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June 2022

General activities

Visit of the Student Council of the Law Faculty of the University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina"

On June 2, 2022, the Academy of Justice hosted the Student Council of the Law Faculty "Hasan Prishtina" of the University of Prishtina.

The purpose of this visit was to inform students about the Academy's activities.

On the occasion, the students were informed about AJ's activities, its successes and challenges. Furthermore, the students discussed

the impact that legal materials and AJ literature have on the lawyer's progress and advancement. Special attention was paid to cooperation in the future, especially with practical programs for students.

There were a total of 15 students who were mostly in their first and second year of studies.



Academy of Justice and Judicial Council of Kosovo Participate in 38th Plenary Meeting of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) in Malta



On June 27 - 28, 2022, at the invitation of the Council of Europe CEPEJ Secretariat, a Kosovo delegation consisting of the Director of the Academy of Justice, Enver Fejzullahu and the Chair of the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC) Albert Zogaj participated in the thirty-eighth (38) plenary meeting of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) in Valletta, Malta.

The meeting focused on “Increasing the quality and efficiency of a digitized justice”, the challenges of digital justice, and ways to better prepare judges for the wave of changes.

Topics covered by the participants included developments in cyber justice and artificial intelligence, work in the field of justice quality, judicial time management, cooperation programs and recent developments in the field

of justice in member and observer states.

During the visit, the AoJ’s Executive Director Mr. Fejzullahu and the KJC’s Chair Mr. Zogaj held a number of meetings with EC senior officials, including with the CEPEJ President Mr. Ramin Ramin Garagurbanli, Vice President Mr. Francesco Depasquale, Secretary Ms. Muriel Decot and Deputy Secretary Mrs. Clemence Bouquemont. The Kosovo delegation also met with Ambassador Christian Meughly, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Council of Europe and Chair of the Reporting Group - Legal Cooperation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, and Ms. Oognah Buckley, Deputy Secretary General from the Irish Department of Justice and one time Representative of the Presidency of Ireland to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

The Kosovo delegation consisting of the Director of the Academy of Justice and the Chair of the Kosovo Judicial Council highly appreciated the ongoing cooperation with the Council of Europe through projects aimed at strengthening the quality and efficiency of the judicial system in Kosovo.



Regional Forum “HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention: Prospects for the Western Balkans” - 2022 Regional Forum Program

On 30 June – 01 July 2022, the Regional Forum “HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention: Prospects for the Western Balkans” - 2022 Regional Forum Program was held in Skopje, North Macedonia. The forum was co-organized by the Balkan Enforcement Strengthening Program (BESP), funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and implemented by the Center for International Legal Cooperation (CILC) and the Legal Reform for Economic Development in the Western Balkans project funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ) and implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). This event was organized in cooperation with the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) and the International Union of Judicial Officers (UIHJ).

The purpose of the forum was to advance the knowledge of law enforcers through the exchange of experiences between officials from the region regarding the 2019 Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters (HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention), which will promote the strengthening of judicial cooperation in the mutual recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments in civil and commercial matters, as well as guarantee legal certainty in commercial relations between states. Harmonization and facilitation of cooperation between countries in civil and commercial cases between the judicial systems in the countries of Southeast Europe will make the procedures less

complex and shorter but will also significantly reduce financial expenses.

The forum was attended by representatives from the region (North Macedonia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia) from the ranks of officials of the Ministry of Justice, Law Faculties, NGOs as well as private enforcer bodies in the respective countries). A group of Republic of Kosovo officials also participated the forum, including an expert from the International Legal Project, an official from the Ministry of Justice, the president of the Kosovo Chamber of Enforcement Agents and a judicial trainer from the Academy of Justice of Kosovo.

The forum was structured in six thematic sessions with contributions from different actors:

General introduction: cross-border cooperation in civil and commercial matters and strengthening enforcement in the Western Balkans - With contributions from CILC and GIZ representatives.

Judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters: national and regional perspectives - With contributions from the Ministries of Justice.

Prospects for the Western Balkans: HCCH 2019 judgments - Agreement - Moderator: Mr. Jos Uitdehaag. With contributions from Dr. Ning Zhao (HCCH) and Jurists-National Champions.

Judicial training and skills specialization: re-examination - the Western Balkans approach - with contributions from the KBR, Chambers of Enforcement Agents and Judicial Academies. In this session, an overview of the activities of the Academy of Justice in this area and its program goals for the future was presented.

Cross-border enforcement of foreign judgments in the Western Balkans and the role of enforcement agents: theory versus practice - With contributions from UIHJ and Chambers of Enforcement Agents.

The way forward: cross-border recognition and

implementation in the Western Balkans and the road to ratification of the HCCH 2019.

