

# **NEWSLETTER** DIRECTORATE OF FREE LEGAL AID

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# INHIERVIEW FOR THE PROGRAM "ASK THE LAWYER"



The Director of the Directorate for Policy Implementation and Administration of Primary Legal Aid, Ms. Patricia Pogaçe, together with several specialists from the Directorate of Free Legal Aid, shared information and answered questions regarding Free Legal Aid during the program "Ask the Lawyer."

# INMERVIEW WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE SUPERVISION OF STANDARDS AND ADMINISTRATION OF SECONDARY LECAL AID

Ms. Klejda Poçi, Director of the Directorate for the Supervision and Administration of Secondary Legal Aid, gave an interview to RTSH Kukës. During the interview, Ms. Poçi emphasized the importance of free legal services.



EVALUATION ROUNDTABLE ON THE PROJECT "IMPROVED LEGAL AID SERVICES"



An evaluation roundtable was held for the new project "Improved Legal Aid Services (EQUALS)", which will be implemented by UNDP Albania and the Ministry of Justice / Directorate of Free Legal Aid, with the support of the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC).

# INTERINSTITUTIONAL ROUNDTABLE

An interinstitutional roundtable was held in Durrës, in cooperation with the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction of Durrës and the Free Legal Aid Service Centers of Kavajë and Durrës, with the participation of representatives from local-level institutions, civil society organizations, lawyers, and mediators.



# SUPPORTING CITIZZENS<sup>®</sup> ACCESS TO JUSTICE THROUGH MEDIATION IN AUBANIA



The Director of the Directorate for the Supervision of Standards and Administration of Secondary Legal Aid participated in the meeting organized within the framework of the project "Supporting Citizens' Access to Justice through Mediation in Albania."

AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAMZA AND THE DIRECTORATE OF FREE LEGAL AD

The activities carried out in cooperation with the OSCE were finalized with the signing of a cooperation agreement between the Directorate of Free Legal Aid and the Municipality of Kamza.





#### MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION "SOCIAL JUSTICE"

The Directorate of Free Legal Aid held a meeting with representatives of the organization "Social Justice." During the meeting, existing challenges were discussed, along with ways to improve the provision of free legal aid for citizens in need.

# PRESENTATION OF STUDENT PROJECTS ON FREE LEGAL AID FROM "EPOKA" UNIVERSITY

The Directorate of Free Legal Aid was invited to "Epoka" University for the presentation of the projects prepared by law students who completed their internship at the Directorate of Free Legal Aid and the Primary Legal Aid Service Centers.





# MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF UNHER AUBANIA

The Directorate of Free Legal Aid held a meeting with representatives of UNHCR Albania within the framework of the EU4Migration project.

## MEETING IN THE FRAMEWORK OF STRENGTHENING ALBANIA-KOSOVO GOOPERATION

The Director of the Directorate for the Supervision and Administration of Secondary Legal Aid, Ms. Klejda Poçi, conducted an official visit to the Free Legal Aid Agency in Kosovo, where she was received by Mr. Faton Jashari, Executive Director of the Free Legal Aid Agency.



#### **ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE PRIMARY LEGAL AID SERVICE CENTERS**



**The Free Legal Aid Center Elbasan** organized an informational activity on free legal aid in the framework of June 1st – International Children's Day.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Elbasan** organized a Street Law activity in the framework of June 19th – the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict. The activity aimed to inform citizens about Law No. 111/2017 "On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid."

**The Free Legal Aid Center Elbasan** organized a Street Law activity on June 26, 2025, in the framework of the Balkan Egyptians' Day.



**The Free Legal Aid Center Elbasan**, as part of its activities in small municipalities, held a meeting with representatives of the Municipality of Gramsh regarding Law No. 111/2017 "On Legal Aid Guaranteed by the State."





**The Free Legal Aid Center Dibër,** on June 23, 2025, organized a Street Law activity in the city of Peshkopi in the framework of Balkan Egyptians' Day.

