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NEWSLETTER

DIRECTORATE OF FREE LEGAL AID

CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH FREE LEGAL AID PROVIDERS

The Directorate of Free Legal Aid, in cooperation with the organization “Social Justice,” held a discussion with free legal aid providers to better understand the needs of individuals belonging to the Roma and Egyptian minorities for free legal aid, as well as to categorize these issues as a distinct area within the legislation.



INFORMATIVE MEETINGS IN DELVINË, FINIQ, AND SARANDË ON FREE LEGAL AID

The Directorate of Free Legal Aid, in cooperation with the OSCE Presence in Albania, held informative meetings in the municipalities of Delvinë, Finiq, and Sarandë, with the aim of raising 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.

MEETING BETWEEN THE DIRECTORATE OF FREE LEGAL AID AND THE FREE LEGAL AID AGENCY OF KOSOVO

The Directorate of Free Legal Aid hosted a meeting with the Free Legal Aid Agency of Kosovo. The meeting took the form of a discussion aimed at improving the legal framework on Free Legal Aid in Kosovo.

TRAINING ON: “STRENGTHENING LEGAL KNOWLEDGE, LABOR RIGHTS, AND INFORMATION SKILLS FOR EMPLOYEES OF FREE LEGAL AID CENTERS”

The “Gender Alliance for Development” Center and the Directorate of Free Legal Aid organized a training session on: “Strengthening Legal Knowledge, Labor Rights, and Information Skills for Employees of Free Legal Aid Centers.”



VISIT OF THE DIRECTORATE OF FREE LEGAL AID AND THE FREE LEGAL AID AGENCY OF KOSOVO TO THE FREE LEGAL AID CENTER IN ELBASAN

The Directorate of Free Legal Aid, together with the Free Legal Aid Agency of Kosovo, held a meeting at the Primary Free Legal Aid Service Center in Elbasan. The meeting focused on the exchange of experiences, aiming to enhance access to justice for every citizen.



SUPPORTING CITIZENS' ACCESS TO JUSTICE THROUGH MEDIATION IN ALBANIA

Representatives from the Directorate of Free Legal Aid participated in the meeting organized within the framework of the project "Supporting Citizens' Access to Justice through Mediation in Albania," held in the city of Përmet.

MEETING WITH THE "ALBANIAN FOUNDATION FOR THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES"



The Directorate of Free Legal Aid hosted a meeting with the "Albanian Foundation for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities," emphasizing cooperation in developing awareness campaigns and training legal aid providers on the legislation in force in Albania.

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DIRECTORATE OF FREE LEGAL AID AND THE ORGANIZATION "SOCIAL JUSTICE"

A memorandum of cooperation was signed between the organization "Social Justice" and the Directorate of Free Legal Aid, aiming to strengthen institutional cooperation and ensure broader access to justice for citizens in need.



NATIONAL FORUM "THE STATUS AND RIGHTS OF VICTIMS IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS"

Representatives from the Directorate of Free Legal Aid participated in the National Forum titled "The Status and Rights of Victims in Criminal Proceedings," organized by the Psycho-Social Center "Vatra."

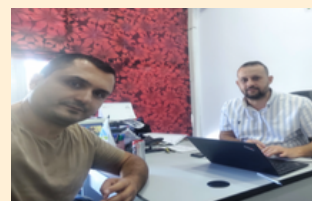
ROUNDTABLE "INTEGRITY RISK ASSESSMENT IN THE STATE CADASTRE AGENCY"

The Director of the Directorate for the Implementation of Policies and Administration of Primary Legal Aid, Ms. Patricia Pogaçe, was invited to the roundtable titled "Integrity Risk Assessment in the State Cadastre Agency."



ACTIVITIES FROM THE PRIMARY FREE LEGAL AID SERVICE CENTERS

The Free Legal Aid Center Elbasan, on September 2, 2025, held a meeting with representatives of the "Joscelyn" Foundation as part of the development of an action plan aimed at increasing the number of authorized non-profit organizations providing primary legal aid.



The Free Legal Aid Center Elbasan, on September 8, 2025, organized a "Street Law" awareness activity to inform citizens about the right to free legal aid and the services it provides, in the framework of the International Day of Charity



The Free Legal Aid Center Elbasan, on September 10, 2025, held a meeting with representatives of the organization "Albanian Center for the Integration of People in Need" as part of the development of an action plan aimed at increasing the number of authorized non-profit organizations providing primary legal aid.



The Free Legal Aid Center Elbasan, on September 26, 2025, held an informative meeting with the Head of the Bailiff's Office, Mr. Granit Guxho, on the center's services and the Law on Free Legal Aid, emphasizing successful interinstitutional cooperation.



The Free Legal Aid Center Dibër, on September 12, 2025, organized a "Street Law" awareness activity in Peshkopi, informing citizens—particularly pensioners—about the benefits of Law No. 111/2017 "On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid" and the services available for vulnerable groups.



