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Activities from Continuous Training Program (CTP)

Criminal liability of legal persons

On February 4th 2019, Academy of Justice within CTP organized training for judges and prosecutors of all regions of Kosovo on the topic of “Criminal liability of legal persons”.

Purpose of this training was correct implementation of the institute of criminal liability of legal persons and imposing adequate penal sanctions.

This training elaborated on the following: basis and boundary of the criminal liability of legal persons, legal procedure for imposing penal sanctions against legal persons and types of sanctions that can be imposed against legal persons.

Also, in his training participants through practical cases could exchange experiences, share opinions and get involved in constructive and comprehensive discussions. It was continued to conclude that Law No. 04/L-030 for the liability of legal persons for criminal offences shall be complemented with several articles because there are uncertainties related to its implementation in practice, and to avoid contradictions in its authentic interpretation.

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



Gender sensitivity in property rights

During February 5th, 6 and 14 of 2019, academy of Justice within the CTP and with the support of USAID Property Rights Program, organized a training on the Property rights – Jurisprudence of the European Court on Human Rights, that took place in Gjilan, Mitrovica and Peja.

Purpose of these trainings was to enhance the judge's knowledge on gender sensitivity on property rights particularly of social factors, cultural and traditional that hinder women in Kosovo to exercise freely and effectively their property rights, and efficient identification of these factors in practice and avoiding eventual injustice in the procedure.

The first part made an overview of the actual situation about gender issues in property rights, the socialization process, roles and gender stereotypes. While the second part elaborated on practices and gender sensitive language.

This training emphasized that men and women in Kosovo are not equal, in his light the data collected by the statistics agencies, institutions and NGO's in Kosovo show that this inequality continues to be actual in every sector. A research conducted by the USAID property Rights Program in 2017 showed that 20% of the women in Kosovo have property registered in their names, from this only 7.8% is an inherited property

from their families. The training continued to conclude that the judges should have a more gender sensitive approach. This approach considers specific needs of women and men. Using a gender sensitivity shall pay attention to the roles and different responsibilities that women and men have depending on the context that they live in.

It was also concluded that the concept of gender sensitivity is developed in order to decrease the barriers created by the gender inequality. This concept enables women and men to grow in personal and professional aspect.

This training used methods of theoretical training based on case law and accompanied by interactive and facilitated discussions by experts, provisions of training handouts, hypothetical case analysis that involved discussions on cultural practices, social behavior, and its relations with cases of practicing the women property rights in Kosovo.

Beneficiaries in this training were judges and professional associates of the Basic Courts of Gjilan, Ferizaj, Mitrovica, Peja, Prizren and Gjakova.

Insuring the charge claim

On February 7 2019, Academy of Justice within the Continuous Training Program conducted a training on Insuring the Charge Claim.

Purpose of this training was to enhance the judge's knowledge about conditions for setting the insurance measures, type of measures to ensure the charge claim, provisional measures, and competence to decide on measures for ensuring the charge claim.

During the training it was elaborated on content of the decision for setting the insurance measure, provisional measures, competence to decide for

measures of ensuring the charge claim, as well as distinction between the provisional ensuring measure and the measure for ensuring the charge claim, guarantee when setting the measure for ensuring the charge claim.

The training was delivered in form of interactive discussions, elaborating cases from practice where participants could present their challenges and difficulties that they face during their work.

Beneficiaries of this training are: judges of basic courts – civil department.



In-job training for prosecutors that are assigned as focal points for international legal cooperation and the ILC Coordinator within the State Chief prosecutors Office as a mediation authority

During February 7-8 of 2019, Academy of Justice in cooperation with GIZ conducted the following in-job training for the prosecutors that are assigned as focal points for international legal cooperation and the ILC Coordinator within the State Chief prosecutors Office as a mediation authority.

Purpose of this training was to increase the international cooperation and operationalize focal points in investigating, collection of evidence, extradition and problematic issues that occur in practice.