The forum was closed with a discussion about the way forward: cross-border recognition and enforcement in the Western Balkans and the road to ratification of the HCCH-Convention 2019. All participants were active and with their contributions enabled exchange and debate on the perspectives and benefits of the HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention and the prospects for the Western Balkans.



Activities from Initial Training Program (ITP)

During the month of June, the activities of this program continued with the preliminary preparations for the training program for the ninth generation of new judges and prosecutors, which are expected to be decreed soon as all the stages of recruitment by KJC and KPC have been completed.

Under these preparations, the program initiated the drafting of training modules and their

updating in accordance with the current legislation in force.

With the support of the Program for Research and Publications, the relevant modules have been sent for printing to the Academy of Justice contracted company to provide samples for the beneficiaries of the Basic Training Program.

Activities from Continuous Training Program (CTP)

Freedom of expression: defamation and protection of reputation and safety of journalists

On June 01-02, 2022, in cooperation with the JUFREX European Union Project for the region of Peja, "a training was conducted on defamation, protection of reputation and safety of journalists".

The purpose of this training was the capacity building of judges and prosecutors in the investigation and judicial protection in cases of violation of human rights, namely freedom of expression which is guaranteed by Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights and Freedoms and with the Constitution of Kosovo.

The training for two consecutive days has addressed important aspects of freedom of expression with a focus on the most popular cases of the European Court of Human Rights as well as local cases.

On the first day, the training focused on the main notions of freedom of expression; Defamation and protection of reputation according to local legislation and according to the standards of the ECtHR as well as in the role of the Press Council in Kosovo

On the second day, the training focused on the

safety of journalists - the local legal framework and court cases, the physical and legal safety of journalists, the recording and documentation of threats against journalists, the ECHR standards for the safety of journalists and their documentation on international platforms.

Special attention has also been paid to the work in small groups of a specific case, the difference between facts and opinions, as well as the presentation of newsletters prepared by JUFREX with cases from the right to freedom of expression that represented the latest developments in the ECHR with freedom of expression.

The applied methodology was of a combined character, with theoretical explanations and interactive discussions.

Beneficiaries of this training were 1 judge, 3 prosecutors, 4 legal officers, 1 officer for information and media monitoring as well as 2 police officers (investigative and communication) and 5 lawyers from the region of Peja.



Organized Crime Specialized Training Program – Session II

On June 07-08, 2022, the Academy of Justice, within the framework of the Continuous Training Program, conducted a training on: "Specialized Training Program- Organized Crime - Session II".

The purpose of this training was to capacity building of judges and prosecutors as well as other relevant stakeholders to effectively respond to cases of organized crime and solve them through meritorious decisions and in accordance with the legislation in force.

On the first day, the training focused on the special investigative techniques of organized crime, on the ways of evaluating evidence in cases of organized crime with special emphasis on financial investigations, witness protection and the rights of victims in organized crime as and prosecution strategies for investigating criminal groups.

The training on the second day focused on

dealing with important aspects such as: seizure of corpora delict in organized crime, seizure of benefits obtained from organized crime, strategic and institutional framework in the field of cooperation in criminal matters.

The participants had the opportunity to study a practical case and also pose questions about the subject matter, presenting views from their point of view and at the same time exchanging experiences and best practices in solving these cases.

Beneficiaries of this training were: 5 judges (1 from the Supreme Court and 4 from the Basic Courts), 5 prosecutors mainly from the basic level, 5 experts from the Special Prosecution as well as 4 professional associates from the Courts and Prosecutions.



Training on defamation and protection of reputation

On June 9-10, 2022, in cooperation with the JUFREX European Union Project, a training dedicated to judges and prosecutors was conducted on: "Defamation and Protection of reputation.



The purpose of this training was capacity building of judges and prosecutors in investigation and judicial protection in cases of violation of human rights, namely freedom of expression which is guaranteed by Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights and Freedoms and with the Constitution of Kosovo.

The training for two consecutive days has addressed important aspects of freedom of expression with a focus on the most popular cases of the European Court of Human Rights as well as local cases.

On the first day, the training is focused on the main notions of freedom of expression and the main principles; Protection and reputation at the local level: legislation and recent developments in cases involving the media and journalists, ECtHR Jurisprudence in the protection of the

reputation of public figures: criteria and recent judicial practices.

On the second day, the training focused on local judicial practice for the protection of reputation and established standards: cases from basic courts, ECtHR standards: the rights and responsibilities of journalists and the right to respond, the role of the Press Council in Kosovo and the Independent Media Commission in relation to cases of defamation and protection of reputation.

The participants had the opportunity to study practical cases and ask questions related to subject matter, present their views and at the same time the exchange experiences and best practices in solving these cases.

Special attention has also been paid to the work in small groups of a specific case, the difference between facts and opinions, as well as the presentation of newsletters prepared by JUFREX with cases from the right to freedom of expression that represented the latest developments in the ECHR with freedom of expression.