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**The Free Legal Aid Center Mat,** on June 1, 2025, participated in an activity held with the presence of minors and their family members. During the event, attendees were informed about the free legal aid services.





**The Free Legal Aid Center Mat,** on June 19, 2025, held a meeting focused on presenting free legal aid services to minors at the Evangelical Church, Mat branch.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Mat**, on June 23, 2025, participated in the meeting of the Intersectoral Technical Group at the Municipality of Mat, where discussions focused on domestic violence.



**The Free Legal Aid Center Mat**, on June 24, 2025, in the framework of Balkan Egyptians' Day, organized a Street Law activity to inform members of this community about the free legal aid services.

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**The Free Legal Aid Center Lushnje**, on June 18, 2025, held a meeting in the framework of supporting victims of trafficking. The activity consisted of distributing informational leaflets.



The Free Legal Aid Center Lushnje, on June 13, 2025, participated in a meeting organized by the Social Services Department of the Municipality of Lushnje, under the theme "Integrated Social Services for the Sustainable Social and Economic Development of Vulnerable Communities."









**The Free Legal Aid Center Lushnje,** on June 23, 2025, in the framework of Balkan Egyptians' Day, held a promotional meeting on free legal aid with members of this community.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Lushnje**, on June 26, 2025, organized an informational activity in the framework of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Lushnje** participated in a meeting organized by the Municipality of Lushnje and the Center "Leave No One Behind," where discussions focused on interinstitutional cooperation.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Korçë,** in the framework of International Children's Day, organized an informational activity focused on providing information about legal aid and children's rights.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Korçë,** in cooperation with the Emanuel Mission, organized an activity at the day center for children in the framework of the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Korçë** held a meeting on June 10, 2025, with the UNHCR representative in the city of Korçë, Mr. Astrit Brasha, where discussions focused on the provision of free legal aid services.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Korçë,** on June 13, 2025, organized a Street Law activity to inform citizens about Law No. 111/2017 "On Legal Aid Guaranteed by the State."

**The Free Legal Aid Center Korçë** participated in the "Massive Outdoor Event," organized in the framework of the project "Perspectives that Enable Youth Employment – YEEP II."

**The Free Legal Aid Center Korçë,** in the framework of Balkan Egyptians' Day, organized a Street Law activity to inform citizens about primary and secondary legal aid.









**The Free Legal Aid Center Korçë**, on June 24, 2025, in the framework of Balkan Egyptians' Day, participated in a meeting organized by the Municipality of Korçë with representatives of local institutions and the Egyptian community.





**The Free Legal Aid Center Durrës** organized an activity on June 3, 2025, in the framework of the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Durrës,** on June 25, 2025, in the framework of promoting Free Legal Aid and raising citizens' awareness, organized an activity at the premises of the Social Services Department, facilitating the establishment of cooperation for the referral of cases.

The Free Legal Aid Center Durrës and the Free Legal Aid Center Kavajë, on June 27, 2025, held a meeting with the Head of the Administrative Unit of Manëz, where the promotion of free legal aid was discussed.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Durrës and the Free Legal Aid Center Kavajë,** on June 27, 2025, organized a Street Law activity in the framework of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Kavajë** was invited to the Intersectoral Technical Group (ITG) meeting organized by the Kavajë Social Services, aimed at strengthening interinstitutional cooperation and discussing specific cases.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Fier** held a meeting with the Child Protection Unit at the Municipality of Fier, in the framework of the "International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression" – a day of reflection, but also a call to action.







**The Free Legal Aid Center Fier** participated in an activity organized by FSHDPAK in cooperation with UN Women, focused on the protection of women's rights.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Fier,** in the framework of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, organized an informational meeting

with the elderly at the premises of the Roskovec Social Community Center. The aim of the activity was to raise awareness about the rights of the elderly, the forms of abuse they may experience, and the opportunities offered by Free Legal Aid to protect those rights.



**The Free Legal Aid Center Fier** held a meeting at the Regional Directorate of Public Vocational Training in Fier, in the framework of the "International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict."

