

NEWSLETTER DIRECTORATE OF FREE LEGAL AID

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STUDY VISIT OF MS. IRENE NOVOTNY, PROGRAM MANAGER AT THE AUSTRIAN DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, TO THE FREE LEGAL AID SERVICE CENTER IN ELBASAN.



Study visit to the Primary Legal Aid Service Center in Elbasan by Mr. Francisco Roquette, representative of UNDP Albania, representatives of ADA, the Directorate of Free Legal Aid, and Mr. Kreshnik Ajazi, Head of the Elbasan Prosecutor's Office- the institution where the Elbasan Primary Legal Aid Service Center is located.

INFORMATIVE MEETINGS IN KAMËZ AND VORË ON FREE LEGAL AID IN SMALL MUNICIPALITIES.

The Directorate of Free Legal Aid, in cooperation with the OSCE Presence in Albania, held today informative meetings in the Municipalities of Kamëz and Vorë, aiming to raise awareness about the right to free legal aid. The focus of these meetings was to establish bridges of cooperation between the Directorate and small municipalities, in order to ensure equal access to justice for every citizen.

TRAINING FOR FOUR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING FUNDING FROM THE STATE BUDGET.







The Directorate of Free Legal Aid conducted a training session with representatives of non-profit organizations that receive funding from the state budget to provide primary legal aid services.

THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BETWEEN THE DIRECTORATE OF FREE LEGAL AID AND THE GENDER ALLIANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT CENTER.

The agreement signed between the Directorate of Free Legal Aid and the Gender Alliance for Development Center establishes cooperation in the provision of free legal aid services, with the aim of taking measures to enhance access to justice for vulnerable groups, with a particular focus on the protection of labor rights.





THREE-MONTH INTERNSHIPS HAVE STARTED AT THE DIRECTORATE OF FREE LEGAL AID.

The Directorate of Free Legal Aid welcomed its new interns for a valuable three-month experience, during which they will have the opportunity to deepen their legal knowledge and contribute to ensuring access to justice for all citizens.

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The Free Legal Aid Center Përmet and the Free Legal Aid Center Gjirokastër, on April 2, 2025, organized an informative event on Law No. 111/2017 "On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid," in the framework of World Autism Awareness Day.

The Free Legal Aid Center Përmet and the Free Legal Aid Center Gjirokastër, on April 8, 2025, organized a Street Law activity in the framework of International Roma Day, focusing on raising awareness among the Roma community about free legal aid services.





The Free Legal Aid Center in Përmet was featured in a report by RTSH Gjirokastra. The report highlighted the importance of free legal aid services, the categories of beneficiaries, and the cases handled by the Përmet Center.

The Free Legal Aid Center Përmet, on April 29, 2025, organized an informative activity aimed at raising citizens' awareness of their right to receive state-guaranteed free legal aid. The activity also focused on mediation as an alternative method of conflict resolution.





The Free Legal Aid Center in Fier participated in the event organized by the Municipality of Roskovec on the occasion of April 8 – International Roma Day, where it presented its services and promoted equal access to legal aid. **The Free Legal Aid Center in Fier** participated in the

consultative roundtable organized by IRCA and the Municipality of Fier with local stakeholders, in the framework of April 8 – International Roma Day. The discussion focused on the importance of inclusion and equal access of the Roma community to employment, education, and entrepreneurship.





The Free Legal Aid Center in Fier, on April 10, 2025, held an informative session at the PAK Community Center in Roskovec, where it presented free legal aid services and engaged in discussions with parents and institutional representatives on relevant legal issues.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Fier, on April 11, 2025. held informative Frakull an meeting in the Administrative Unit, in cooperation with the Commissioner for the Protection from Discrimination (CPD), where it presented free legal aid services and addressed concerns raised by citizens.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Fier, on April 25, 2025, participated in the training organized by the Vatra Center on the rehabilitation of perpetrators of violence and the prevention of gender-based violence, within the framework of the project "Ending Violence Against Women in Albania."

The Free Legal Aid Center in Durrës, on April 11, 2025, held a meeting in the framework of April 8 – International Roma Day with members of the Roma community at the "Nishtulla" Multifunctional Community Center.









The Free Legal Aid Center in Vlorë, on April 8, 2025, participated in the event organized by the Regional Office of the People's Advocate in Vlorë, in the framework of International Roma Day. The discussion focused on the needs and achievements in serving the Roma community, as well as the importance of inter-institutional cooperation in enhancing access to legal aid.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Vlorë, on April 8, 2025, participated in the event "Linking Education and Employment for Social Inclusion," organized by the Municipality of Vlorë in the framework of International Roma Day. The event focused on the educational integration and employment of the Roma and Egyptian communities and emphasized inter-institutional cooperation in the provision of social and legal services.