Beneficiaries of this training were 34 judges (3 from the Supreme Court, 4 from the Court of Appeal and 24 from the Basic Courts from all regions of Kosovo)

Training: Criminal offenses against sexual integrity of children

On June 9-10, 2022, within the continuous program, a training was conducted in a combined form with in person and online participation on: "Criminal offenses against sexual integrity of children".

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of participants regarding the characteristics of criminal offenses against sexual integrity of children and proper implementation of the legislation in force for the meritorious decision of the respective cases.

On the first day, the training focused on dealing with the material aspect of sexual harassment against minors, rape, and following important aspects of criminal proceedings, such as the examination of the child as an injured party or witnesses, the examiner and the appropriate clarifications regarding the assistance of psychologist, pedagogue or another professional during the procedure.

On the second day, the Lanzarote Convention was covered, which is a big step forward in the prevention of sexual crimes against children, the pursuit of criminals and the protection of child victims. The focus of this convention according to the interpretations was on respecting the rights of children and ensuring their well-being.

At the end, the participants had the opportunity to study a practical case, which enabled the discussion and exchange of perspectives among the participants regarding the subject matter.

Beneficiaries of this table were 5 judges, 4 prosecutors mainly of basic level from the department for minors and the general department as well as 5 professional associates and legal officers of the courts and prosecutions.



Specialized Training Program Official corruption and criminal offenses against official duty – Session II

On June 14-15, 2022, within the framework of continuous program, was conducted a training on: "Specialized Training Program - Official corruption and criminal offenses against official duty - Session II".

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of judges and prosecutors as well as other legal professionals related to official corruption and criminal offenses against official duty and how to respond effectively and in accordance with the law to relevant cases.

On the first day, the training was focused on dealing with the elements of the criminal offense of abuse of official duty, with an emphasis on the intent as an element of the criminal offense, the issues of realization or non-realization of damage or benefit, intent as an element for proving the criminal offense of corruption, the assessment of convincing evidence, direct and circumstantial evidence, establishment of the criminal offense of corruption with circumstantial evidence, fraud in procurement as a complex offense, misuse of official position or authority.

On the second day, the training focused on dealing with conflict of interest, accepting bribes, giving bribes, issuing unlawful court decisions and criminal offenses of this chapter. Special attention has been paid to the evaluation of evidence, both direct and circumstantial, in order to establish the image of the criminal offense of corruption with circumstantial evidence, as well as the abuse of official position or authority, and consequences of these offenses.

After the conclusion, for each of these issues, cases from the judicial practice in the country, the region and Europe were presented, comparing and exchanging experiences and practices which were useful for each of the participants deciding the respective cases.

Beneficiaries of this training were 13 judges, 6 prosecutors as well as a professional associate mainly from the basic level, the department for serious crimes, special and the general department.



Training: Incitement of national, racial, religious or ethnic hatred, division or intolerance

On June 16, 2022, as part of the continuous program, was conducted a training on: Incitement of national, racial, religious or ethnic hatred, division or intolerance

The purpose of this training was for judges and prosecutors to increase their capacities to effectively and in accordance with the laws in force solve cases of criminal offenses of inciting hatred, division or intolerance based on national, racial, religious or ethnic.

The training initially focused on dealing with the material aspect by providing the meaning and elements of the criminal offense of inciting hatred, division or national, racial, religious or ethnic intolerance, the criminal offense related to hate crimes, the rights of victims of crimes of hate during criminal proceedings, protection,

assistance and compensation of victims of hate crimes, as well as strengthening cooperation and coordination between key actors.

Also, the participants had the opportunity to discuss about local, regional and European case law, which enabled the comparison and identification of best practices in solving relevant cases.

Participants in this training are 4 judges (3 from the basic level and 1 from the Appeal) as well as 5 prosecutors, mainly from the basic level.



Defamation and protection of reputation and safety of journalists

On June 21-22, 2022, the Academy of Justice in cooperation with the European Union Project JUFREX within the Continuous Training Program held a roundtable on: "Defamation and protection of reputation and safety of journalists".

The purpose of this Roundtable was capacity building of legal professionals and in particular judges and prosecutors in the implementation of international and European standards in the field of freedom of expression.

During this roundtable, the were addressed: Introduction to the right to freedom of expression and the three-step test; Defamation and protection of reputation (domestic legal framework and court cases); Defamation and protection of reputation (European Court of Human Rights standards); The role of the Press Council of Kosovo; Safety of journalists (domestic legal framework and court cases); Physical and legal security of journalists; Recording and documenting threats against journalists; ECHR standards for the safety of

journalists and their documentation on international platforms; implementation of international standards in practice; Presentation of Newsletters 1, 2 and 3 "Recent developments in the ECtHR regarding freedom of expression".