The Free Legal Aid Center Tirana, on September 4, 2025, organized a "Street Law" activity near "Zogu I" Boulevard, in cooperation with civil society, with the aim of informing citizens about free legal aid and the procedures for benefiting from it, in the framework of the International Day of Charity.

The Free Legal Aid Center Tirana, on September 23, 2025, at the premises of the Directorate of Free Legal Aid, held an informative meeting with the NGO "Equality and Inclusion" to encourage the involvement of NGOs in the provision of legal aid, in line with the recommendations for increasing the number of authorized organizations.



The Free Legal Aid Center Tirana, on September 22, 2025, organized an informational activity with leaflet distribution, in cooperation with civil society, to raise citizens' awareness about the right to free legal aid and the ways to access it.



The Free Legal Aid Center Vlorë, on September 19, 2025, organized an informative meeting at the Vlora Municipality with local NGOs on authorization and funding for the provision of primary legal aid, emphasizing the importance of their involvement in ensuring equal access to justice for citizens in need.

The Free Legal Aid Center Vlorë, on September 29, 2025, participated in the exhibition "Beyond the Hidden Wounds of Trauma, There Is Life," organized by the Psycho-Social Center "Vatra," where paintings by trafficking survivors were showcased and awareness messages against trafficking and violence were conveyed.



The Free Legal Aid Center Korçë, on September 3, 2025, participated in the ETN group meeting regarding the cases of E.L. and S.L., where the need for secondary legal aid was identified, as both individuals are victims of domestic violence and are seeking divorce proceedings.



The Free Legal Aid Center Korçë, on September 4, 2025, organized a "Street Law" activity with citizens in the framework of the International Day of Charity, providing information about state-guaranteed legal aid, its beneficiaries, services, and the location of the center.



The Free Legal Aid Centers Korçë and Pogradec, within the framework of activities in small municipalities, organized a "Street Law" activity in the Municipality of Maliq to strengthen cooperation and case referral between the centers and the municipality.



The Free Legal Aid Center Mat participated in the presentation of the 2026-2028 Social Plan of the Municipality of Mat, contributing with suggestions for the inclusion of strategies that improve citizens' access to services.

The Free Legal Aid Center Mat, on September 4, 2025, organized a “Street Law” activity in commercial areas to commemorate the International Day of Charity, informing citizens about the history and significance of this day, which honors the contribution of Saint Mother Teresa.



The Free Legal Aid Center Mat, on September 8, 2025, participated in the meeting of the Intersectoral Technical Team at the Social Services Directorate of the Municipality of Mat, where cases of domestic violence and child protection by the respective administrative units were discussed.



The Free Legal Aid Centers Lezhë and Kurbin held an informative activity with the economic assistance specialist of the Shënkoll administrative unit, presenting Law No. 111/2017 “On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid” and the categories of beneficiaries entitled to free legal aid.



The Free Legal Aid Centers Lezhë and Kurbin organized an informative activity in the Shëngjin Administrative Unit, where they presented Law No. 111/2017 “On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid.”



The Free Legal Aid Center Lezhë held a meeting with Ms. Elsa Sulo, Director of the NGO “Sebastia” from Laç, regarding the authorization and funding of NGOs. The discussion focused on the need to include the provision of free legal aid in the organization’s statute in order to be eligible for authorization.

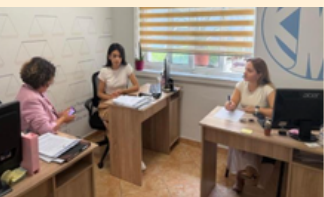


The Free Legal Aid Center Lezhë, on September 26, 2025, held an informative meeting at the premises of the organization “Mary Ward Loreto” with Ms. Afërdita Gjoni, where they discussed the criteria for the authorization and funding of NGOs, as well as the timeline and procedure for applying through the e-Albania portal.



The Free Legal Aid Centers Përmet and Gjirokastrë held an informative meeting on free legal aid and mediation, aiming to raise awareness among older persons about their rights and access to legal services, at the Elderly Center in Gjirokastrë.

The Free Legal Aid Center Përmet, on September 22, 2025, participated in a meeting held at the Municipality of Përmet on strengthening institutional capacities for the prevention and treatment of domestic violence. The meeting was organized by QNL and the Municipality of Përmet, with the participation of local institutions and actors, emphasizing the importance of cooperation and the effective implementation of legislation.

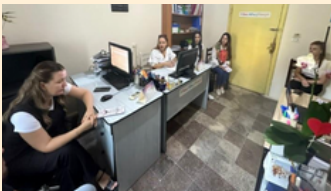


The Free Legal Aid Center Fier, on September 8, 2025, held a meeting with Ms. Laureta Roshi from the NGO “National Platform Center for Women,” during which an action plan was presented to increase the number of authorized NGOs providing primary legal aid and to explore their funding opportunities.

The Free Legal Aid Center Fier, on September 15, 2025, within the framework of activities in small municipalities and in cooperation with the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination (CPD), held a meeting at the Municipality of Divjakë with the Social Services sector, emphasizing the importance of referring cases for legal aid and agreeing on strengthening institutional cooperation and coordination to ensure access to justice.