This training elaborated on the role and duties of the prosecutors as focal point for international legal cooperation. Also, it presented the role and

duties of the prosecutors in the mediator's capacity as coordinator for focal points of the international legal cooperation, cooperation between the focal points of mutual legal assistance in basic prosecution and the ILC Coordinator in the Chief State Prosecutor's Office as mediator authority. Attention was paid to the preliminary review of the incoming requests by the focal points, formal review by the coordinator, scope of the formal review/ decisions and reasonable proposals for the case groups.

Beneficiaries of this training were the Deputy Chief State Prosecutor, Chief Prosecutors, Prosecutors of the Special prosecution, as well as prosecutors from the basic instances of all regions of Kosovo.



Contracts in economy

On February 11-12, Academy of Justice within CTP organized training on Contracts in Economy.

Purpose of this training was to extend the judges knowledge on commercial contracts and correct application of the Law on Obligational Relationships and of the Convention for International Sale of Goods.

First day of the training elaborated on the franchise, the assignment, and leasing contracts and heir specifics. Second part of this day elaborated on the contracts for international sale of goods, loan contracts, license contracts and other public contracts, their types and their main features.

This training emphasized that in the market economy, advanced businesses that deal with specific activities, use specific contracts for their businesses that are different in structure and in the aspect of rights and obligations they create for the parties. Specific contracts in doing business, banking and in insurance areas have found a great use having in mind the market opening.

Furthermore, this training emphasized that business organizations in doing business in the international arena often apply contracts for which the Convention for international sale of goods is applicable. As a result, the judicial practice has faces considerable number of cases, with constant tendency to grow, therefore extending knowledge about this topic is important.

One of the highlights was that in our country's legal system the contractual relations are regulated according to the Law on Obligational Relationships as a basic law. The LOR provisions that relate to contracts are applied in cases of the

contractual relations between physical persons as well as in contractual relations between business organizations and other legal persons. Since in cases of flow of goods and services often one of the parties is not a local company, then these transactions take international character, and according to the LOR, the Convention for International Sale of Goods (CISG) is applied, as it finds direct application in the Republic of Kosovo.

Conducting negotiations especially their termination was given particular attention, to include also the principles of the law on obligations like the following: principle of honesty and consciousness, and the principle of causing harm to the other party, which are included in the LOR.

It was continued to conclude that the banking business is a special economic activity, which basic object is money circulation, but it contains also several transactions and other financial products. In general, the banking and financial institutions facilitate business activities and it often happens that banks specialize in specific financial issues that are required from the market.

In this training participants had the opportunity to elaborate and discuss on provisions of the LOR and other applicable laws that regulate this area.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges of the economic and administrative departments of the Basic Court and of the Appeals Court, as well as judges of civil and general divisions, as well as professional associates.

Investigation of weapon crimes

On February 11, 22 and 28 2019, Academy of Justice in cooperation with UNDP within the CTP conducted two trainings on Investigation of weapon crimes.

Main purpose of this training was to extend the participants knowledge on correct implementation of the International Tracking Instrument in order to prevent unlawful circulation of weapon, and to increase public safety, as well as capacity increase of the central level representatives for investigation of weapon crimes.

This training covered aspects of investigating

weapon crimes, collecting information and intelligence, and use of the special investigative measures in cases of organized crime.

It was particularly elaborated on the tracking and determining points of the trafficking, as integral part of these investigations. During this training participants had the opportunity to learn the best practices from national and international experts of this area.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges, prosecutors and professional associates of the basic instance.



Organized crime

On February 13 2019, Academy of Justice within CTP conducted training on Organized crime.

Purpose of this training was to enhance professional knowledge of judges and prosecutors in correct implementation of the Criminal Code that sanctions criminal offences that relate to organize crime and issues that occur in practice.

This training elaborated on organized crime as form of criminality that is committed by a group of persons that are structured and organized with the purpose of direct or indirect financial profit. It was further concluded that organized crimes seriously hinders development of democracy and the rule of law, directly risking the human

rights, and economic growth of the state. Principle attention was paid to prevention, investigation and sanctioning of the organized crime which in most of the cases is related to other crimes like trafficking in human beings, crimes against economy, smuggling with goods, narcotics, etc.

