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NEWSLETTER

DIRECTORATE OF FREE LEGAL AID

INTERVIEW WITH THE ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DIRECTORATE OF FREE LEGAL AID, MS. PATRICIA POGAÇE

The Acting Director General of the Directorate of Free Legal Aid, together with the lecturers and students of the Law Clinic at Luarasi University, participated in a television interview on the importance of providing free legal aid services.



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TRAINING SESSIONS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH UNIVERSITIES.



Representatives of the Directorate of Free Legal Aid, together with staff members engaged at the Service Centres in Tirana, Vlora, Elbasan, and Shkodra, conducted a training session on free legal aid with students involved in the Law Clinics at universities. During the training, students were informed about primary and secondary legal aid, as well as the opportunity to undertake three-month internship programmes at the Directorate of Free Legal Aid.



REGIONAL MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR THE EFFICIENCY OF JUSTICE (CEPEJ)



Representatives of the Directorate of Free Legal Aid participated in the workshop entitled: “Free Legal Aid: From the Legal Framework to Data Comparability and Their Use in Policymaking.” The meeting was held in Budva, with the participation of representatives from the Western Balkans and Eastern Europe.

INTERVIEW ON FREE LEGAL AID AND SUCCESS STORIES



The Acting Director General of the Directorate of Free Legal Aid, Ms. Patricia Pogaçe, together with the Coordinator for the Right to Information, Ms. Helga Çela, participated in the programme “Në Kohë Reale” broadcast on the Albanian Radio Television (RTSH). During the programme, the public was informed about the provision of free legal aid services and was also introduced to success stories of beneficiary citizens.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRIMARY LEGAL AID SERVICE CENTRES

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Shkodra, on 18.03.2026, participated in the forum “Transparency in Healthcare”, within the framework of promoting public dialogue and improving access to quality services.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Berat, on 25.03.2026, conducted an awareness-raising activity at the Poshnje Administrative Unit, within the framework of World Down Syndrome Day and the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Kukës, on 10.03.2026, participated in an activity organised by the OSCE Presence in Albania on the topic “Self-Identification of National Minorities”, within the framework of supporting and including vulnerable groups in access to justice.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Kukës, on 05.03.2026, conducted an informational meeting with the Roma community within the framework of 8 March, International Women’s Day, aimed at presenting free legal aid services and the beneficiary categories provided for under Law No. 111/2017.

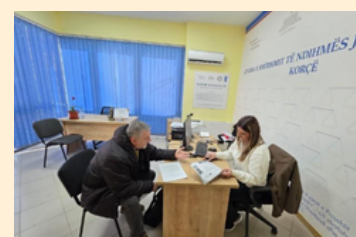


The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 03.03.2026, conducted a promotional activity at the Pojskë Penitentiary Institution with women deprived of liberty, within the framework of 8 March – International Women’s Day.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 06.03.2026, participated in an informational meeting within the framework of the legal amendments to Law No. 9669 on measures against violence in family relations and the strengthening of interinstitutional cooperation.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 10.03.2026, held a meeting with a representative of UNHCR within the framework of supporting asylum seekers and promoting free legal aid services for this category.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Lezhë, on 05.03.2026, participated in an activity organised by the Municipality of Lezhë within the framework of 8 March, in the form of the exhibition “Women Through the Eyes of Children”, aimed at highlighting the contribution of women in the community.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 13.03.2026, participated in an activity organised by the Regional Office of the People’s Advocate of Albania in Pogradec, within the framework of promoting the rights of the Roma and Egyptian communities.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 18.03.2026, participated in a meeting organised by GTN, within the framework of interinstitutional coordination for the handling of a child protection case.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 19.03.2026, conducted an awareness-raising activity in cooperation with the relevant institutions, within the framework of World Down Syndrome Day and the promotion of inclusion and equality.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 19.03.2026, conducted an awareness-raising activity with students, within the framework of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the promotion of diversity and equality.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 24.03.2026, participated in an interview on Albanian Radio Television (RTSH) Korça, within the framework of informing the public about the services provided by the centre.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 25.03.2026, conducted an informational meeting with beneficiaries of the social assistance scheme, in cooperation with the Directorate of Social Care, within the framework of providing information on Law No. 111/2017 and free legal aid services.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Vlora, on 09.03.2026, participated in an activity organised by Vatra Center within the framework of 8 March - International Women’s Day, and the promotion of gender equality and the rights of women and girls.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Vlora, on 24.03.2026, conducted an awareness-raising meeting within the framework of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the promotion of equality and the protection of human dignity.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Dibër, on 25.03.2026, conducted an informational activity aimed at raising awareness among pensioners regarding the benefits provided under Law No. 111/2017 on free legal aid.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Mat, on 10.03.2026, participated in a meeting of the Intersectoral Technical Group at the Municipality of Mat, within the framework of the treatment and protection of a child in need, in implementation of the legal framework on child protection.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Mat, on 19.03.2026, conducted an informational meeting with representatives of the National Association “Hope for the Blind”, within the framework of promoting Law No. 111/2017 and access to free legal aid for persons with disabilities.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Elbasan, on 18.03.2026, participated in the meeting of the Coordinated Referral Mechanism (CRM) in Elbasan, within the framework of handling a domestic violence case and interinstitutional coordination for the protection of victims.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Lezhë, on 31.03.2026, participated in the workshop “Effective Management of Domestic Violence Cases at the Local Level”, aimed at strengthening local case management practices and discussing professional dilemmas in accordance with Law No. 11/2026.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Elbasan, on 24.03.2026, conducted an informational activity in the form of “Street Law”, within the framework of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the promotion of Law No. 111/2017 on free legal aid.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Gjirokastër, on 09.03.2026, conducted a symbolic activity in cooperation with partner institutions, within the framework of 8 March - International Women's Day, and the promotion of the role and rights of women in society.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Përmet, in cooperation with the Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Gjirokastër, on 13.03.2026, conducted an informational meeting at the Municipality of Tepelenë within the framework of promoting Law No. 111/2017 and strengthening interinstitutional cooperation for access to free legal aid.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Kurbin, on 13.03.2026, organised a roundtable discussion in cooperation with local institutions, within the framework of strengthening cooperation for the referral of cases in need of free legal aid.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Kurbin, on 19.03.2026, held a meeting with representatives of the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination within the framework of presenting the legislation on protection from discrimination and strengthening interinstitutional cooperation.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Kurbin, on 19.03.2026, conducted an informational activity in cooperation with the relevant institutions, within the framework of informing citizens about free legal aid services and the legislation on protection from discrimination.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Kurbin, on 19.03.2026, conducted an awareness-raising meeting with students, within the framework of promoting equality, preventing discrimination, and providing information on the benefits arising from Law No. 111/2017 on free legal aid.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier, on 05.03.2026, conducted an informational and awareness-raising activity with the staff and students of “Thoma Sota” School in Fier, within the framework of increasing awareness of the law on free legal aid.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier, on 18.03.2026, participated in an interinstitutional activity at the Dërmenas Health Centre, aimed at the identification and referral of cases of gender-based violence.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier, on 19.03.2026, conducted an informational activity in the community of Vajkan village, within the framework of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

