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# NEWSLETTER

DIRECTORATE OF FREE LEGAL AID

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



Lezhë

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



Shkodër

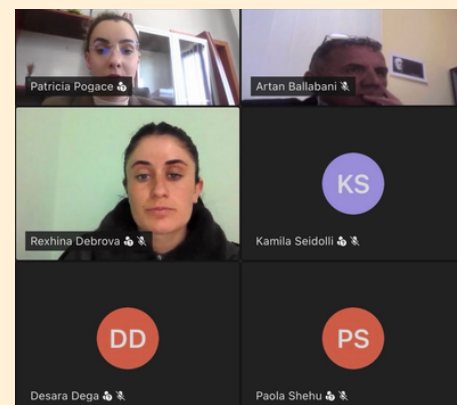
## AWARENESS-RAISING ACTIVITY AT “IBRAHIM RUGOVA” HIGH SCHOOL.



The Directorate of Free Legal Aid, in cooperation with the General Directorate of Bailiff Services and the General Directorate of the Probation Service, conducted an informational activity today with the students and academic staff of “Ibrahim Rugova” High School, focusing on increasing awareness and understanding of justice institutions and their role in society.

## THREE-DAY TRAINING ON LAW NO. 111/2017 “ON STATE-GUARANTEED LEGAL AID”.

The Directorate of Free Legal Aid, in cooperation with the Albanian School of Public Administration (ASPA), conducted a three-day training on Law No. 111/2017 “On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid”. The training was organised within the framework of strengthening the professional capacities of newly recruited staff of the Primary Legal Aid Service Centres.



## AWARENESS-RAISING ACTIVITY AT KAMËZ VOCATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL



The Directorate of Free Legal Aid, in cooperation with the General Directorate of Bailiff Services, the General Directorate of the Probation Service, and the Juvenile and Youth Crime Prevention Centre, conducted an informational activity today with the students and academic staff of Kamëz Vocational Secondary School, focusing on raising awareness and enhancing understanding of justice institutions and their role in society.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE PRIMARY LEGAL AID SERVICE CENTRES.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 07.05.2026, within the framework of National Justice Day, conducted an informational and awareness-raising activity with the students of “Petro Nini Luarasi” High School in Kolonjë, in cooperation with the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination and the Kolonjë Social Service.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 07.05.2026, within the framework of the International Day of Families, conducted an informational and awareness-raising activity at the Day Centre for the Elderly in Kolonjë, in cooperation with the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination and the Kolonjë Social Service.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 15.05.2026, within the framework of the International Day of Families, participated in the Forum on Strengthening Institutional Cooperation in the Field of Economic and Social Rights and the Rights of Vulnerable Groups, with the participation of the People’s Advocate of Albania and local institutions from Korça and Pogradec.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 25.05.2025, conducted a “Street Law” activity with citizens to provide information on State-Guaranteed Legal Aid, the beneficiary categories, the services offered by the centre, and its location.

The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 26.05.2026, participated in the Coordinated Referral Mechanism (CRM) meeting for the handling of the case of citizen M.K., identifying the need for the provision of secondary legal aid in a family-related matter concerning domestic violence and the protection of the best interests of the children.



The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Korça, on 26.05.2026, within the framework of promoting Free Legal Aid, conducted an informational activity in cooperation with the Probation Service and the State Bailiff Service of Korça at the “Ismail Qemali” nine-year school, focusing on legal awareness and citizens’ rights.

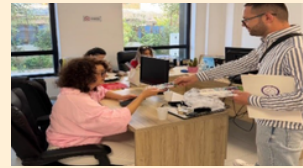
The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Kavajë, on 14.05.2026, participated in a coordination meeting organised by the Probation Service Office at the “Rilindja” nine-year school in Kavajë.





**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Kavajë**, on 25.05.2026, within the framework of the resumption of its activities and the promotion of its services, conducted a “Street Law” activity in the centre of the city of Kavajë.

**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Kavajë**, on 25.05.2026, held a coordination meeting with the Social Assistance Sector of the Municipality of Kavajë, within the framework of institutional cooperation.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Kukës**, on 12.05.2026, within the framework of the annual performance review of justice institutions, participated in the meeting entitled “Annual Performance Analysis of the Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction of Kukës.”

**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Dibër**, on 07.05.2026, within the framework of strengthening institutional cooperation, held a meeting with the Probation Service Centre of the Dibër Region.