The training was delivered in form of interactive discussions where the participants had the possibility to present challenges and difficulties they face in practice when investigating and trial of these crimes.

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



Gender equality in judicial proceedings in general, and in cases of domestic violence in particular

On February 19 2019, Academy of Justice with-in CTP conducted training on the topic of “Gender equality in judicial proceedings in general, and in cases of domestic violence in particular”.

Purpose of this training was to extend the participants knowledge on domestic violence and forms of its occurrence and correct implementation of the applicable legislation on gender equality.

This training elaborated on international and national legislation on gender equality, domestic violence and forms of its occurrence on gender basis and protection order, conditions for issuing the protection order and measures to prevent violence, judicial procedure for deciding on the protection order request, drafting and reasoning

of decisions according to specifics of the case, respecting legal provisions and enforcement, as well as consequences for not executing a protection order.

Particular attention was paid to matters in which the judges face difficulties while reviewing cases, and the standard operating procedures for protection from domestic violence in order to precisely apply legal provisions related to the procedure, and deadlines to decide about the protection order requests.

Beneficiaries of this training were basic court judges and professional associates of the courts.

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



Cybercrime and electronic evidence

During February 19-22 2019, Academy of Justice in cooperation with the Council of Europe iPROCEEDS Project, within its Continuous Training Program conducted training on the Cybercrime and electronic evidence.

Purpose of this training was to enhance professional knowledge of judges, prosecutors and other beneficiaries on proving implication of the cybercrime issues and control, sequestration and confiscation of the criminally acquired proceeds of the online crime, as well as available legal tools and approach towards international cooperation.

This training elaborated on the Convention of Budapest on Cyber Crime and other international acts including internal legal provisions that

sanction the cybercrime. Principal attention was paid to electronic evidence and the criminally acquired proceeds that are complex, and continued to emphasize the importance of international cooperation between relevant institutions; also, it presented expertise of relevant areas and best practices for investigating and sanctioning these crimes which trend is increasing daily.

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

Beneficiaries of this training were judges, prosecutors and professional associates from basic instance.



The right to life – ECHR Article 2

On February 20th 2019, Academy of Justice within its Continuous Training Program organized training on “The right to life – Article 2 of the ECHR”.

Purpose of this training was correct implementation of the criteria set forth in provisions of the ECHR Article 2 and procedural aspects of the right to life.

First part of the training elaborated on substantial aspects of the right to life, the state’s obligation to protect individuals who are held under the state’s supervisions in compliance with the European Convention for Protection of Human Rights (ECHR) and interpretation of the ECHR related to procedural aspects of the right to life.

Second part discussed on situations when life is not considered as deprived in contradiction with this article, in cases when this deprivation comes from the use of force made absolutely necessary, and correct implementation of the criteria foreseen in provisions of ECHR Article 2, as well as procedural aspects of the right to life.

In this training it was emphasized that the right to life, protected by Article 2 of the ECHR, with Protocol 6 on removal of the death sentence in peaceful conditions, and Protocol no. 12 on removal of the death sentence in all circumstances, is one of the basic rights guaranteed by ECHR, and its violation is considered as aggravated violation of the Convention.

Furthermore, it was emphasized that in the Republic of Kosovo protection of this right falls under the law enforcement bodies like: the police, state prosecution, regular courts, as well as

those that conduct criminal proceedings in the first instance, those that decide upon appeals against judgments of the first instance, or extraordinary legal remedies permitted in the context of the criminal law matters.

It was concluded that the state is obliged to protect individuals that are held under its supervision or under its control, and for this reason these persons are in a sensitive position in relation to the state. Particularly, when an individual that enjoys good health is held by the police and later s/he dies, and in this case the state shall provide a clear explanation of it.

