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NEWSLETTER

DIRECTORATE OF FREE LEGAL AID

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE CONDUCTS INTERINSTITUTIONAL ROUNDTABLES IN MAJOR CITIES TO ASSESS WORK IN SERVICE OF CITIZENS.

The Minister of Justice, Mr. Toni Gogu, held several interinstitutional roundtables throughout the month of May with the local branches of subordinate institutions in Elbasan, Durrës, Berat, Korça, and Gjirokastër. During these meetings, discussions focused on the concrete results achieved by these institutions in serving citizens.



HEARING SESSION AT THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEDIA ON THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS OF THE DIRECTORATE OF FREE LEGAL AID.

Deputy Minister of Justice, Ms. Elona Hoxha, and the Acting Director General of the Directorate of Free Legal Aid, Ms. Patricia Pogaçe, participated today in the hearing session on the Annual Performance Analysis of the Directorate of Free Legal Aid for 2025, held before the Committee on Human Rights and Public Information Media at the Assembly of the Republic of Albania.



LAUNCH OF PAID INTERNSHIPS FOR LAW STUDENTS ENGAGED IN THE PROVISION OF FREE LEGAL AID SERVICES.

During a meeting held at the Ministry of Justice, in the presence of the Minister of Justice of Albania, Mr. Toni Gogu, and the Minister of Justice of Austria, Ms. Anna Sporrer, the launch of paid internships for law students engaged with the Directorate of Free Legal Aid was officially announced.



TRAINING CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL AGENCY FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS



Following the Cooperation Agreement signed between the Directorate of Free Legal Aid and the National Agency for Employment and Skills, a training session was conducted for the staff of the Primary Legal Aid Service Centres regarding the registration of job seekers.



ACTIVITIES OF THE PRIMARY LEGAL AID SERVICE CENTRES.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Tropoja, on 08.04.2026, within the framework of International Roma Day, organised an informational meeting with citizens belonging to the Roma community. The purpose of this meeting was to raise awareness about discrimination against Roma people and to support their rights and social equality.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Berat, on 21.04.2026, participated in an activity organised by the Directorate of Social Services of Berat, regarding the development of social services in this municipality.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Elbasan, on 03.04.2026, conducted an activity at the MedPak Association, within the framework of 2 April - World Autism Awareness Day.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Elbasan, on 21.04.2026, conducted a "Street Law" activity.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Elbasan, on 22.04.2026, gave an interview to the print media outlet "Albania Express".

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Elbasan, on 23.04.2026, conducted an informational activity at the Roma Community Centre in Elbasan.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Elbasan, on 24.04.2026, gave an interview to Euronews Albania.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Shkodra, on 22.04.2026, within the framework of the project "Comprehensive Approach to Ensuring Equal Access to Justice for Persons with Disabilities in Albania", participated in a training aimed at strengthening capacities on the rights of persons with disabilities (PWDs).

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Shkodra, on 28.04.2026, held a meeting with representatives of the NGO "Woman to Woman", including Ms. Blerta Nurja.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Shkodra, on 29.04.2026, in cooperation with the Probation Service, Shkodra Branch, and the Juvenile Crime Prevention Centre, conducted an informational activity with students of the "Kolë Idromeno" High School in Shkodra.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Shkodra, on 30.04.2026, held a meeting with representatives of the Rrethina Administrative Unit, including Mr. Gerald Hasaj, with the aim of establishing and strengthening cooperation in the referral of cases.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Tirana, on 16.04.2026, participated in a roundtable discussion organised by IFES and Albanian Helsinki Committee (AHC), within the framework of a consultative workshop with civil society organisations, aimed at creating a platform for dialogue between public institutions and civil society actors.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Kurbin, on 08.04.2026, within the framework of 8 April - International Roma Day, conducted an activity focused on promoting equality and non-discrimination as fundamental constitutional principles and foundations of the rule of law.



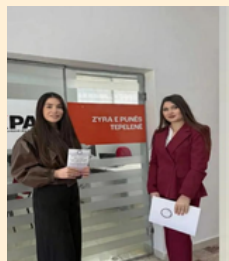
The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Gjirokastër, on 01.04.2026, conducted two interviews with RTGJ/Albanian Radio Television (RTSH), focusing on legal aid, social protection schemes, and mediation.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Gjirokastër, on 08.04.2026, within the framework of International Roma Day, in cooperation with DHKN, the Municipality of Gjirokastër, QSHPLI, CSSP, and the MKEZH Association, conducted an activity at the Roma market with the participation of the local community.

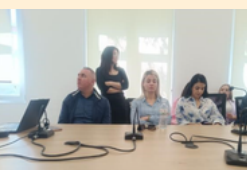


The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Gjirokastër, on 15.04.2026, conducted an informational and awareness-raising activity at the Lunxhëri Administrative Unit, focusing on vulnerable groups and access to free legal aid.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centres in Gjirokastër and Përmet, on 16.04.2026, conducted an informational activity in cooperation at the premises of the Employment Office in Tepelenë.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Gjirokastër, on 28.04.2026, gave an interview to Euronews Albania on the topic of free legal aid and the platform www.juristionline.al.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Gjirokastër, on 30.04.2026, participated in the second meeting of the working group for the drafting of the Local Action Plan for Gender Equality for the Municipality of Gjirokastër, held at the premises of the Municipality of Gjirokastër.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Dibër, on 23.04.2026, conducted an informational activity in the form of "Street Law" with the citizens of the Municipality of Dibër, on the central boulevard "Elez Isufi".