The Free Legal Aid Center Fier, on September 15, 2025, held a meeting at the Municipality of Lushnje with the Social Services sector, where discussions focused on referring cases for free legal aid and strengthening interinstitutional communication.



The Free Legal Aid Center Fier, on September 24, 2025, within the framework of activities in small municipalities, held an informative meeting in the Administrative Unit of Tërbuf, Municipality of Divjakë, with local representatives and citizens. During the meeting, free legal aid services and beneficiary categories were presented, and specific cases were addressed with the aim of referring them for primary or secondary legal aid.

The Free Legal Aid Center Fier, on September 24, 2025, within the framework of activities in small municipalities, held a meeting in the Administrative Unit of Grabjan, Municipality of Divjakë, with representatives of the unit and the Roma community. The meeting aimed to provide information on free legal services and the categories of beneficiaries.



The Free Legal Aid Center Fier, on September 26, 2025, participated in a meeting at the Municipality of Fier titled: "Violence Against Women in the Digital Space: Effective Case Management and Protection of Personal Data Online."



The Free Legal Aid Center Fier, on September 29, 2025, held an informative meeting on legal rights and free legal aid under Law No. 111/2017 "On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid," in the Administrative Unit of Seman.

The Free Legal Aid Center Pogradec, on September 5, 2025, in cooperation with the People's Advocate, organized an informative meeting with representatives from the community, particularly vulnerable groups, where the services and criteria of Law No. 111/2017 "On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid" were presented.



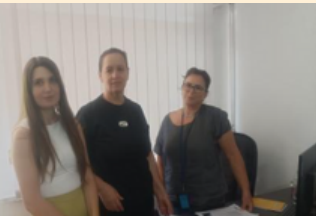
The Free Legal Aid Center Pogradec, on September 5, 2025, joined the activity at the Elderly Center, organized in cooperation with the Social Services and the Women's Prison of Pojskë, with the participation of around 40-50 people. During the activity, attendees were informed about free legal aid.

The Free Legal Aid Center Pogradec organized a meeting with representatives of local NGOs at the premises of the Free Legal Aid Office.



The Free Legal Aid Center Pogradec, on September 26, 2025, participated in the training on secretarial work and archiving, organized by the Central Directorate of Archives.

The Free Legal Aid Center Pogradec, on September 29, 2025, participated in the meeting of the Intersectoral Technical Team (ETN), convened by the State Social Service Pogradec.



The Free Legal Aid Center Gjirokastrë, on September 2, 2025, held a meeting with the organization MEKZH Gjirokastrë, where discussions focused on strengthening cooperation in providing free legal aid.



The Free Legal Aid Center Gjirokastrë, on September 26, 2025, participated in an interinstitutional meeting concerning a domestic violence case involving an elderly couple.

The Free Legal Aid Center Tropojë, upon the invitation of the Municipality of Tropojë, participated in the meeting on the Gender Integration Plan. The discussion focused on the empowerment of women and girls, the elimination of gender inequality, and their equal inclusion in public life.



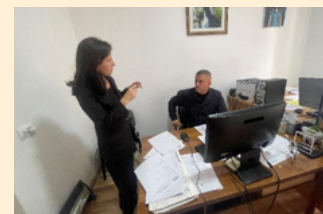
The Free Legal Aid Center Tropojë, on September 12, 2025, organized a “Street Law” activity where citizens were informed about the services offered by the Center.

The Free Legal Aid Center Tropojë, on September 17, 2025, participated in the meeting organized by the Municipality of Tropojë with the members of the Intersectoral Technical Group (ITG), where it expressed its readiness to provide legal aid to minors at risk.



The Free Legal Aid Center Tropojë held a meeting with specialists at the Tropojë Police Commissariat to discuss the exemption from court fees and expenses for victims of violence seeking protection orders, providing guidance on completing the necessary forms and offering direct support from the Center’s specialists.

The Free Legal Aid Center Tropojë, on September 29, 2025, held a meeting at the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction in Kukës on the exemption from court fees for victims of violence seeking protection orders, also providing assistance in completing the application form.



The Free Legal Aid Center Kukës, on September 1, 2025, participated in the presentation of the “National Investment Scheme 2025,” organized by the Agricultural and Rural Development Agency (ARDA), where it played a listening and interpretative role regarding the legal framework for benefiting from the scheme.

The Free Legal Aid Center Kukës, on September 4, 2025, held a meeting at the Municipality of Has, where it presented Law No. 111/2017 and its services, emphasizing the importance of cooperation in ensuring access to justice.



The Free Legal Aid Center Kukës, on September 16, 2025, held a meeting in the Administrative Unit of Bicaj, where it presented Law No. 111/2017 “On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid” and the services provided by the Center.

The Free Legal Aid Center Kukës, on September 17, 2025, held a meeting in the Administrative Unit of Malzi, where it presented Law No. 111/2017 “On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid” and the services provided by the Center.



The Free Legal Aid Centers Kurbin and Lezhë, in the framework of the International Day of Charity, organized a “Street Law” activity.