It was also concluded that for the ECtHR it does not matter if violation of the Convention is made by legislative, administrative or judicial bodies. For the Court, the responsibility for violation of the Convention has an international liability character for the state, as long as it is a contractual party of the ECHR, and based on Article 1 of the Convention it took the responsibility to guarantee human rights and liberties.

During this training the participants were presented practical cases for analysis, elaborating and explaining provisions of the ECHR Article 2.

Beneficiaries in this training were judges and prosecutors of all instances in the Republic of Kosovo as well as professional associates.

Ownership rights, ways of acquiring ownership and other real rights according to the applicable legislation in the Republic of Kosovo

On February 21 and 27 2019, Academy of Justice with the support of USAID Property Rights Program, organized two trainings for the regions of Ferizaj and Gjilan and for the Mitrovica region, on Ownership rights, ways of acquiring ownership and other real rights according to the applicable legislation in the Republic of Kosovo.

These trainings elaborated on the Law on basic ownership relations, and ways of acquiring ownership. Further it continued with explanation of protection and termination of the ownership rights, possession and its types, servitudes – including its acquiring, types, protection and their termination.

Also they provided basic knowhow on the competent court's case law on property related disputes according to the Law on Obligational relationships and the Law on property and other real rights, extending to basic concepts deriving from the case law.

Particular emphasis was put on the Law on Property and other real rights, which regulates

ways of acquiring ownership, by highlighting two types of ownership gain: original and derivative. While the original acquiring presents cases when the winner does not obtain this rights from a previous right, but acquires it by source, based on legal facts (according to the law and based on a decision of a state entity); the Derivative ownership acquiring, is in cases when the winners holds his right from the right of his/her predecessor (based on legal matter or by inheritance).

These trainings used combination of theoretical lecturing based on the case law and followed by interactive discussion by the experts, delivery of handouts, analysis and facilitated elaboration of the topics, focusing on correct application of legal provisions by competent courts, and explaining legal provisions on ways of ownership acquiring and protection, possession, statute of limitation, and servitudes according to the Law on Property and other real rights, etc.

Beneficiaries of these trainings were judges of basic courts of Gjilan, Ferizaj and Mitrovica.

Protection of the rights of children in cases of changes to their status

During February 25-26 2019, Academy of Justice within its CTP in cooperation with UNICEF conducted the two-days training on “Protection of the rights of children in cases of changes to their status”.

Purpose of this training was to extend the judges and prosecutors knowledge on importance of judicial application of the protection of the rights of children in the procedure of objecting and proving the paternity or maternity, protection of the rights of children in cases of domestic violence, principle of the best interest for the children, ways and methods of communication of courts with children in judicial proceedings.

The training focused on protection of the rights of children according to positive legislation in Kosovo, specifically according to the Family

Law, but also according to other norms. Also, comparisons were made particularly with the Convention of the Children Rights, for establishing the best efficient practices that shall be adhered to for professional protection of the children rights in marital disputes.

It was further elaborated on protection of the rights of children during he divorce, criteria to be taken into account in case when entrusting the child custody, and role of the Custody Authority in the procedure for child custody. Also, it was elaborated on the issue of alimony, establishment of contacts with children and parents, and decision of the court for these cases ex-officio.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges, prosecutors and professional associates.



Cooperation in commission of a criminal offence

On February 28 2019, Academy of Justice conducted training on “Cooperation in commission of criminal offence”.



Purpose of this training was increase of professional capacities in correct application of inves-

tigation and judicial procedures in cases of cooperation for committing a criminal offence.

This training elaborated on co-perpetration, incitement and aid in commission of a criminal offence, criminal joining and agreement to commit a crime, as well as boundaries of the criminal liability, as well as sanctioning for cooperation.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges, prosecutors and professional associates of courts.



International legal cooperation and organized crime

On February 28th and March 1st 2019, Academy of Justice in cooperation with GIZ conducted the training on “International legal cooperation and organized crime”.

