related offenses: Analysis of specific cases and sharing of good practices on digital forensics, use of Internet and conversion of detected information into evidence”.

Purpose of this training was to enhance the participant’s knowledge on collection of evidence in criminal procedure, when dealing with crimes of terrorism, and forms of international cooperation for discovering, investigation and trial of these crimes that present a threat to the state and beyond.

This two-days training elaborated on international legal framework related to terrorism, digital forensics, and use of internet in investigation of terrorism cases, including international

legal cooperation that is presented as a need because the crime has exceeded the internal borders and has taken an international dimension.

Due to actual circumstances of the human society, particularly because of terrorist attacks, extensive possibilities for criminal perpetrators to exceed borders, the judges and prosecutors should be familiar with the efficient ways of turning the intelligence information into evidence, related to lawful surveillance for purposes of safety, and exchange of information between judicial authorities and private companies (internet service providers) for obtaining the evidence lawfully.

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

## Judicial Ethics

On 26 April 2018, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training program, in cooperation with the USAID Justice System Strengthening Program in Kosovo JSSP, conducted a training for judges of the Basic Court of Prishtina on: Judicial Ethics.



Purpose of this training was advance the knowledge of the participants on the Code of Professional Ethics for Judges, through discus-

sion and presentation of practical cases.

During the training special attention was paid to hypothetical cases identifying misconduct and at the same time elaborating on provisions of the Code of Ethics for Judges, particularly in the aspect of communication of a party with the judge, use of social media, receiving a gift, which may create perception to the public that there is corruption in the justice system.

During the training, trainers and participants highlighted the necessity for judges to be cautious and mature and act with integrity in their private and professional life.

Beneficiaries of this training were 38 judges, of Basic Court in Prishtina, branches-Podujeva, Glogoc and Lipjan.



## Judicial Ethics

On 27 April 2018, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training program, in cooperation with the USAID Justice System Strengthening Program in Kosovo JSSP, conducted a training for judges of the Basic Court of Mitrovica on: Judicial Ethics.

The purpose of the training was the continuous support of judges in the field of professional ethics through discussions and presentation of practical cases on the Code of Professional Ethics for Judges.

During the training special attention was paid to hypothetical cases identifying misconduct and at the same time elaborating on provisions of

the Code of Ethics for Judges, particularly in the aspect of communication of a party with the judge, use of social media, receiving a gift, which may create perception to the public that there is corruption in the justice system.

During the training, trainers and participants highlighted the necessity for judges to be cautious and mature and act with integrity in their private and professional life.

Beneficiaries of this training were 29 judges, of Basic Court in Mitrovica and the branch – Vushtri.



## Judicial Ethics

On 30 April 2018, the Academy of Justice within the Continuous Training Program, in cooperation with USAID's Kosovo Justice Sector Enforcement Program - JSSP, conducted training for judges of the Basic Court in Ferizaj with the topic "Ethics Judicial".

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of judges regarding the implementation of the Code of Judicial Ethics in Kosovo in order to perform their duties in a correct and fair manner.

During the training was emphasized that judges are required to act with integrity in their private lives as well as in professional life. It was further also emphasized that the appearance of improper court behavior affects public credibility, as well as observing judicial irregularities in reality. During the training was also mentioned the belief that the ex-parte communications between a party and a judge, even if they have nothing to do with one subject, may create perception in the public's mind that there is corruption in the judicial system.

After a thorough elaboration, was also mentioned that social media coverage such as facebook, instagram, twitter is not explicitly prohib-

ited, but a judge should carefully consider the impact that a post or other action in social media may have on his judicial reputation and the reputation of the entire judiciary.

After a debate, was emphasized that obtaining a gift, even a nominal value given during the holiday period, is specifically prohibited by the Code of Judicial Ethics in Kosovo. The Code of Ethics contains the requirements that a judge may not accept gifts, regardless of their value, and prohibits court staff members from receiving gifts. Training also provided practical solutions based on the Code of Ethics, which will facilitate the work of judges and advance their knowledge of confidentiality requirements for certain parts of court proceedings, and restrictions on media court communications for cases currently in trial.

In this training, case scenarios were used and included, which include some of the practical ethical issues that judges may encounter in their daily work.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges of the Basic Court of Ferizaj and the judges in its branches.



## Activities from Initial Training Program (ITP)

### Activities implemented within the initial training for newly appointed judges

In April, the Academy of Justice, within the framework of the initial training for newly appointed judges, continued to implement activities planned under the training program.