Detailed presentations on ECHR jurisprudence and various domestic court decisions elaborated by a combination of local and international experts stimulate discussions among all participants. SLAPP lawsuits were also discussed as well as argued with some specific case studies highlighting the application of international standards in the field of freedom of expression.

Beneficiaries of this training were 17 participants, of them 3 judges, 2 prosecutors, 5 professional associates and legal officers of the courts and prosecutor's offices, as well as 3 lawyers and 3 police officers from the region of Prizren and Gjakova.



Specialized Training Program - Extremism, radicalism and terrorism - Session II

On June 22-23, 2021, the Academy of Justice, within the Continuous Training Program (CTP), conducted a "Specialized Training Program on "Extremism, Radicalism and Terrorism" - Session II".

The purpose of this training was to advance professional knowledge of judges and prosecutors regarding prevention and fight against terrorism in accordance with the legislation in force and the meritorious resolution of cases in court. Judges and prosecutors were also informed about new bilateral agreements in this field, and novelties related to crimes and new forms of cooperation in general.

The training for two consecutive days focused on national and international legal framework covering investigations, international cooperation, the rights of defendants accused of terrorist offenses, as well as victims, namely victimization by terrorism.

Special attention has been paid to the investigating techniques and proving terrorism, freedoms and basic human rights endangered by repressive measures against terrorism, the strategic and institutional framework in the field of cooperation in criminal cases against terrorism, victims of terrorism and access to justice from the perspective of victims.

Other aspects were also addressed, such as juvenile perpetrators of criminal acts of extremism, radicalism and terrorism, the demonstration of investigating techniques and proving of terrorism, with special emphasis on freedoms and human rights, international cooperation and the protection of victims.

The participants had the opportunity to discuss cases from the local judicial practice, region and European practice, addressing important aspects, both material and procedural, which served for a clearer overview of the national and international legal framework against terrorism and the proper application of the law regarding the criminal sanctions against the perpetrators of criminal acts of terrorism.

The training methodology was based on interactive discussions of training participants and trainers.

Beneficiaries of this training were: 4 judges (1 from the Appeal and 3 from the basic level), 1 prosecutor from the basic level, 2 experts and 1 legal officer from the Special Prosecutor's Office, 3 officers from the Probation Service and 2 police officers from the Kosovo Police.



Roundtable discussion on judicial administrative matters

On 23 - 24 June 2022, the Academy of Justice within CTP organized a two-day roundtable discussion elaborating the current matters from the judicial practice of the administrative department of the Basic Court in Prishtina, Administrative Department of the Appellate Court and of the Supreme Court.



Panelists in this roundtable were: Mr. Enver Peci, President of the Supreme Court, Mr. Nebojsa Boricic and Mr. Ragip Namani, Judges of the Supreme Court, Ms. Luljeta Maxhuni and Mr. Ramush Bardiqi, Judges of the Basic Court in Prishtina – Administrative Department and Mr. Islam Sllamniku permanent trainer at AJ.

On the first day of the table, the dilemmas that have been presented in practice related to the review of the lawsuit and the possibility of avoiding them in the judicial practice of the administrative department of the Basic Court in Pristina were addressed; The procedure related to the proposal to postpone the execution of the administrative act and the examination of the dilemmas that have been presented in the judicial practice of the administrative department of the Court of Appeal, as well as the new acts and evidence in the administrative conflict.

On the second day, the issues that were presented in practice related to the binding nature of the judgment were addressed; Procedure according to regular legal means in the administrative conflict with the current practice of the Court of Appeal; Extraordinary legal remedies

in the current practice of the Supreme Court of Kosovo; and contentious issues in the administrative conflict procedure with comparative reviews in the region. Also, on the second day, the issue of implementing the provisions of the LKA and the need related to the harmonization of special material laws with the LKA and recommendations for supplementing and amending the provisions of the LKA were addressed.

The focus of this table was also the harmonization of judicial practice between these three judicial instances when deciding cases from the administrative justice field. At this table, participants also exchanged experiences among themselves regarding various current issues from judicial practice and dilemmas that have been presented in practice during the implementation of the provisions of the LKA.

Current issues related to administrative conflicts in judicial practice in this field as well as the proper implementation of procedures were also discussed. Also, participants had the opportunity to get familiarize with the current judicial practice of the Supreme Court of Kosovo and its principles as well as the unification of positions related to the implementation of the provisions of the LKA.

At this table, the raised issues and dilemmas were addressed through the trainers' explanation focusing on what has been presented in practice. Through explanations and after extensive discussions, recommendations were given regarding the raised issues.

Beneficiaries at this table were the 5 judges of the Department for Administrative Affairs of the Basic Court of Pristina as well as 6 professional associates, legal officers and court advisors from all levels.

Training: Application of the Code on Customs and Excise of Kosovo

On June 28, 2022, as part of the continuous program, the Academy of Justice conducted a training on: "Application of the Code on Customs and Excise of Kosovo".

