

# **NEWSLETTER**

#### DIRECTORATE OF FREE LEGAL AID

**JULY 2025** 

#### NATIONAL MEDIATION DAY

Representatives of the Free Legal Aid Directorate participated in the event organized in the framework of the National Mediation Day—an initiative centered on dialogue as a means of bringing justice closer to the citizens.



## VISIT OF YOUTH FROM THE ROMA CULTURE INSTITUTE IN ALBANIA (IRCA) TO THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE



The Director of the Directorate for Policy Implementation and Administration of Primary Legal Aid, Ms. Patricia Pogaçe, was invited to take part in a visit organized by youth members of the Roma Culture Institute in Albania (IRCA) at the Ministry of Justice. Alongside other senior officials from the Ministry, Ms. Pogaçe shared information with the participants regarding the free legal aid system.

### VISIT OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AUSTRIAN DEVELOPMENT GOOPERATION AND UNDP TO THE FREE LEGAL AID GENTER IN KUKES



The Director of the Directorate for Policy Implementation and Administration of Primary Legal Aid, Ms. Patricia Pogaçe, together with the specialists of the Free Legal Aid Centers in Tropoja and Kukës, welcomed representatives from the Austrian Development Cooperation and UNDP during an official meeting. The discussion focused on the progress of the center over the years, the support provided to citizens, as well as the needs for further development.

### INFORMATION MEETINGS IN FUSHË ARRËZ, MALËSI E MADHE, AND VAU I DEJËS ON FREE LEGAL AID IN SMALL MUNICIPALITIES

The Free Legal Aid Directorate, in cooperation with the OSCE Presence in Albania and the Free Primary Legal Aid Center in Shkodër, organized a series of information meetings in the municipalities of Fushë Arrëz, Malësi e Madhe, and Vau i Dejës. The aim of these meetings was to raise awareness about the right to free legal aid. The focus was on establishing bridges of cooperation between the Free Legal Aid Directorate and small municipalities, in order to ensure equal access to justice for all citizens.



### INTERVIEW FOR "ORA NEWS" TIEVENISION



Interview of the Director of the Directorate for Policy Implementation and Administration of Primary Legal Aid, Ms. Patricia Pogaçe, for "Ora News" Television.

The interview focused on the categories eligible for free legal aid, as well as on the Primary Legal Aid Service Centers with the highest number of beneficiaries.

#### WORKING TABLE WITH LAWMERS PROVIDING STATE-CUARANTEED LEGAL AID



Representatives from the Free Legal Aid Directorate participated in a working table with lawyers who provide state-guaranteed legal aid. The event, organized by the Albanian Bar Association, took place in the form of a discussion focused on the challenges and issues encountered in the provision of secondary legal aid.

### INFORMATION MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROSECUTION OFFICE AT THE FIRST INSTANCE COURT OF CENERAL JURISDICTION IN DIBER

As part of ongoing efforts to enhance and strengthen cooperation among institutions involved in the Free Legal Aid scheme, and in fulfillment of its mission to ensure access to justice for vulnerable groups, the Free Legal Aid Directorate held an information meeting with representatives of the Prosecution Office at the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction in Dibër. The meeting was also attended by staff members from the Free Legal Aid Centers in Dibër and Mat.



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



The Free Legal Aid Center Durrës, in cooperation with the Free Legal Aid Center Kavaja, on July 4, 2025, organized a Street Law activity in the former Keneta area of Durrës. The activity focused on informing citizens about Law no. 111/2017 "On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid".

**The Free Legal Aid Center Durrës,** on July 10, 2025, conducted a Street Law information activity in the beach area of Durrës.

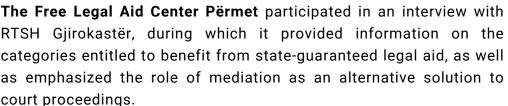


The Free Legal Aid Center Kavaja, on July 4, 2025, held a meeting focused on strengthening inter-institutional cooperation with representatives of the Kavaja Territorial Branch of the Probation Service.





The Free Legal Aid Center Përmet, on July 11, 2025, held an information meeting on the right to free legal aid at the Elderly Center in the Mejden neighborhood.









**The Free Legal Aid Center Përmet,** on July 29, 2025, organized an inter-institutional roundtable with representatives of the Bailiff Service and the Probation Service, in the framework of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.

The Free Legal Aid Center Permet, on July 23, 2025, participated in a meeting held at the Municipality of Përmet. The meeting focused on discussing priority issues for the local community, promoting transparency, and enhancing cooperation between local structures and citizens.





The Free Legal Aid Center Permet participated in the inter-institutional activity themed: "Gender Equality -Inclusion and Cooperation for a Fairer Society".

The Free Legal Aid Center Mat, on July 24, 2025, took part in the signing ceremony of the "European Charter for Equality of Women and Men in Local Life".





The Free Legal Aid Center Mat held an information meeting on free legal aid with representatives of the organization "Motrat Dorote." The discussion focused on the authorization and financing of non-profit organizations that provide statequaranteed legal aid.

The Free Legal Aid Center Mat, in the framework of July 30th - the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, conducted a Street Law activity in the city of Burrel to raise public awareness about this important day.





The Free Legal Aid Center Lushnje, on July 17, 2025, participated in the event themed "The European Charter for Equality of Women and Men in Local Life." The activity was held at the Municipality of Divjakë

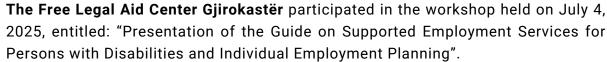
in collaboration with UN Women in Albania.