Purpose of this training was operationalization of the ILC focal points and increasing the international legal cooperation for a successful investigation and collection of evidence; and problematic issues that occur in practice for cases of organized crime.

This training elaborated on the up to date investigation methods, hearing of witnesses including presentation of requests by defense attorneys, video-conference hearings, emphasis of endangering the witnesses (anonyms witnesses, protected witnesses). Also it was elaborated on

practical issues like exchange of experiences, covert investigation in foreign countries, learning from a concrete case (smuggling and unlawful distribution of medications) including creation of joint investigation teams – legal basis as obstacle, experiences, challenges, and best experiences including taking electronic decisions and content data. Attention was paid to the preliminary review of the incoming requests by focal points, formal review by the coordinator, scope of the formal review/ decisions and reasonable proposals for the case groups.

Beneficiaries of this training were judges, prosecutors and special prosecution, officials from Ministry of Justice, investigation police and legal officers from courts of all regions of Kosovo.



Activities from Initial Training Program (ITP)

Initial Training Program Activities for the Newly Appointed Judges

The Initial Training program for the sixth generation of the newly appointed judges in February 2019 continued carrying out activities as per the scheduled program.

Within the theoretical training 16 training sessions from the modules of the Criminal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code of the Republic of Kosovo were conducted.

From the sub-module “Crimes of corruption and against official duty”, one training session was organized, in which crimes of corruption have been addressed in light of the Criminal Code, misuse of the official duty, misappropriation, fraud, bribery, falsification of an official document, unlawful issuance of court decisions, and disclosure of official secrecy.

Also, under the sub-module on “The defendant in criminal proceeding” five training sessions have been delivered, in which the newly appointed judges could extend their knowledge in relation to: limitation of the defendant’s rights during the criminal procedure, interviewing the defendant during the criminal proceeding, position of the defendant after the indictment is filed, defendant during the procedure for assessing lawfulness of the indictment, during the main hearing, rights of the defendant to exercise legal remedies, defendant during the procedure for issuing the punishment order, and defendant during the procedure for provision of the international legal assistance.

Under the sub-module on: Witnesses and injured parties in criminal proceeding, five training sessions were conducted, where the participants could discuss and focus on obtaining and preserving data and evidence from witnesses, summon and non-attendance of the witnesses, interviewing, obtaining the statement during the preliminary procedure and the special investigative opportunity, general conditions for interviewing in the preliminary procedure, as well as obtaining the statement in the preliminary proceeding or in the special investigative opportunity.

Also, during these training sessions, it was elaborated on the procès-verbal of the actions undertaken in criminal proceedings, the hearing audio or video recording, stenography and transcript, restriction to raise questions that may disclose the identity, cooperative witnesses, direct examination of witnesses or experts in the main hearing, and measures for provisional insurance of the legal claim against third parties.

Activities continued with the following sub-module: Measures to ensure presence of the defendant in the proceeding, where two training sessions were conducted to tackle the following aspects: the summon, arrest warrant, the defendants promise not to leave the residence, forbidding the defendant to approach certain places or persons, obligation of the defendant to appear in the closest police station and the bail.



Under the sub-module on Administration of the criminal proceeding, two training sessions were delivered, to enhance the judge's knowledge on identifying types of decisions and their communication, distinction between the regular and irregular filing of the claims, correct application of the timelines according to the CPCK, identification of the decisions-judgments and enforceable orders, as well as extend their knowledge about the immunity according to the international legislation.

During February 2019, the sub-module on "Negotiation of the plea bargaining agreement", was covered with one training session to elabo-

rate on the following: definition of the plea bargaining agreement, subjects of the plea bargaining agreements, initiation of the plea bargaining agreement, and role of the state prosecutor in negotiating the plea bargaining agreement.

During this period, 11 days of practical training were held in courts as per the training calendar. Initial training is being attended by five judges of the Serbian community.

Initial Training Program Activities for the Newly Appointed Prosecutors

During February 2019, the Initial Training Program conducted training activities for the newly appointed prosecutors in the theoretical and practical parts of the training.