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of judges and prosecutors about the Customs and Excise Code of Kosovo for the fair and meritorious resolution of cases in judicial practice.

The training was focused on the theoretical treatment of the KDAK defined by these laws as well as the IA. In the following, during this training as also discussed about the tariff codes and the mandatory customs documents for the correct assessment of the tariff code based on the accompanying documentation that must be attached to the Customs Declaration for placing the goods in free circulation.

During this training, participants had the opportunity to become familiar with the practice and attitudes of the court in relation to cases that the court handles and decides, including decisions on the assessment and codification of the goods as well as the determination of the property tax. They also

got acquainted with the institutions of implementing legislation in the customs and tax field in Kosovo, as well as the instruments and mechanisms of revenue collection for the Budget of Kosovo.

Special attention has also been paid to the methods of assessment of imported goods, methods of assessment of transport costs by analyzing the relevant Administrative Instruction and the definition of tariff codes. Also, legal provisions contained in the Customs and Excise Code of Kosovo and the accompanying administrative instructions for its implementation have been analyzed.

An important discussion has also taken place about handling the issue of temporary imports. Case studies from the practice of the local courts were discussed and commented on certain situations related cases presented to the Court.

Beneficiaries of this training were 5 participants, among them 1 judge, 1 prosecutor and 3 professional associates, mainly at the basic level of the courts.



Specialized Training Program - Fraud and Corruption in Public Procurement - Session II

On June 29-30, 2021, the Academy of Justice, as part of the Continuous Program (CTP), conducted a training on: "Fraud and Corruption in Public Procurement - Session II".

The purpose of this training was to advance the knowledge of judges and prosecutors about public procurement procedures and fraud and corruption schemes in this area produce proper and meritorious resolution of cases in court.

On the first day, the training focused on dealing with important aspects of public procurement, starting from procurement planning, procurement initiation, tender file, technical specifications, main principles and procedures of procurement and tender file, as well as the main functions of institutions in the field of procurement.

On the second day, the training focused on important aspects of fraud and corruption in public procurement, definition of fraud and corruption in public procurement, fraudulent and corruption schemes in the procurement

stages, analysis of the planning process, responsibilities of the evaluation committee, the selection of the contractor and the giving the awards, the process of complaints and responsibilities in the management of the contract, indicators of corruption and fraud related to public procurement, the plan for the investigation of criminal offenses of corruption in public procurement as well as disclosure of the conflict of interest .

The participants had the opportunity to discuss cases from judicial practice in the country, region and Europe, identifying as such the best practices in the investigation and resolution of the relevant cases.

Beneficiaries of this training were 5 judges, 2 prosecutors, 3 police officers, as well as 5 professional associates, mainly from the basic level of courts and prosecutor's offices.



Activities for other legal professionals

Trajnig: Application of Labor Law to Labor Disputes

On 23 June 2022, the Academy of Justice in cooperation with GIZ, as part of activities for other legal professionals, provided the training on Application of the Labor Law to Labor Disputes dedicated to free legal aid officers.

The training was intended to help free legal aid officers to advance their knowledge and increase their capacities to respond effectively to citizens' requests in cases of labor disputes and to improve their services in accordance with the Law on Free Legal Aid and the Law on Labor.

The training focused on the theoretical and practical treatment of the Labor Law, paying special attention to the legal basis in terms of contracts, their types, the causes of the termination of the employment relationship, as well as the procedures before the termination of

the employment contract by the employer. The training also discussed the protection of employee rights within employer bodies, employee defense before the court, and court decisions in cases consisting of illegal termination of the employment contract.

The training served as an opportunity for participants to discuss interactively with the trainers, exchange experiences, and address practical problems they face while working with labor disputes.

Beneficiaries of this training were 9 officials of the Agency for Free Legal Aid from all regions and 2 judges and 1 professional associate mainly from the level of basic courts.



Training: The ECHR case law and decisions

On June 24, 2022, the Academy of Justice, in cooperation with GIZ, as part of training for other legal professionals, conducted a training dedicated to free legal aid officers on: "ECHR case law and decisions"

The purpose of this training was for free legal aid officials to advance their knowledge and increase their capacities regarding the European Convention for the Protection of Freedoms and Human Rights, in order to respond effectively toward citizens' requests in cases of violations of their rights with an emphasis on the right to property.

The training was focused on the basic concepts on which the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms is

based, while special attention was paid to the protocol attached to this convention, namely Article 1 of this protocol, dealing with the protection of property. The participants had the opportunity to discuss practices and decisions of the ECtHR regarding the protection of property. Other issues such as respect for private and family life were also discussed (Article 8 of the Convention).

Beneficiaries of this training were 17 officials of the Free Legal Aid Agency from all regions, as well as 1 judge from the Basic Court in Gjilan.