**The Free Legal Aid Center Fier,** in the framework of the Egyptian Community Day, organized an informational meeting with the participation of the representative of the Council of Europe, the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination, and a representative of the Roma community who also serves as a supporter of the Egyptian community.



The Free Legal Aid Center Fier, on June 27, 2025, held an informational meeting at the Administrative Unit of Portëz, in the framework of its mission to inform and raise citizens' awareness about their legal rights, and in implementation of Law No. 111/2017 "On Legal Aid Guaranteed by the State."

**The Free Legal Aid Center Fier,** on June 27, 2025, held a meeting at the Municipality of Patos with the Directorate of Social Services, in the framework of strengthening interinstitutional cooperation and improving referral mechanisms for cases in need of free legal aid.



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**The Free Legal Aid Center Tropojë** held a meeting on June 11, 2025, with the Administrator of the Fierzë Administrative Unit, Mr. Shkëlqim Dushaj, local institution specialists, and citizens, where discussions focused on Law No. 111/2017 "On Legal Aid Guaranteed by the State."

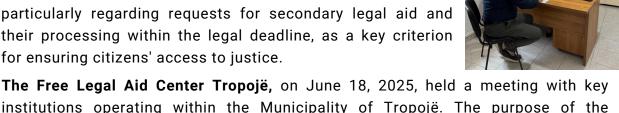
**The Free Legal Aid Center Tropojë,** in the framework of the cooperation between the Directorate of Free Legal Aid in Albania and the Free Legal Aid Agency in Kosovo, held a meeting at the Regional Legal Aid Office in Gjakova.





The Free Legal Aid Center Tropojë, in the framework of the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression, organized a meeting with Social Services staff at the Municipality of Tropojë.

The Free Legal Aid Center Tropojë, on June 13, 2025, held a meeting with the Chancellor of the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction in Kukës. During the meeting, the importance of interinstitutional cooperation was discussed, particularly regarding requests for secondary legal aid and their processing within the legal deadline, as a key criterion for ensuring citizens' access to justice.





institutions operating within the Municipality of Tropojë. The purpose of the meeting was to strengthen interinstitutional cooperation with a focus on ensuring access to justice for all beneficiaries of free legal aid.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Vlorë** held a meeting with the Head of the Regional Directorate of the Social Insurance Institute in Vlorë, focusing on the recognition of pensions for Albanian citizens who have worked and contributed in Italy.





**The Free Legal Aid Center Vlorë,** in the framework of the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression, organized an activity with children from families engaged with the Support Services Center, part of the Social Services Directorate in Vlorë.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Vlorë** participated in the Forum organized by the Resource Center for Civil Society / ACPD, in cooperation with the Center for Openness and Dialogue – COD and the Vlora Youth Center.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Vlorë,** on June 23, 2025, participated in the signing ceremony of the European Charter for Equality of Women and Men in Local Life.



**The Free Legal Aid Center Vlorë,** on June 24, 2025, participated in a meeting on the occasion of the International Day of Balkan Egyptians, upon the invitation of the Regional Office of the People's Advocate in Vlorë, in the presence of the Expert on National Minority Issues, Ms. Eralda Çani, and the Advisor to the Vlora Municipality Cabinet on Minority Affairs, Mr. Azem Haliti.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Vlorë,** on June 26, 2025, held a meeting at the Municipality of Himarë as part of its promotional activities on Free Legal Aid in small municipalities.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Shkodër** organized a Street Law activity in the framework of International Children's Day.







**The Free Legal Aid Center Shkodër** held an informational meeting on access to primary and secondary legal aid with representatives of the NGO "Social Justice."

**The Free Legal Aid Center Shkodër** held an informational meeting with the representative of the regional local office of the People's Advocate, Ms. Abeta Bajraktari, and the representative of the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination, Mr. Dejan Cullafiq.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Shkodër,** on June 17, 2025, participated in the Interinstitutional Technical Roundtable as part of the implementation of the project: "Proud to Have Rights: Promoting Equality, Social Inclusion, and Non-Discrimination of Women and LGBTIQ+ Persons in Albania."