In the framework of theoretical training, the following activities were developed: the sub-module "Executive Procedure" was implemented through two (2) training sessions, sub-module "Contest Procedure - Part Two" four (4) training sessions, the module "Taking and administering evidence in civil proceedings" three (3) training sessions, under the sub module "Family Law", three (3) training sessions, as well as the module "Inheritance Law" two (2) training sessions.

Within the sub-module Contested Procedure - the second part has elaborated the following topics: securing of the claim, interruption and dismissal of the contested procedure, disrespect of the court, costs of contested procedure. From the sub-module Enforcement Procedures have been elaborated: execution on movable and immovable items, remedies in the execution procedure and return of the employee to the working place.

During this period, the family law has been dealt with: gender and its types, spouses' rights and duties, marriage resolution, divorce proceedings, compulsory education and parental rights, objection and confirmation of maternity

or paternity, adoption, and property relations between spouses. Whereas the theoretical training part of this period was conducted under the module the hereditary right where the focus has been on inheritance based on the law, the indispensable part and necessary heirs and transactions between the living, inheritance based on the will, the unworthiness and exclusion of indispensable heirs, procedure for the examination of inheritance, opening of inheritance, and portioning of inheritance. During this period, within the scope of professional competence, the newly appointed judges have been able to elaborate and extend their knowledge about the witnesses and experts in cases of taking evidence, to understand the capacity of persons who have to prove and establish the relevant facts in a contested matter, as well as the role of expert proceeding from relevant fields.

While the practical training component for this period was conducted through the practice of newly appointed judges in the respective courts, in accordance with the schedule defined by the program. Newly appointed judges during April also conducted training in the Kosovo Probation Service and the Privatization Agency of Kosovo, who were able to discuss the role, structure and problems presented in practice.

Initial training for newly appointed judges is attended by 54 newly appointed judges, five of them from the Serb community.

## Activities implemented within the initial training for newly appointed prosecutors

During April 2018, within the Initial Training Program for newly appointed prosecutors, were conducted training activities that included theoretical and practical training.

Within the framework of theoretical training, were developed the following activities: the sub-module "Criminal Code - the general part" was implemented through four (4) training sessions in this period, the sub-module "Criminal Code - special part" four (4) training sessions, under the module "European Convention on Human Rights and Freedoms", three (3) training sessions, and three (3) training sessions under the module "Initiation of formal investigation and criminal proceedings".

Within the sub-module Criminal Code - the general and special part were elaborated the following topics: criminal liability, stages of commission of criminal offense, function and system of criminal sanctions, main characteristics of execution of criminal sanctions, offenses from chapter XXVII, XXVII, XXVII, and XXIX. While the focus of the sub-module - the European Convention on Human Rights has remained on: the Council of Europe, the Euro-

pean Court of Human Rights and the European Convention on Human Rights, namely Article 2, Article 4 of Protocol 7 to the European Convention on Human rights.

Also during this period within the professional competence, newly appointed prosecutors had the opportunity to elaborate and extend the knowledge on the preliminary procedure-filing criminal reports, the beginning and duration of the investigation as well as the suspension and termination of investigations.

While the practical training component for this period was conducted through the practice of newly appointed prosecutors in the respective prosecution offices, according to the schedule defined by the program. Newly appointed prosecutors during April also conducted training in Kosovo Customs where they had the opportunity to discuss the role, structure and problems encountered in practice.

The initial training for newly appointed prosecutors has been attended by 22 prosecutors of the newly appointed state.





## Training at Kosovo Probation Service

On April 18, 2018, the Academy of Justice, within the Initial Training Program for newly appointed judges, conducted practical training with the Kosovo Probation Service. The purpose of this training was to provide newly appointed judges with the role, function and responsibilities of the Kosovo Probation Service.



Within this practical training was presented a short history of its establishment, organization and operation. At the same time, were handled

the activities of the Probation Service, the organization, implementation and supervision of the execution of alternative sentences, reintegration of convicted persons, supervision and assistance to perpetrators of drug addicts, or alcohol subject to compulsory rehabilitation treatment, as well as assistance to condemned persons released on parole.

Also, the training focused on raising social awareness and cooperation with all state power organs for the humanity of executing alternative sentences, reducing the degree of recidivism and increasing overall security for our society. "

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



## Training at Kosovo Customs

On April 25 2018, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training Program for the newly appointed prosecutors conducted a practical training in Kosovo Customs.



Purpose of this training was to acquaint the newly appointed prosecutors with the role, functioning, responsibilities, the work and activities of the Kosovo Customs.