Trainer Training Activities

Training of Trainers on reinforcing the fight against violence against women and domestic violence

On June 8-10, 2022, the Academy of Justice, in cooperation with the Council of Europe office in Pristina, the project "Reinforcing the Fight Against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence - Phase III", has carried out the Training of Trainers for professional associates on: "reinforcing the fight against violence against women and domestic violence".

The purpose of the training was to establish, in addition to judges and prosecutors, a certain group of professional collaborators, as potential trainers in the field of violence against women/domestic violence, who will assist the trainers from the ranks of judges and prosecutors in future trainings.

The entire training was developed on the basis of the manual for trainers, prepared in advance by experts Ariana Qosaj Mustafa and Eileen Skinneder.

During the training, local and international legal frameworks about domestic violence, the

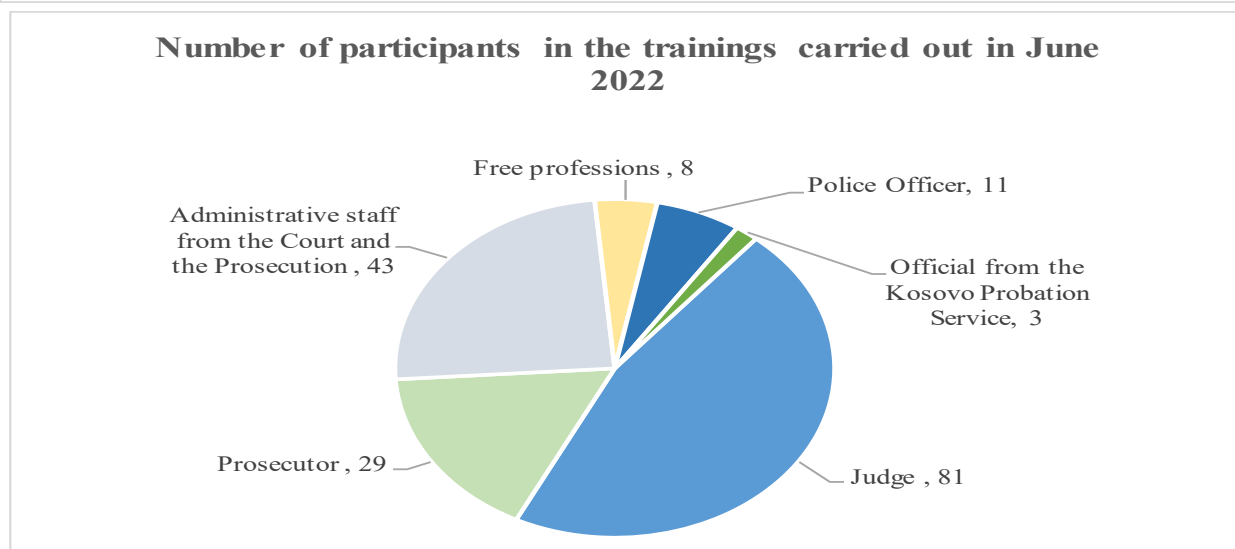
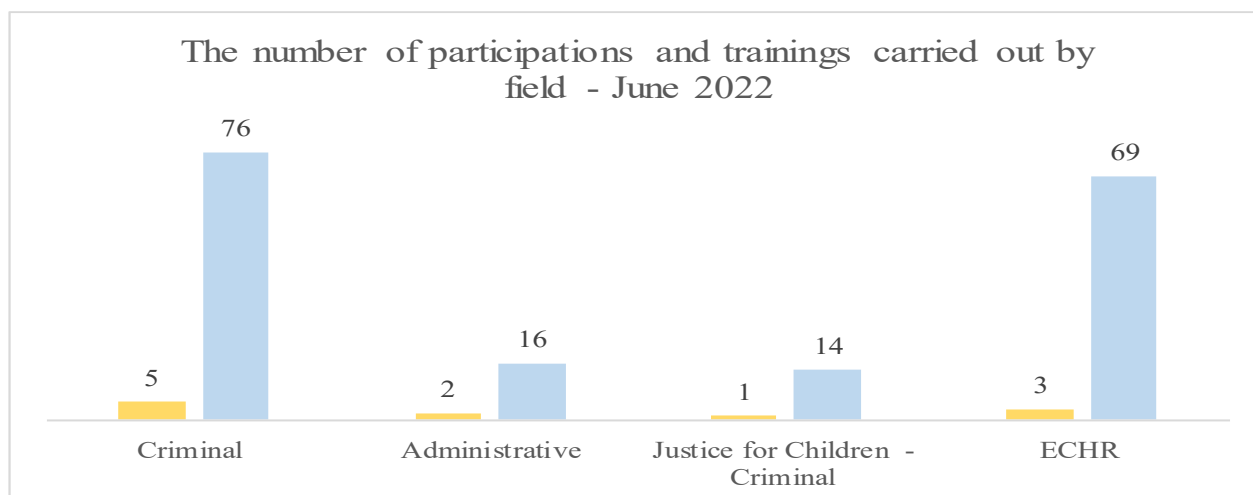
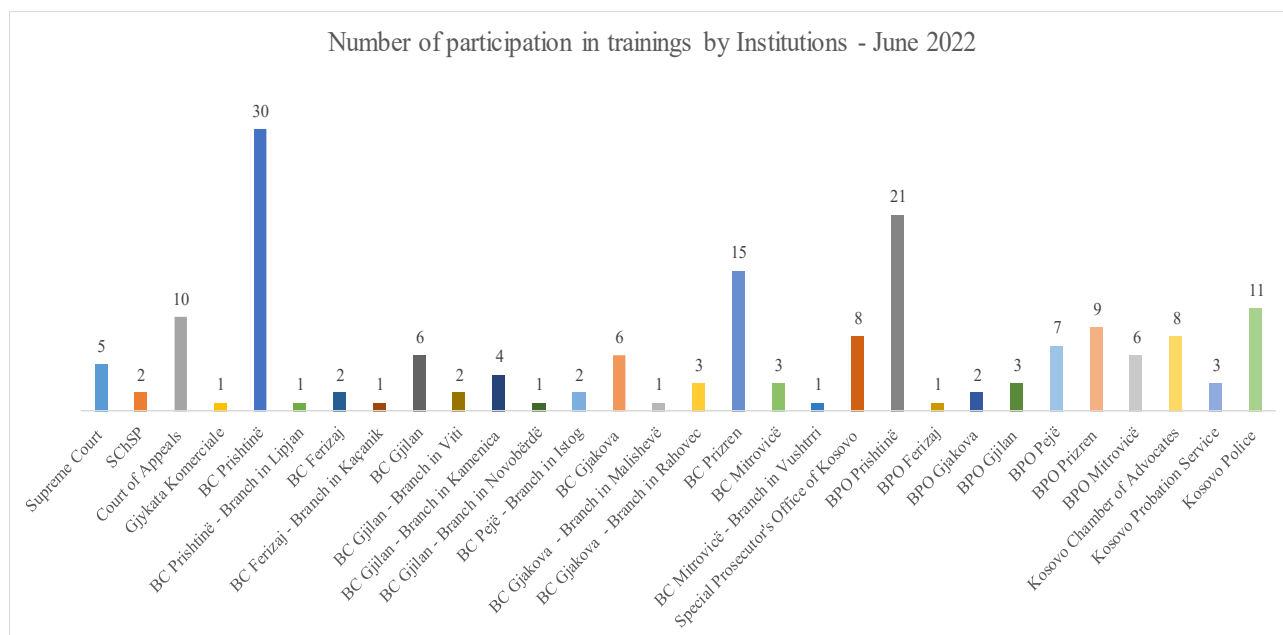
Istanbul Convention, different gender stereotypes, the meaning of the family as a whole, as well as important procedural aspects in the resolution of relevant cases were addressed.