**The Free Legal Aid Center Shkodër,** in the framework of Balkan Egyptians' Day, organized a meeting with representatives of this community.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Kurbin** held a meeting with the representative of persons with disabilities in the city of Kurbin, Mr. Pjetër Llesh Zima, where the importance of free legal aid for this specific category was discussed.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Kurbin**, on June 20, 2025, organized an informational meeting on free legal aid in the framework of Balkan Egyptians' Day.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Kurbin,** on June 23, 2025, held an informational meeting with a group of young people in the framework of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

The Free Legal Aid Center Lezhë was invited to the workshop organized by the Directorate of Social Services and Care, in cooperation with the "Edlira Haxhiymeri Shelter" Center, focusing on "The Intersectoral Approach and the Improvement of Case Management in Domestic Violence."

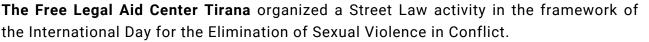
**The Free Legal Aid Center Lezhë,** on June 24, 2025, in the framework of Balkan Egyptians' Day, organized a Street Law activity in the area where this community is settled.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Lezhë,** on June 26, 2025, in the framework of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, participated in a meeting organized by the Local Health Care Unit (NJVKSH) aimed at informing minors.



**The Free Legal Aid Center Pogradec,** on June 19, 2025, organized a meeting with representatives of the Social Services Department of the Municipality of Pogradec, in the framework of the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Pogradec,** in the framework of Balkan Egyptians' Day, participated in the activity organized by the Directorate of Social Services, Sector for Social Inclusion, Gender Equality, and Child Protection, which brought together representatives of local and central institutions.











**The Free Legal Aid Center Tirana,** on June 4, 2025, participated in a discussion roundtable with the participation of civil society representatives, psychologists, legal professionals from the Free Legal Aid Center, and citizens. During the meeting, specific cases and the current legislation on the protection of minors were presented, and the importance of reporting and access to justice for this vulnerable category was emphasized.











**The Free Legal Aid Center Tirana** has been engaged in displaying new informational posters on free legal aid in the country's key institutions.

The Free Legal Aid Center Berat, on June 26, 2025, participated in a meeting organized in cooperation with the "Vatra" Center and the Municipality of Berat, in the framework of the United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Gjirokastër,** on June 1, 2025, organized a Street Law activity in the framework of International Children's Day.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Gjirokastër,** on June 17, 2025, participated in a training held within the framework of the project: "Strengthening the Capacities of the 'Zinxhira' Social Community Center to Provide Specialized and Inclusive Services for Vulnerable Communities in Gjirokastër."

**The Free Legal Aid Centers of Gjirokastër and Përmet,** on June 11, 2025, held a meeting at the Municipality of Këlcyrë in the framework of the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict.

**The Free Legal Aid Centers of Gjirokastër and Përmet,** on June 11, 2025, organized two Street Law activities in the cities of Tepelenë and Memaliaj.

**The Free Legal Aid Centers of Gjirokastër and Përmet** organized a Street Law activity in the framework of Balkan Egyptians' Day.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Gjirokastër,** on June 23, 2025, was invited to the activity organized by UNFPA and Nesmark on the topic: "Child Sexual Abuse."

**The Free Legal Aid Center Gjirokastër,** on June 27, 2025, participated in an activity organized by the Chairwoman of PAK Gjirokastër, with the participation of the President of the Association of Persons with Disabilities, Mr. Abdulla Omuri, to discuss the challenges faced by this specific category.

The Free Legal Aid Center Gjirokastër, on June 2, 2025, was invited by the Center for Violence and the Social Services Directorate of the Municipality of Gjirokastër, in the framework of International Children's Day and the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.





**The Free Legal Aid Center Gjirokastër,** on June 24, 2025, participated in the second phase of the training: "Strengthening the Capacities of the 'Zinxhira' Social Community Center to Provide Specialized and Inclusive Services for Vulnerable Communities in Gjirokastër."