This training elaborated on issues that relate to direct combating of illegal activities, fighting

the cross-border crime, drug trafficking, as well as prevent smuggling of nuclear weapons and explosive substances.

This training also highlighted collection of taxes, excise for the Kosovo consolidated budget, import and export control, and protection of economy, as well as protection of trade marks.

The training was delivered in form of theoretical lecturing and interactive discussions, in which case the newly appointed prosecutors had the opportunity to raise questions on issues of interest.

Beneficiaries of this training were the newly appointed prosecutors (VII generation) undergoing the Initial Training at the Academy of Justice.



## Activities for Administrative Staff of Courts and Prosecution Offices

### Judicial System of the Republic of Kosovo – Structure and Competencies

On 11 April 2018, the Academy of Justice, with the support of GIZ, within the CTP conducted training on: "Judicial system of the Republic of Kosovo - Structure and Competences".

This training aimed to advance the knowledge of the administrative staff of courts on the competences, organizational structure, mandate and legal framework of the judicial system in the Republic of Kosovo and the competences of the judicial system. Within this training were discussed the current developments on the work of the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC), main normative acts, and various policies regarding the system administration and its most important decisions.

During the training was emphasized that with the entry into force of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo, the Law on KJC and the

Law on Courts, was established the foundations of a new organizational structure of the judiciary and the premises on which an independent judiciary is being administered by the judiciary.

In addition, the training focused on the competencies of the Kosovo Judicial Council as set out in the Constitution and the Law on the KJC, based on which the Council has the main role in ensuring the independence and impartiality of the judicial system.

The most important topics were the appointment of judges and conditions to be met by them for appointment.

Beneficiaries of this training were administrative staff of the courts from all levels and KJI staff.



## Prosecutorial system – structure and competencies

On April 18 2018, Academy of Justice with the support of GIZ, conducted a training on Prosecutorial system – structure and competencies.

Purpose of this training was to enhance the knowledge of the administrative staff of prosecution offices, about the competence, organizational structure, mandate and the legal framework of the prosecutorial system in the Republic of Kosovo.

Focus of this training was on legal framework of the judicial – prosecutorial system, competencies of the Kosovo Prosecutorial System as foreseen by Constitution and the Law on KPC, as well as organization of the prosecutorial system.

This system treated also actual developments about the work of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, most important decisions, main bylaws and different policies for system administration. Also, it was discussed about the challenges that occur while carrying out the KPC and the Chief state Prosecutors mandate.

Important topic was appointment of prosecutors and conditions to be met in order to practice the state prosecutors' mandate.

Beneficiaries of this training were administrative staff of prosecution of all instances and staff of the SKPC.



## Other Activities

### Initial Training Program for prosecutors – sixth generation, in the Justice Academy of Turkey

In the framework of the several years of cooperation of the Kosovo Academy of Justice with the Turkish Justice Academy and with the support of the Turkish Agency for International De-



velopment (TIKA), on April 2-6, 2018, the training program "Organized Crime and Terrorism" was organized at the Turkish Academy of Justice, for the sixth generation of prosecutors who have just completed initial training at the Kosovo Justice Academy.

Delegation of Kosovo led by the Executive Director of the Academy Mr. Valon Kurtaj, comprising of the Academy's staff, Director of the KPC Secretariat and other officials of KPC, as well as the Prosecutors, besides attending the training, had the opportunity to visit judicial institutions of Turkey, with the purpose of exchanging experiences in various aspects, including the topic that currently represents a global concern – the organized crime and terrorism.

The delegation started with the reception and

training held at the Turkish Academy of Justice, which featured organizational structures, units and facilities, human and financial resources capacity, initial training in Turkey, ways and requirements to be selected in the profession and similar topics.

In the following days, it was continued with trainings in the area of combating terrorism, always drawing parallels and making comparisons between the two systems in the criminal law area, that regulate also the procedure for combating this phenomenon.



This program was enriched with visits to the General Prosecution, where the delegation was welcomed by the Chief Prosecutor Mr. Mehmet Akarça, the visit to Ministry of Justice of Turkey welcomed by the Vice Secretary of the Minister of Justice, Mr. Musa Heybet, and at the Cassation Court where the General Secretary Mr. Yusuf Ziaedin presented to the delegation data on the courts system in Turkey.



## Study visit of the delegation of judges, prosecutors and licensed lawyers on Article 10 of the ECHR

During 16-19 April 2018, supported by the Reinforcing Judicial Expertise on Freedom of Expression and the Media in South-East Europe Project – JUFREX, a study visit for judges, prosecutors and lawyers, licensed trainers by this Project on Article 10 of the ECHR was conducted in Strasbourg, France.

