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Activities from the Continuous Legal Education Program (CLEP)

A7– Criminal EU Law in Practice—Introduction and Focus on Criminal Law KJI/Twinning Project (EU LER)

From 18 until July 22, 2011, KJI in cooperation with the Twinning Program -Reforming Legal Education System in Kosovo, has conducted a five-day training on the topic European Law in Practice - Introduction and Focus on Criminal Law .

The purpose of this training was to deepen the knowledge about the organizational structure of the European Union and European Union law such as: regulations, directives and decisions which are binding between the judicial and police authorities of the Member States.

Issues that were discussed during this training session mainly dealt with: the relationship between EU law and European Convention on Human Rights; supremacy of European law over national law, fundamental freedoms in practice, regulations and EU guidelines, the European Union Court, composition, duties and powers of the court, proceedings before the Court of the European Union preliminary ruling: how it works and it functions; introduction to mechanisms of European Union Law in the criminal law and existing decisions.

On focus of this training were also the specialized fields of the European Union Law in criminal law: combating organized crime, trafficking in human beings, weapons and drugs, crimes across the border police cooperation.

Also practical cases were discussed regarding these issues:

- Limitation of the principle of a fair trial,
- The European Convention on Human Rights,
- The supremacy of European law over national law;
- Fundamental freedoms in practice;
- The preliminary decision, how to formulate a question before the EU Court;
- European Arrest Warrant

There was an active conversation through practical examples improvised by the participants regarding the above-mentioned topics.

The beneficiaries of this training were judges and prosecutors from all regions of Kosovo.

At the end of the training participants were given certificates of participation.

Activities from the Initial Legal Education Program (ILEP)

ILEP III Trainings

The third generation of candidates of the Initial Legal Education Program has completed the second phase of training during the month of June, while trainings for the third phase which started in March have continued during July and August according to the schedule.

In this period the candidates attended the practical trainings of the third phase, under the supervision of a mentor judge or prosecutor, according to the program defined by KJI in coordination with the Mentors Coordinators.

These trainings were attended by 32 candidates.



ILEP IV Trainings



The training in first and third stage of ILEP IV continued even during July and August according to the schedule and the training program.

Candidates attended intensive training (6 days a week), where three days were in training at KJI, while 3 other days in courts depending on the profile respectively prosecution offices to attend practical training.



Trainings were attended by 56 candidates.

ILEP IV candidates during this period have started the preparations in selecting the topics and working groups and other technical issues for the drafting of the fourth number of the magazine "Justicia" which is a legal (judicial) magazine which contains the work of the ILEP candidates.

Trainings with the NITA Program



During this training were addressed topics such as:

Direct Examination, Cross Examination, Impeachment, Re-direct Examination, Rehabilitation, Opening Statement and Closing Argument.

The work in groups was organized and afterwards candidates had the opportunity to practice these techniques that were presented previously by the trainers.

At the end of the training, a simulation of a trial was organized by ILEP III candidates, based on the techniques presented during this training.

In order to apply the modern techniques of trial advocacy skills of the ILEP third generation of candidates for judges and prosecutors, with the support of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the U.S. Embassy in Kosovo, a 4 day training was organized on which certified trainers from the NITA (National Institute for Trial Advocacy) on the Trial Advocacy Skills, presented to the candidates the new techniques and manners of examination during the procedure.



Training on Domestic Violence



As part of the UN Woman project "Women in building peace and security in Western Balkans", which aims to support the KJI in realizing the objectives set for the training program on gender issues, on August 26, 2011 was conducted the training on "Domestic Violence".

The candidates of third generation of the Initial Legal Education Program of KJI attended this training.

The objectives of this workshop were:

- The definition of Domestic Violence

- Introduction with the forms of expression of Domestic Violence,
- Law structure for Protection against Domestic Violence
- Judicial Proceedings regarding Domestic Violence cases,
- And preparation of practical cases by the candidates on domestic violence cases

This training is regarded as extremely important for candidates to strengthen their knowledge in this field, especially at the stage where they are now, when they expect to complete the interview and appointment procedures in the function of the judge or prosecutor.



TRAINING PROGRAM : 11- 16 July 2011 Republic of Turkey (Ankara/Istanbul)



From July 11 to July 16, 2011, in cooperation with the Justice Academy of the Republic of Turkey and the financial support of TİKA, a special training program for candidates of the third generation of the Initial Legal Education Program of the Kosovo Judicial Institute was organized.

This program included various training topics and study visits and was conducted in Ankara and Istanbul.

This training addressed topics such as: judicial ethics, stress management, the right to a fair trial, reflection of the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights in domestic law, the execution of criminal sanctions and techniques of interrogation (examination).

During the visits to the various institutions, information on the judicial system of the Republic of Turkey were gathered, for the electronic system of justice management, visits were made to the Constitutional Court, the Criminal Gendarmerie Department and to the Forensics Institute.



The experience gained by the candidates for judges and prosecutors will be a significant benefit in their professional capacity building, prior to their appointment to the position of a judge or prosecutor.

This is the second time to organize similar programs for the candidates for future judges and prosecutors of the Republic of Kosovo. A similar program was organized last year for the candidates of the second generation of ILEP.

The managing staff of the Kosovo Judicial Institute also attended these trainings and the study-visit.



Internship program—students from the Law Faculty of the University of Prishtina KJI/Law Faculty of UP



KJI in cooperation with the Center for Career Services of the Law Faculty, supported by ABA / ROOLI, so far has provided the opportunity for practical work for 6 students from the Faculty of Law at the University of Pristina in the institutions of the Republic of Kosovo.

The project goal is to provide the students with practical knowledge within the KJI programs. Beneficiaries of this program are third year students of bachelor level or fourth year students with the four year system.

The project started to be implemented in November of 2010 and is ongoing. Students who attended the practice have been divided into three groups of two students. The first group of students started practice on November 1, 2010 and ended it on February 28, 2011. The second group started on March 1 to May 1, 2011. The third group of students will end the practice in September of 2011, while the fourth group will begin practice on October 1, 2011.

Trainees who attended the practice in the Kosovo Judicial Institute provided administrative support for the Initial Legal Education Program (ILEP) and to the Training Program for Promotion (TPP). Besides the administrative support interns offered support for:

- Heads of programs of KJI in coordinating the work for the realization of the programs.
- Following the progress of the training, the implementation of the agenda, calendar and the training schedule;
- Recording and Reporting on daily, weekly and monthly basis regarding the observation of the training schedule by the candidates and ILEP trainers;
- Other duties as assigned by the Head of Program and the Program Coordinator of KJI.

During the internship the students had the opportunity to be notified with the activities and the functions of KJI as well as to participate in trainings from different fields within the three programs which are conducted by the Kosovo Judicial Institute.

After the completion of the internship period of three months, the interns were provided with a certificate for the successful completion of the internship program at KJI.