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Dibër, on 29.04.2026, in cooperation with the Association of Persons with Disabilities and Visually Impaired Persons of Dibër Region, conducted an informational meeting at the premises of this association in the city of Peshkopi.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Përmet, on 01.04.2026, held an interinstitutional meeting with representatives of the Police Commissariat and the Probation Service in Përmet, focusing on the discussion of issues related to cases of domestic violence.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Përmet, within the framework of 2 April - World Autism Awareness Day, conducted an awareness-raising activity in cooperation with the Centre for Children with Disabilities, aimed at raising community awareness and promoting social inclusion.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Përmet, on 29.04.2026, conducted an informational activity with the students of Class XII-A of the "Sami Frashëri" Public High School, during which the law on free legal aid was presented, informing them about the beneficiary categories, application procedures, and the services provided.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Vlora, on 09.04.2026, within the framework of 8 April - International Roma Day, conducted an awareness-raising field activity in the "10 Korriku" neighbourhood, where the Roma community is concentrated.





The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Vlora, on 28.04.2026, within the framework of interinstitutional cooperation, held a meeting at the Municipality of Selenicë, Kotë Administrative Unit, focusing on the promotion of free legal services and primary and secondary legal aid for beneficiary categories under Law No. 111/2017 “On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid”.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Vlora, on 29.04.2026, within the framework of the implementation of the work plan for the month of April, held a meeting at the Association of Persons with Disabilities.



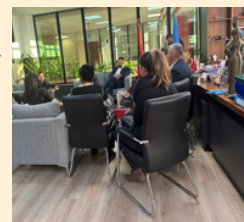
The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier, on 02.04.2026, within the framework of World Autism Awareness Day, conducted an informational and awareness-raising meeting with the staff of the “Development Centre” of the Municipality of Lushnjë.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier, on 03.04.2026, conducted an informational activity at the Libofsh Administrative Unit of the Municipality of Fier, within the framework of the implementation of Law No. 111/2017 “On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid”, during which citizens were informed about the beneficiary categories, application procedures, and the importance of access to justice.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier, on 08.04.2026, participated in an activity organised by IRCA in cooperation with the Municipality of Fier and local stakeholders, within the framework of International Roma Day, held at the “Dino Ismaili” School in Levan.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier, on 09.04.2026, participated in an activity held at the Municipality of Roskovec within the framework of International Roma Day, with the participation of institutional representatives and local stakeholders, during which interinstitutional cooperation was discussed.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier, on 15.04.2026, participated in a training organised by the Albanian Disability Rights Foundation (ADRF), with the support of the European Union, within the framework of the project on inclusive justice.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier, on 17.04.2026, in cooperation with the “New Era” Centre, within the framework of the project “Health for Equality and Safety” supported by AGORA, conducted an activity at the Libofsh Health Centre, focusing on raising awareness regarding the identification and referral of cases of gender-based violence.



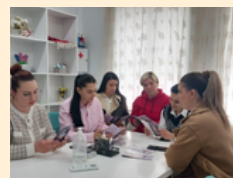
The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier, on 17.04.2026, participated in an activity held at the “Jovan Ndreko” School in Libofsh, in cooperation with the “New Era” Centre, the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination, and other institutions of the region, during which a forum on the prevention of youth delinquency was organised.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Durrës, on 28.04.2026, in cooperation with interns from Aleksandër Moisiu University, participated in the GTN and ETN meetings.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 01.04.2026, held a meeting with the Association of the Blind in Korça, during which participants were informed about free legal aid services and discussions were held on the main challenges faced by this category.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 01.04.2026, within the framework of the activities predefined by the Directorate, held a meeting with the Association of the Blind in Korça, during which participants were informed about free legal aid services and discussions were held on the main challenges faced by this category.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 08.04.2026, within the framework of International Roma Day, conducted a “Street Law” activity focused on informing and raising awareness among the Roma community regarding access to free legal aid. Participants were informed about their legal rights and the procedures for accessing legal services, with the aim of increasing access to justice for this category.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 24.04.2026, in cooperation with the Directorate of Social Care, conducted an informational activity with beneficiaries with disabilities, during which Law No. 111/2017 “On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid” was presented.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 29.04.2026, within the framework of the activities planned by the Directorate, conducted an activity at the Pojan Administrative Unit aimed at informing and raising awareness among citizens regarding free legal aid services and access to justice for categories in need.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Mat, on 02.04.2026, within the framework of 2 April - World Autism Awareness Day, conducted an activity at the “New Hope” Day Centre.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Mat, on 09.04.2026, participated in a meeting of the Intersectoral Technical Team (ETN) at the Directorate of Social Services of the Municipality of Mat, during which cases of domestic violence were discussed and several concrete citizen cases were addressed.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Mat, in cooperation with the Association “Hope for the Blind”, Mat Branch, conducted an informational activity during which free legal aid services were presented as a mechanism guaranteeing equal access to justice for categories in need.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Mat, within the framework of 8 April - International Roma Day, conducted a “Street Law” activity in the city of Burrel.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Mat, on 27.04.2026, conducted an informational activity at the “Tahir Hoxha” nine-year school in Suç, Klos, during which free legal aid services and the beneficiary categories were presented.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Lezhë, on 03.04.2026, conducted an activity at the Zejmen Administrative Unit.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Lezhë, on the same date, 03.04.2026, within the framework of World Down Syndrome Day, conducted a “Street Law” activity with citizens, providing information on free legal aid services.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Lezhë, on 08.04.2026, participated in an activity organised by the Municipality of Lezhë within the framework of International Roma Day.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Lezhë, on 08.04.2026, participated in a working meeting organised by the NGO “Mary Ward Loreto” in Lezhë.