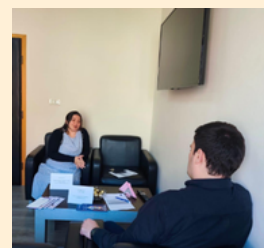
The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier, on 25.03.2026, conducted an awareness-raising meeting with the staff of the “Horizont” Multifunctional Centre, within the framework of World Down Syndrome Day.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Durrës, on 13.03.2026, conducted an informational activity at the Katund i Ri Administrative Unit, in implementation of the annual calendar of activities and with the aim of raising awareness on free legal aid.



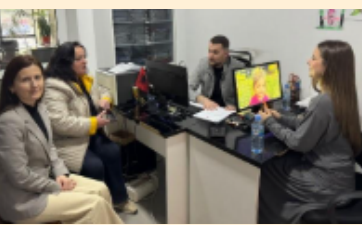
The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Durrës, on 13.03.2026, participated in an interview with the print media outlet “Revokult”, within the framework of promoting free legal aid services.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Durrës, on 30.03.2026, held a working meeting with the President of the Court of First Instance of Durrës, within the framework of strengthening interinstitutional cooperation and improving access to justice.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Durrës, on 31.03.2026, participated in the inauguration of child-friendly premises at the Bailiff Service Office in Durrës, within the framework of improving services for citizens.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Tropoja, within the framework of World Down Syndrome Day, conducted an awareness-raising meeting with a young person with Down syndrome, aimed at promoting inclusion and the rights of persons with disabilities.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Tropoja, within the framework of the International Day against Racial Discrimination, conducted a meeting at the Social Service Office of the Municipality of Tropoja aimed at raising awareness and protecting the rights of the Roma and Egyptian communities.

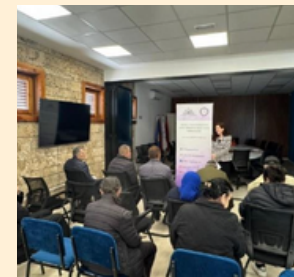
The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Tropoja, on 27.03.2026, conducted an informational activity at the “Beslidhja e Malësisë” nine-year school, within the framework of legal education and the promotion of free legal aid.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Tropoja, on 29.03.2026, conducted an informational meeting with residents of Sopot village, within the framework of improving access to justice in rural areas.



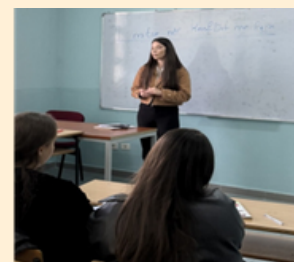
The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Tropoja, within the framework of the activity calendar, conducted an informational meeting with persons benefiting from disability allowances, aimed at raising awareness of their rights and access to free legal aid.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Tropoja held a meeting with the Administrator of the Bujan Administrative Unit and the relevant staff, within the framework of strengthening interinstitutional cooperation and guiding citizens towards benefiting from free legal aid



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Përmet, on 24.03.2026, conducted an informational activity with the students of “Nonda Bulka” School, within the framework of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and raising awareness on human rights.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Shkodra, on 19.03.2026, participated in a meeting entitled “Digital Safety is Women’s Safety”, within the framework of raising awareness on the protection and rights of women.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Lezhë, on 25.03.2026, participated in the activity of the project “Support for Gender Equality, Rights and Economic Empowerment of Rural Women in Northern Albania” (AID 12819), for the presentation of the document prepared with the participation of women and girls from rural communities.