**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Dibër**, on 25.05.2026, within the framework of planning activities in smaller municipalities, conducted an informational activity in the Municipality of Bulqizë, where legal counselling was provided to citizens through the “one-stop-shop” service desk.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Kurbin**, on 05.05.2026, within the framework of strengthening interinstitutional cooperation and improving the case referral mechanism, organised a roundtable discussion at the Municipality of Kurbin with the Mayor, Ms. Majlinda Cara.

**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Kurbin**, on 11.05.2026, within the framework of strengthening institutional cooperation and the case referral mechanism, held a roundtable discussion with the Deputy Head of the Prosecution Office attached to the Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction of Lezhë, Mr. Arben Nika.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Kurbin**, on 11.05.2026, within the framework of National Justice Day, held a meeting with the Chief Secretaries of the Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction of Lezhë.

**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Elbasan**, on 04.05.2026, conducted an informational activity at the premises of the Social Care Centre, within the framework of 1 May - International Workers’ Day.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Elbasan**, within the framework of 15 May - the International Day of Families, conducted an informational activity at the premises of the Regional Directorate of the National Agency for Employment and Skills (AKPA) in Elbasan.

**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Pukë**, on 20.05.2026, participated in an informational activity organised by the Employment Office of Pukë.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Pukë**, on 12.05.2026, conducted informational outreach meetings for the distribution of awareness-raising materials on free legal aid services. During the activity, informational leaflets were distributed at the premises of the Pukë Police Commissariat, and staff of the Citizen Services Office were informed about the services provided by the Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Pukë for citizens in need.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Gjirokastrër**, on 05.05.2026, held a meeting with a representative of the Regional Office of the People’s Advocate of Albania in Sarandë.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Gjirokastër**, on 11.05.2026, conducted an activity in cooperation with the Gjirokastër Bailiff Office and the Probation Service – Gjirokastër Territorial Branch.

**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Gjirokastër**, on 15.05.2026, participated in the roundtable organised by the Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction of Gjirokastër, entitled “Annual Work Performance Analysis – 2025”.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Gjirokastër**, on 29.05.2026, participated in an activity organised by the General Directorate of the Probation Service – Gjirokastër Territorial Branch and the Regional Directorate of the State Social Service in Gjirokastër, entitled “Child- and Adult-Friendly Justice for Persons in Conflict with the Law.”

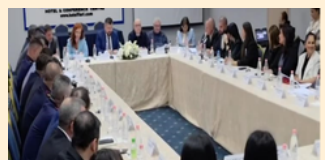


**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Përmet**, on 07.05.2026, conducted a “Street Law” informational activity within the framework of National Justice Day.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Përmet**, on 26.05.2026, participated in a meeting of the Interdisciplinary Technical Team held at the premises of the Municipality of Përmet, with the participation of representatives from the social services sector, the municipal psychologist, the probation service, the bailiff service, and the hospital service.

**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier**, on 04.05.2026, participated in the meeting entitled “Analysis of the Work Performed and the Performance of the Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction of Fier for the Year 2025.”



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier**, on 04.05.2026, participated in an informational activity organised by the “New Era” Centre, NSPK, the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination, and the State Police at the “Dino Ismaili” School in Levan.

**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier**, on 08.05.2026, conducted an informational meeting at the Municipality of Lushnjë, aimed at informing citizens about free legal aid services and the beneficiary categories.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier**, on 11.05.2026, conducted an informational meeting at the Municipality of Mallakastër, within the framework of presenting free legal aid services and addressing citizens’ concerns.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier**, on 13.05.2026, participated in an activity organised by the Ministry of Health and Social Protection and the SCPA Programme, within the framework of strengthening interinstitutional cooperation for the prevention of and protection against domestic violence and gender-based violence.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier**, on 18.05.2026, participated in an informational activity at the non-public “Alen” School in Fier, within the framework of preventing youth delinquency and enhancing safety in schools.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier**, on 19.05.2026, participated in an informational activity at the “Perikli Ikonomi” High School, within the framework of preventing youth delinquency and raising awareness about safety in schools.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier**, on 20.05.2026, conducted an informational meeting at the Community Centre of the Municipality of Divjakë, within the framework of presenting free legal aid services and strengthening coordination with the community.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier**, on 25.05.2026, participated in an informational activity at the non-public “Dertliu” School, within the framework of raising awareness on the prevention of youth delinquency and the promotion of safety in schools.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier**, on 22.05.2026, participated in the Careers Fair at the “Rakip Kryeziu” Vocational School in Fier, within the framework of informing young people about free legal aid services and access to justice.

