

Research and Publications Programme

5. Research and Publications Programme

The Academy of Justice, in addition to organizing training for judges, prosecutors, judicial and prosecutorial administrative staff and other professionals, also conducts analyses, research and publishing activities for the needs of the judicial and prosecutorial system.

During 2019, the Research and Publication Programme will focus on its components such as analyses, research, publications, and provision of access to legal resources through the Academy's library.

Purpose of RPP:

The program aims to develop the capacities of judges, prosecutors, and judicial and prosecutorial administrative staff by providing the necessary legal resources and conducting AJ training programmes through research activities.

5.1 Analyses and research

Analyses and research during 2019 will be focused towards the conducting of training programmes in line with the Euro-integration standards as well as for the needs of the judicial and prosecutorial system.

For the benefit of the conducting of training programmes, the following will be realized:

- Training needs assessment process through the effective implementation of AJ mechanisms, analysis of evaluation programmes of training sessions, questionnaires in courts and prosecution offices, with a focus on profile, training methodology, content and other organizational issues;
- Analysis of strategies, various reports of local and international institutions dealing with the monitoring of the justice system, regarding professional capacities in the judiciary;
- Research on practical problems that can be addressed both through training and through the creation and development of various legal resources;
- Research according to the needs of judges and state prosecutors;

5.2 Publishing activity - publications

An important component of this programme is the publishing activity that is oriented to various publications in the legal field, with emphasis on the work of the judiciary, to contribute to the professional development of judges, state prosecutors, administrative staff of courts and prosecution offices, and other legal professionals.

In the publications of the Academy, experts from different fields of law will be engaged to provide their expertise in magazines, training modules, and other legal materials through which they will influence the enrichment of legal culture with practical and theoretical knowledge.

Publications of the Academy aim to be a source of information especially with case law and innovations in legislation and in general in the field of justice as well as source of information for the training activities of the Academy.

The Academy of Justice, during 2019, will publish the magazine “Opinio Juris”, which will continue to promote the legal community in publishing research results, especially of judges and state prosecutors, the magazine “Justicia”, which summarizes the work of newly appointed judges and prosecutors who attend trainings in the Initial Training Programme as well as various initial training modules, ongoing trainings, trainings for judicial and prosecutorial administrative staff, work programmes and other information reports.

The Academy of Justice will also implement the publication of a Guideline on the implementation of amendments to the Criminal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code of the Republic of Kosovo in order to facilitate the implementation of the amended legal provisions.

In addition, the “Court of Appeals Practice focusing on cases returned to review” will be published, as well as other publications of this nature based on the requirements and needs of the judiciary.

5.3 Library

- Providing legal resources to judges, state prosecutors and other legal professionals will be done through library activities which will continue to enrich and manage its collections during 2019 as well.
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- In the framework of library activities, the following will be included too:
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 - Cataloguing and classifying new legal materials;
 - Scanning physical books and publishing them in the electronic library to provide more detailed information about their content;
 - Providing access to several legal databases by July 2018 as well as continuing membership in the Association of Electronic Libraries;
 - Providing new legal materials for the beneficiaries of the Academy;