The entire training was also developed with practical cases and simulation videos selected by 2 local trainers: Mr. Faton Ademi - Judge at the Court of Appeal and Mrs. Ariana Qosaj Mustafa – local expert enabling the provision of best practices in this field.

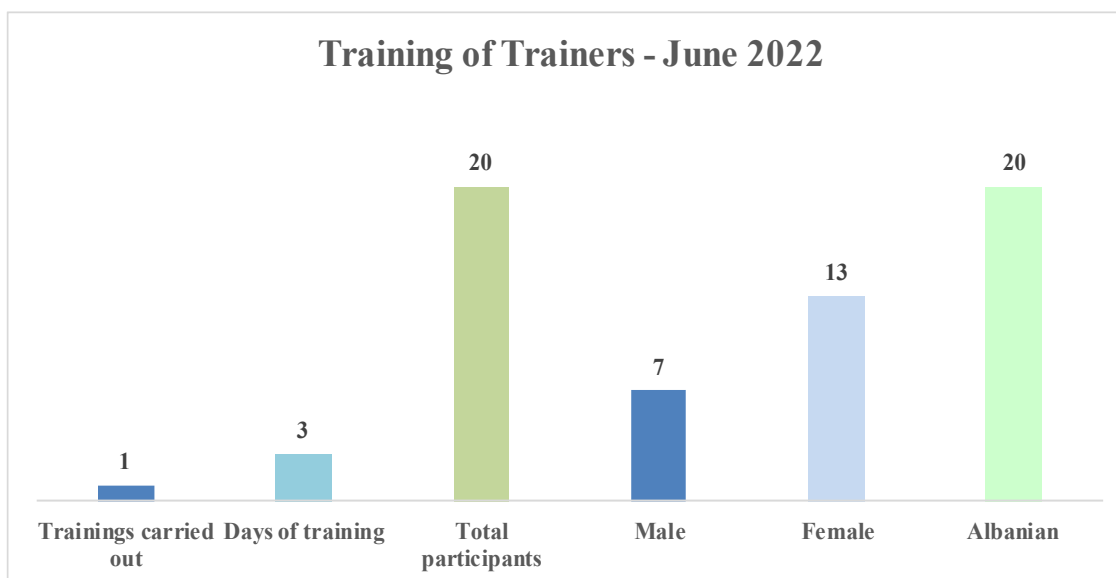
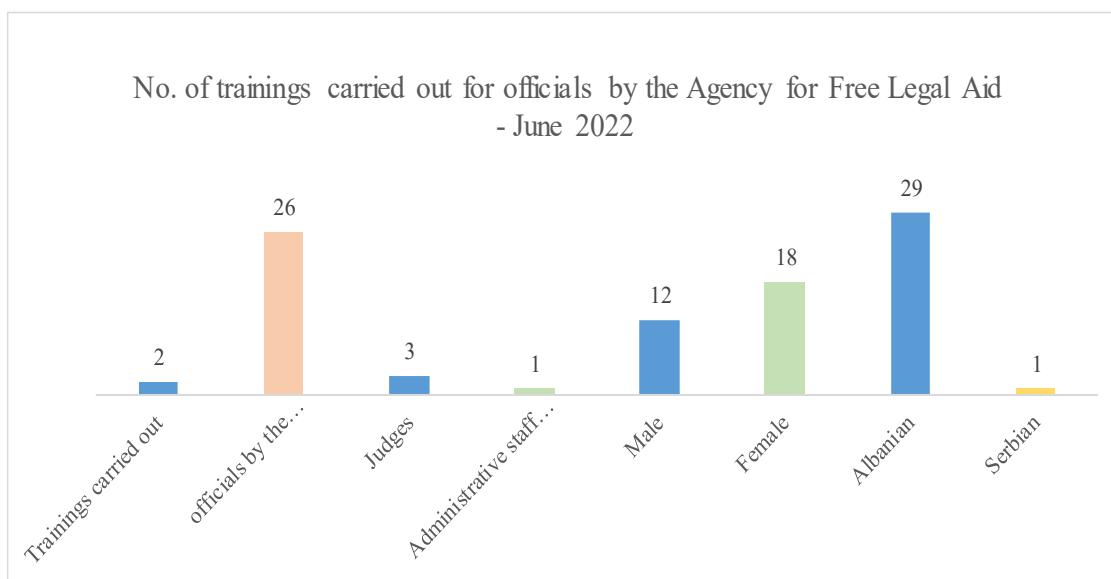
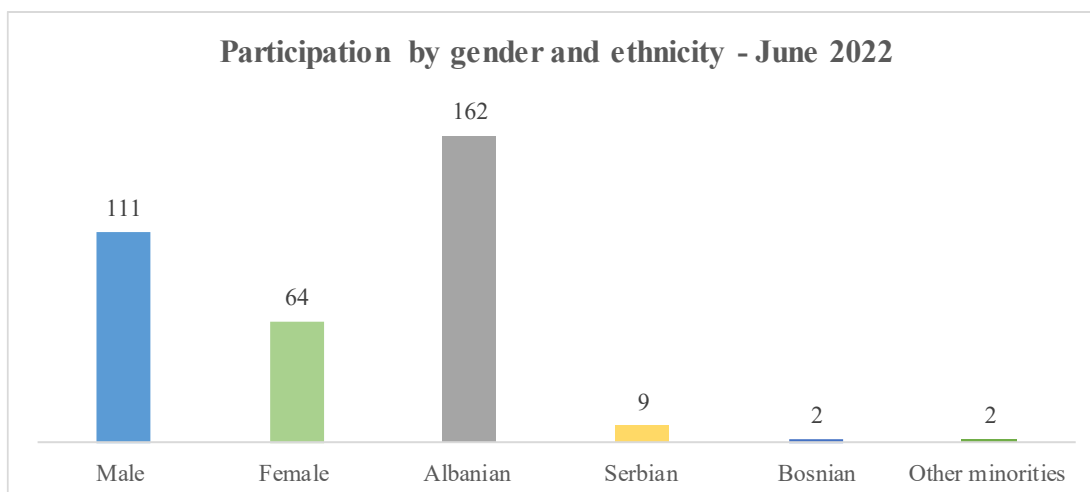
Beneficiaries of the training were 6 professional associates from the courts, mainly from the basic level, 8 professional associates and legal officers from the prosecutor's offices, which came from the ranks of the basic, Appellate and Special levels, 2 Victim Advocates and 1 Manager from the Office for Victim Protection, 2 police officers as well as 1 official from the Agency for Gender Equality.



Attendance at trainings on PTV presented through graphs



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