Purpose of the visit was to increase the participant's knowledge in the area of the freedom of expression and of the media in Southeastern Europe.

The first day of the visit was dedicated to institutions operating within the Council of Europe on the right to freedom of expression. The training featured the latest results presented by the Media and Information Society Supervisory Commission, continuing with a presentation by the Human Rights Commissioner's Advisor, which included an analysis of the role of the institution and a focus on recent visits implemented by the commissioner in the Balkans, during which a great relevance was given to the topic of media freedom. Other issues tackled during the training focused on the role of the European Court of Human Rights, in setting standards for human rights and media freedom, and its judicial practice in relation to Article 10, especially in relation to its balancing with the protection of

Article 8, and the role of a local judge within court proceedings.

During the second day the participants had the opportunity to attend a hearing on the case *Ilias and Ahmed v. Hungary* in the Grand Chamber of the ECHR, which, although directly related to a violation of Article 10 of the ECHR, allowed the participants to look at the Court's work through the case, and to give an opinion on the given case.

This visit concluded the second year of the project, a joint program funded by the Council of Europe and the European Union, aimed at meeting the specific needs in the area of freedom of expression and media in South East Europe.

Beneficiaries of the visit were judges, prosecutors and lawyers from Kosovo, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, as well as representatives from judicial training institutions from the region.

Also, representatives of key partners participated in the Steering Committee of the JUFREX project, where the actual results and future activities of the project were discussed.



## Workshop for discussion and drafting of normative and strategic acts, and the training curricula of the Academy of Justice

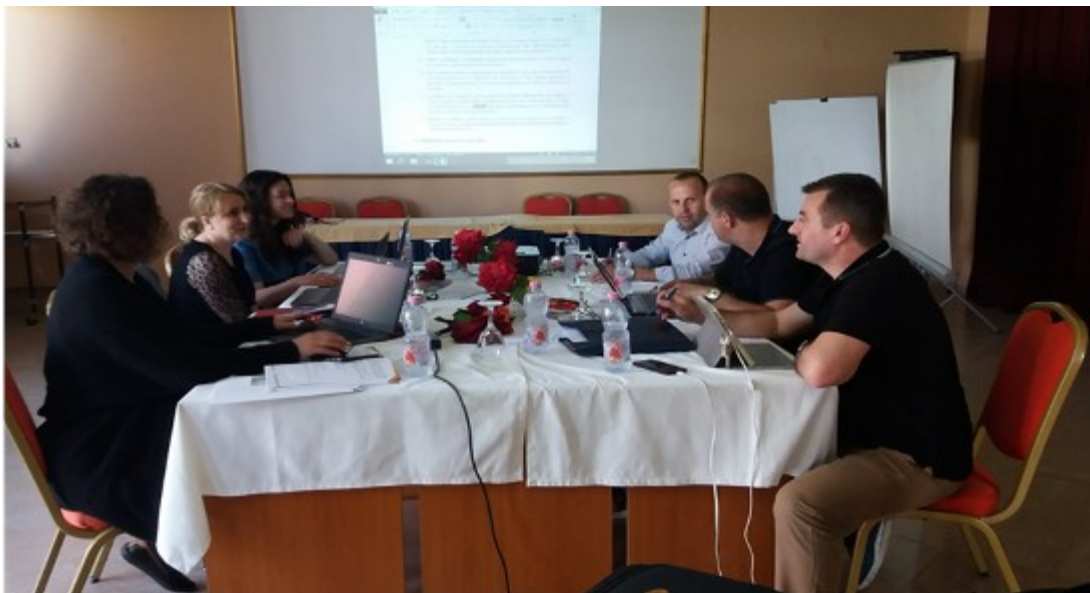
From April 24-27 2018, Academy of Justice conducted a workshop for discussion and drafting normative and strategic acts and the training curricula of the Academy of Justice.

This workshop focused on needs assessment for drafting normative acts of the Academy of Justice, the draft strategic plan for 2019-2021 including also the action plan and financial impact for its implementation, as well as discussion of other national strategic documents for the needs of the AJ training curriculum.

After analysis and numerous discussions, the working group drafted these documents based

on the principles and legal mandate of the Academy of Justice. This workshop also discussed the assessment of the impact of the state strategies, the ERA, the PKZMSA, the EC report on Kosovo in the Academy training program, the framework training program, and the need to set training modules systematized according to the areas in the continuous training, as well as the need for specialized training strategies.

Participants were the Director of the Academy and staff from the Program Department and the Department of Administration and Finance.



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