The Free Legal Aid Center Lushnje, on July 17, 2025, in the framework of conducting information meetings in small municipalities, held a meeting with representatives of the Municipality of Divjakë. Following the meeting, a Street Law activity was carried out with local citizens.





The Free Legal Aid Center Lushnje, on July 28, 2025, organized an information activity in the framework of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, engaging individuals who benefit from free legal aid services.







The Free Legal Aid Center Gjirokastër, on July 16, 2025, participated in the event themed: "The European Charter for Equality of Women and Men in Local Life," held at the Municipality of Dropull. The event included a presentation of the Charter on Gender Equality, highlighting a positive approach toward the socio-economic development of men and women, girls and boys in Albania, and aiming at the elimination of discrimination and unequal treatment.



The Free Legal Aid Center Gjirokastër conducted an interview on the topic: "State-Guaranteed Legal Aid," focusing on the cases handled during the first half of the year and the services provided.

The Free Legal Aid Center Gjirokastër, on July 1, 2025, organized an awareness-raising activity on free legal aid with pensioners from the city.

The Free Legal Aid Center Gjirokastër, on July 29, 2025, held a meeting with beneficiaries of free legal aid in the framework of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.

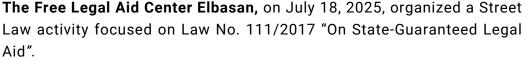


The Free Legal Aid Center Gjirokastër, on July 28, 2025, was invited to participate in the event themed: "Inclusion in the Workplace: Supported Employment Services for All Abilities." The discussion focused on the creation of employment and vocational training opportunities for persons with disabilities within the Municipality of Gjirokastër.



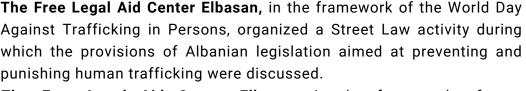


The Free Legal Aid Center Kurbin, on July 18, 2025, held a meeting with representatives of the Roma community in the framework of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.





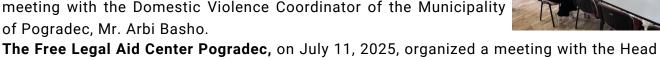
The Free Legal Aid Center Elbasan, on July 15, 2025, participated in an interview with Albanian Radio and Television (RTSH), focusing on the promotion of free legal aid for citizens with insufficient income.

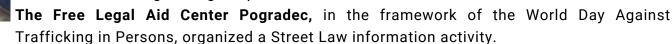




The Free Legal Aid Center Elbasan, in the framework of conducting activities in small municipalities, organized a meeting in the Municipality of Cërrik with representatives from the Cërrik Municipality, Social Services, and the Multidisciplinary Technical Group (OKMF).



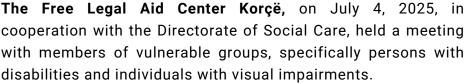


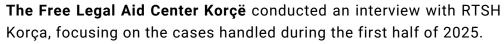


of the Bailiff Service in Pogradec, Ms. Athinela Lybedha. The meeting was held in the framework of strengthening cooperation and case referral between the two institutions.



The Free Legal Aid Center Korçë, in the framework of improving strengthening inter-institutional justice and cooperation, held a meeting with representatives of local institutions at the Municipality of Korçë.







The Free Legal Aid Center Korçë, in the framework of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, held an information meeting on Law No. 111/2017 "On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid" with Mr. Robert Haskaj, Head of the Section for the Investigation of Illegal Trafficking at the Korçë Local Police Directorate, along with specialists from the same sector.





The Free Legal Aid Center Tropoja, on July 28, 2025, participated in the meeting of the members of the Intersectoral Technical Group (ITG). The discussion focused on concrete cases and the provision of free legal counseling.



The Free Legal Aid Center Tropoja, in the framework of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, organized a meeting with the staff of the Morina Border Crossing Point. The purpose of the meeting was to strengthen interinstitutional cooperation, with a focus on trafficked persons who may require free legal aid, as one of the special beneficiary categories recognized under Law No. 111/2017 "On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid".





**The Free Legal Aid Center Vlorë,** on July 10, 2025, held a meeting at the Municipality of Selenicë, Vlorë County. The meeting took place at the premises of "Hajredin Beqari" School in Selenicë, with the participation of representatives from several municipal directorates.

The Free Legal Aid Center Vlorë, in the framework of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, conducted an information session with citizens on the right to free legal aid.



**The Free Legal Aid Center Shkodër** organized a Street Law activity in the framework of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.

The Free Legal Aid Center Lezhë organized a Street Law activity in the framework of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. During the activity, citizens were informed about the law on free legal aid and the categories of beneficiaries entitled to this service.

**The Free Legal Aid Center Berat,** on July 30, 2025, organized a Street Law activity in the framework of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.



The Free Legal Aid Center Pukë, on July 15, 2025, organized a Street Law activity focused on informing citizens about Law No. 111/2017 "On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid".

The Free Legal Aid Center Kukës, on July 16, 2025, participated in the meeting themed "Together, Beyond Borders, Against Domestic and Gender-Based Violence." The meeting was held in the framework of strengthening cooperation between the Municipality of Kukës and the Municipality of Dragash.



**The Free Legal Aid Center Tirana,** on July 9, 2025, organized a Street Law activity on the occasion of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

The Free Legal Aid Center Tirana, on July 29, 2025, organized a Street Law activity in the framework of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. The focus of the activity was to raise awareness about rights and protection mechanisms against violence.



THE PRIMARY LEGAL AID SERVICE CENTERS HAVE ASSISTED 107 INDIVIDUALS IN ACCESSING AND USING THE E-ALBANIA GOVERNMENT PORTAL