Theoretical part of the training for this period delivered fourteen training sessions from the Module on “Criminal Procedure Code”.

The sub-module on the “Crime scene and forensics” conducted three training sessions in which the prosecutors had the opportunity to extend their knowledge about the crime scene, types of tracks, stages of observing the scene, the golden questions of criminalistics, indicators, their classification, presence at the crime scene as indicia, physical qualities of the person as indicia, insuring the crime scene, determining the perimeter of the scene, stages of communication at the scene, visual reconstruction, sketching the scene, notes, as well as photographing the crime scene.

Also, under the sub-module on “Search and Confiscation”, five training sessions were held, in which the participants could extend their knowledge about sequestration, freezing according to Article 264 of the CCK, the freezing order according to Article 265 of the CCK, provisional confiscation according to Article 267 of the CCK, determining the criminally acquired property, taking assets from Article 69 of the CPCRK, interpretation of legal provisions of the Law on Extended Powers of Confiscation, case studies from national and European courts, as well overview of the judgments of the European Court on Human Rights pertaining to confiscation and sequestration.

As per the training program, the newly appointed prosecutors conducted four training sessions under the module on “Measures to ensure presence of the defendant in the proceeding” and

elaborated topics like: summon, arrest warrant, promise of the defendant no to leave residence, forbidding the defendant to approach a certain place and person, obligation of the defendant to appear to the closest police station, house arrest, detention, diversion, bail, and exercises with practical cases from decisions of the national courts.

Under the sub-module on “Evidence in criminal proceeding”, two trainings were conducted that provided space for the newly appointed prosecutors to discuss on: obtaining the evidence during investigation, statement of the defendant and the witness’s testimony, this testimony as evidence in the investigation stage, statement of the defendant, some of the inadmissible evidence according to CPCRK, expertise, search and provisional sequestration.

During February, the newly appointed prosecutors conducted one visit to no-judicial institutions: Kosovo Privatization Agency.

For this period, the newly appointed prosecutors have had 11 days of practical training in respective prosecution offices as scheduled in the training program. The Initial Training Program is being attended by 21 newly appointed prosecutors, two of them are of the Serbian community.



Report on the visit of the newly appointed prosecutors (generation VII) in the Kosovo Privatization Agency

On February 6 2019, academy of Justice within the Initial Training Program organized for the newly appointed prosecutors (generation VII) a visit to the Kosovo Privatization Agency.

Purpose of this visit was to enable the newly appointed prosecutors to acquaint with the privatization procedure of the KPA entities, role of the Agency in the privatization process, verification and announcement of the temporary winner, approval and rejection of the offer, as well as the liquidation process in Kosovo.

In this visit, the newly appointed prosecutors were closely informed with the legal infrastructure, work and activities of the Agency, and its challenges. Also, they were provided and overview on the organizational structure of the KPA, including its regional offices that are under its management, the decision making process in KPA, and mandate of the Board of Directors, as the main decision making instance.

In this context, the visit further elaborated on the component of the asset sale, and liquidation of enterprises as operational processes in KPA. The prosecutors had the opportunity to extend their knowledge on the committees of KPA that have the main role in sales and asset liquidation.

A special highlight was made on the tendering procedure, where the participants were closely informed on the way how an enterprise goes to tendering, deadlines, and closure of the sale. Also, it was discussed about the distinction between the liquidation and insolvency, as two important topics in the prosecutor's work.

Beneficiaries of this training were the newly appointed prosecutors (generation VII) 2018-2019.



Other Activities

Meeting with Representatives of the Council of Europe

Prishtina, February 6th 2019, Mr. Valon Kurtaj - Executive Director of the Academy of Justice and Mrs. Valmira Pefqeli – Acting Program Coordinator of the AJ hosted in a meeting Mrs. Isabelle Servoz-Gallucci Head of the Council of Europe Office in Prishtina and Mrs. Larissa Kireeva from the Gender Equality Division of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

Main topic of the discussion in this meeting was introduction of the CoE new project of Issues of violence against women and domes-

tic violence.