**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Fier**, on 28.05.2026, participated in the forum entitled “Juvenile Justice and the Role of Young People in Enhancing School Safety”, within the framework of strengthening the legal protection of minors and ensuring access to free legal aid in accordance with Law No. 111/2017.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Berat**, on 15.05.2026, participated in an activity organised by the Tourism Directorate of the Municipality of Berat and the “Ylli i Mëngjesit” nine-year school, within the framework of the International Day of Families.

**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Vlora**, on 10.05.2026, conducted an informational activity at Ismail Qemali University of Vlora within the framework of National Justice Day.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Vlora**, on 15.05.2026, conducted an informational activity at the Girls’ Dormitory of Ismail Qemali University of Vlora, within the framework of the International Day of Families.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Vlora**, on 22.05.2026, participated in an activity organised by the Vatra Center entitled “Strengthening Coordination and Interinstitutional Cooperation in the Protection of Victims of Violence Based on Updated Legislation and a Victim-Centred Approach.”



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Vlora**, on 29.05.2026, participated in an awareness-raising activity held at the “International” School, in cooperation with the Probation Service, entitled “Respect for the Law and Avoidance of Risky Behaviours.”



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Lezhë**, on 05.05.2026, participated in the interinstitutional roundtable of the Intersectoral Technical Group (GTN), within the framework of the emergency protection of child cases.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Lezhë**, on 15.05.2026, participated in an activity organised by the Municipality of Lezhë within the framework of the International Day of Families, during which a fair of family-oriented services was also organised.

**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Durrës**, on 07.05.2026, conducted an informational activity at the Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction of Durrës within the framework of the “Justice Week” initiative.



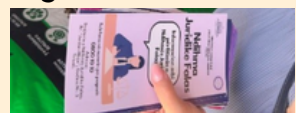
**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Durrës**, on 11.05.2026, held a working meeting in cooperation with the Probation Service and representatives of the Civil Status Office, Social Services, the Bailiff Service, the “Empowering the Community” Community Centre, and the relevant structures of the Municipality of Durrës.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Durrës**, on 15.05.2026, conducted an informational activity at the Sukth Administrative Unit, within the framework of the schedule of meetings with the smaller municipalities of the Durrës Region.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Durrës**, on 15.05.2026, also conducted a “Street Law” awareness-raising activity in the cities of Sukth and Durrës, within the framework of the International Day of Families.





**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Durrës**, on 20.05.2026, participated in an informational and awareness-raising activity held at the “Olsi Lasko” School, in cooperation with the Probation Service and the Local Bailiff Office of Durrës.

**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Durrës**, on 28.05.2026, produced an informational podcast aimed at raising citizens’ awareness of free legal aid services.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Tirana**, on 07.05.2026, organised an interinstitutional roundtable with representatives of local government authorities and civil society organisations, within the framework of strengthening interinstitutional cooperation and implementing Law No. 111/2017 “On State-Guaranteed Legal Aid”.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Tirana**, on 11.05.2026, conducted an informational activity with students of the Faculty of Law and representatives of civil society organisations, within the framework of National Justice Day and the promotion of access to justice through free legal aid services.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Tirana**, on 15.05.2026, conducted an informational activity with civil society activists and representatives of IRCA Albania, within the framework of the International Day of Families and the promotion of awareness regarding the legal rights of families and vulnerable groups.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Tirana**, on 19.05.2026, participated in informational sessions held at “Qemal Stafa” High School, aimed at informing young people about their legal rights, free legal aid services, and the institutions of the justice system.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Tirana**, on 29.05.2026, participated in an informational meeting at the “Kongresi i Lushnjës” nine-year school, within the framework of legal education for young people and the promotion of legal and social support mechanisms for minors.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Shkodra**, on 18.05.2026, organised a “Street Law” informational activity near the Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction of Shkodra, within the framework of the International Day of Families and raising awareness about free legal aid and the protection of family rights.



**The Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Shkodra**, on 08.05.2026, organised a “Street Law” informational activity near the Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction of Shkodra, the University Library, and St. Stephen’s Cathedral, within the framework of National Justice Day and the promotion of access to justice through free legal aid services.



## ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

**We would like to inform you that the Primary Legal Aid Service Centre in Shkodra has changed its location, with the aim of providing a more accessible and efficient service to citizens.**

**At the new premises, citizens will continue to receive free legal aid, legal counselling, and support in accessing justice.**

**Address: “13 Dhjetori” Street, near the Municipality of Shkodra.**