The Free Legal Aid Center in Vlorë, on April 11, 2025, was invited to the training organized by the "Vatra" Center on the rehabilitation of perpetrators of violence and the prevention of gender-based violence.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Vlorë, on April 15, 2025, took part in the series of meetings titled "With the Law as Protection," aimed at promoting secondary legal aid services.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Vlorë was visited on April 28, 2025, by UNDP representative Ms. Randi Davis.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Korçë, on April 8, 2025, participated in the event organized by the Directorate of Social Care at the "Asdreni" 9-Year School, where Law No. 111/2017 "On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid" was presented, in the framework of International Roma Day.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Korçë, on April 11, 2025, participated in the meeting organized by the Municipality of Korçë and UN Women, where the Local Action Plan for Gender Equality was discussed.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Korçë, on April 15, 2025, in cooperation with the Commissioner for the Protection from Discrimination (CPD), held an informative meeting with vulnerable groups, where Law No. 111/2017 and the state-guaranteed free legal aid services were presented.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Korçë, on April 16, 2025, held an informative meeting in the city of Maliq with vulnerable groups, focusing on the provision of free legal aid.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Korçë, on April 29, 2025, participated in the roundtable organized by ADRF with local institutions, where discussions focused on access to justice and equality before the law for persons with disabilities.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Korçë, on April 29, 2025, conducted an interview aimed at informing citizens about free legal aid. The interview was carried out in cooperation with Radio Emanuel.







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The Free Legal Aid Center in Gjirokastër, on April 10, 2025, conducted an interview regarding Law No. 111/2017 "On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid," which was broadcast by Euronews, 6 Plus 1 Vlora, and the national television channel Top Channel.

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The Free Legal Aid Center in Gjirokastër, on April 11, 2025, participated in the roundtable organized by SHDPAK, ANAD, and Down Syndrome Albania in Gjirokastër, where discussions focused on access to justice and equality before the law for persons with disabilities, as well as the role of the Directorate of Free Legal Aid in supporting them.





The staff member of **the Free Legal Aid Center in Mat**, on April 22, 2025, gave an interview about free legal aid for the local television station MAT-TV.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Mat, on April 9, 2025, participated in the meeting of the Intersectoral Technical Group at the Mat Municipality, where cases of domestic violence were discussed and the role of the Free Legal Aid Center in Mat in assisting such cases was highlighted.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Mat, on April 15, 2025, held an activity at the "Mustafa Gjestila" school focused on presenting free legal aid services to minors.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Mat, on April 22, 2025, participated in the meeting of the Intersectoral Technical Group at the Mat Municipality, where cases of domestic violence were addressed and victims were informed about the legal services provided by the Free Legal Aid Center, in the framework of the Coordinated Referral Mechanism and the Law on Measures Against Domestic Violence.





The Free Legal Aid Center in Tirana, on April 15, 2025, took part in the activity "Access to Justice and Equality Before the Law for Persons with Disabilities," attended by representatives of state institutions, lawyers, experts, and organizations representing persons with disabilities. The event focused on discussing challenges and presenting recommendations for improving legal conditions and access to justice for this group.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Tirana, on April 16, 2025, organized a Street Law activity aimed at raising public awareness about free legal aid.



The Free Legal Aid Center in Tirana, on April 23, 2024, held a meeting with representatives and activists of the Roma community at the "Gonxhe Bojaxhi" Center.

The staff member of the **Free Legal Aid Center in Tirana** took part in the meetings held at the Municipalities of Kamëz and Vorë, together with the Directorate of Free Legal Aid and the OSCE Presence in Albania.





The Free Legal Aid Center in Tropojë, upon the invitation of the association "Integrimi," participated in a meeting where the main topic of discussion was women's rights. The Center presented Law No. 111/2017 "On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid" to the participants and invited every woman with insufficient income or belonging to special categories to approach the Free Legal Aid Center in Tropojë in case of need for free legal assistance.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Kurbin, in the framework of April 8 – International Roma Day, held an awareness-raising meeting with members of the Roma community at the premises of the Primary Legal Aid Service Center in Kurbin. During the meeting, legal issues faced by the community were discussed, along with possible solutions.





The Free Legal Aid Center in Shkodër, in the framework of International Roma Day, held a meeting with several members of the Roma community. The aim of the meeting was to inform individuals about free legal aid and the ways to benefit from it.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Shkodër was invited to the event organized by ADRF regarding access to justice for individuals from special categories. During the event, the contribution of the Directorate of Free Legal Aid in providing free access to justice was acknowledged and appreciated.





The Free Legal Aid Center in Lushnje, on April 8, in the framework of International Roma Day, participated in the Local Conference "With the Roma, for the Roma," where discussions focused on the empowerment of the Roma and Egyptian communities, the promotion of good governance, and the prevention of abuse. The Center also offered free legal aid for any legal issues faced by members of these communities.

The Free Legal Aid Center in Lushnje, on April 25, 2025, participated in an activity on violence against women in the digital space, emphasizing the effective management of cases and the protection of personal data.