This meeting presented components of this project which focus on the area of violence against women and the domestic violence, as well as forms of cooperation. The interlocutors agreed to cooperate in accomplishment of these activities in the area of domestic violence.



Internship program at the Academy of Justice

On February 12th, 2019, at the Academy of Justice, three students from the Law Faculty of the University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina", and a student from the Faculty of Law of the "ILIRIA" College, have successfully completed the internship program, held within the cooperation scope between the Academy of Justice and the institutions of higher education in Kosovo.

During their three months' internship, the students had the opportunity to closely learn about the Academy's activities, learn about functioning of the judicial and prosecutorial

system, focusing on the legal educations part, benefit from participation in the trainings at the Academy, and to assist in preparation of various trainings, drafting reports on activities organized by the Academy of Justice.

After successful completion of the internship, Executive Director of the Academy of Justice in a reception, handed certificates to the young students for completion of their internship program.



Meeting of the Academy of Justice with the KJC Training Committee and JSSP representatives

Prishtina 21st February 2019, Academy of Justice is conducting meeting between representatives of the AJ, Training committee of the Kosovo Judicial Council and representatives of the US Embassy in Prishtina (JSSP).



Purpose of this meeting was coordination for organizing mandatory trainings for judges for the 2019, like: Legal writing and reasoning; Legislative changes; Professional ethics and Sanctioning Policies.

In this meeting it was discussed about the training on professional ethics that were conducted in 2018 at the Academy of Justice. In this meeting, participants agreed to organize additional training for those judges who had no possibility to reach the required number of training hours on professional ethics.

At the end of this meeting, the interlocutors discussed also on other issues related to data exchange and maintenance regarding participation of judges in trainings of the Academy of Justice.



Meeting of the Academy of Justice's Managing Board

Prishtina, February 22nd 2019, at the Academy of Justice, the fifteenth meeting of the Managing Board of the Academy of Justice was held chaired by Mr. Aleksandër Lumezi, the State Chief Prosecutor.

In this meeting, Mr. Valon Kurtaj, Executive Director of the Academy, presented the annual Report and the Financial Report of the Academy for the 2018. Mr. Kurtaj emphasized that the annual report is prepared based on standards set by the Kosovo Assembly, which in its introductory part it present data on the activities, the functions and programs developed by the Academy.

The report contains all activities carried out by the Academy of Justice during 2018, whereas the Financial Report of the Academy presents an overview of the AJ budget and expenses of for the 2018. Members of the managing Board

appreciated the work of the academy for the 2018 and unanimously approved the annual report.

Managing Board in this meeting approved also the Initial Training Program for judges and request of the Kosovo Judicial Council for commencement of the Initial Training for the 37 new judges that were decreed, and approved appointment of mentors for the practical training of these judges.

Managing Board also discussed about organization of donor supported trainings.

Also, in this meeting the Managing Board, as foreseen in the agenda, discussed and decided on some other issues important for the work of the Academy of Justice.



Basic principles of inheritance

On February 28 2019, Academy of Justice within the trainings for free professions, with the support of UNDP conducted training on “Basic Principles of Inheritance”.

Purpose of this training is correct implementation of the legal provisions of the Law on inheritance and best practices in provision of the free legal aid in inheritance cases by the officials of the free legal aid.

This training is elaborating the following: inheritance by law, inheritance by will, the indispensable part, circle of heirs that relate to the indispensable part, calculating the indispensable part

and risking the indispensable part.

This training discussed cases from the practice of the free legal aid officials who are addressing the problematic and complex issues of this nature, particularly the heirs not included in the inheritance mass. Related to this, it was advised how parties can obtain their right through the lawsuit.

Beneficiaries of this training were 28 officials of the Free Legal Aid Agency from all regions of Kosovo, as well as representatives of NGO's like CRPK, CLARD, NORMA and Active Women of Gjakova.



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