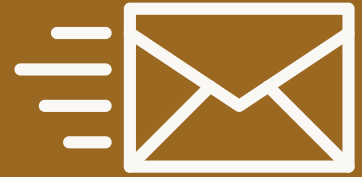


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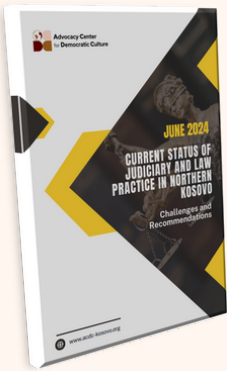
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Conference on the State of the Judiciary in Northern Kosovo

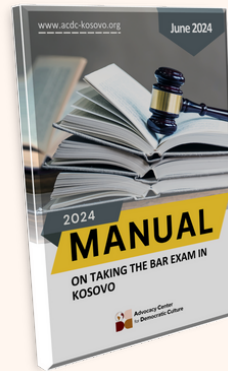
The Advocacy Center for Democratic Culture (ACDC) organized a conference on June 14th at the Sirius Hotel in Pristina to explore the current state of the judiciary in northern Kosovo.

The event was attended by Melihate Rama, Head of the Continuing Education Department at the Kosovo Academy of Justice, Valon Totaj, President of the Court of Appeals, and Dušan Radaković, Executive Director of NGO ACDC, who discussed the challenges and developments following the withdrawal of Kosovo Serbs from all judicial institutions in the north.



Analysis on the Judiciary Status in Northern Kosovo

NGO ACDC published an analysis on the current status of the judiciary and legal practice in northern Kosovo, providing a brief overview of the complex situation concerning the status of the judiciary and legal practice in the region. The full analysis is available on NGO ACDC's website.



Development of Bar Exam Manual

Additionally, the Bar Exam Manual for candidates from non-majority communities in Kosovo was developed to provide young lawyers from the north of Kosovo with an overview of the most important information regarding the bar exam in Kosovo.

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Round Table with Ombudsperson and Civil Society

In Stanishor, municipality of Gnjilane, the NGO ACDC organized a round table with Ombudsperson Naim Qelaj, civil society organizations, and activists. The meeting was dedicated to discussing human rights, where community members shared their opinions and ideas. Supported by UNMIK.



Presentation of New Human Rights Violation Reporting Form



<https://oik-rks.org/sr/>



On June 25th, at the Sirius Hotel in Pristina, a presentation of the new human rights violation reporting form was held, organized by NGO ACDC in collaboration with the Ombudsperson Institution of Kosovo. The form is designed to simplify citizen complaints regarding rights violations by public institutions or authorities, aiming to facilitate investigation and protection by the Ombudsperson.

Handover of Human Rights Assessment Document

As part of a project supported by UNMIK, the NGO ACDC, together with the head of UNMIK's Human Rights Office, Jerome Bouyjou, met with Ombudsman Naim Qelaj and handed over a document developed within the project. This document will serve as a reporting template for the Ombudsperson Institution of Kosovo (OIK) based on human rights indicators, and it will act as a guideline for assessing the state of human rights in Kosovo.



Signing of Memorandum of Understanding

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed on June 7th by the Executive Director of NGO ACDC, Dušan Radaković, and the Director of the Office for Good Governance, Habit Hajredini.

Consultative Meetings in Prizren and North Mitrovica

Prizren: On June 18th, NGO ACDC and the Office for Good Governance – Office of the Prime Minister held a consultative meeting on amendments to the Anti-Discrimination Law. Discussions focused on aligning proposed amendments with international human rights standards, especially regarding protection of vulnerable groups and non-majority communities. Attendees included Habit Hajredini, Director of the Office for Good Governance and Muhamet Vokrri, legal amendment expert.



North Mitrovica: On June 21st, a second consultative meeting was held at Europe House, addressing issues including the right to education, inclusion of young lawyers from non-majority communities, language use, uneven investment in Kosovo, and hate speech. Panelists highlighted initial phases of law amendments and identified implementation challenges, particularly in access to justice. Additionally, Jerome Bouyjou, Head of the Human Rights Office at UNMIK and Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Kosovo, also attended the meeting and emphasized the crucial importance of such meetings for their interactive nature with civil society, which is of great assistance in these and other related topics.



Marking World Environment Day

NGO ACDC marked World Environment Day by planting a tree, symbolizing our commitment to environmental protection and promoting sustainable development.



Panel discussion on Hate Speech

Slobodan Stošić, ACDC Project Manager, participated in a panel discussion on "Combating Hate Speech, Challenges, and Solutions" during the Council of Europe Office in Pristina's closing conference on June 20th. The event marked the conclusion of the "Promoting Human Rights and Non-Discrimination Principles at the Local Level - Phase II" project, supported by the Council of Europe and funded by UNMIK.

Read more about our initiative, supported by the Council of Europe Office in Pristina and funded by UNMIK through the "Promoting Human Rights and Non-Discrimination Principles at the Local Level-II" project, [here](#):

Visa Liberalization Promotion Campaign

The visa liberalization promotion project continues through a social media campaign. The goal of this campaign is to inform the citizens of Kosovo about the opportunities for visa-free travel to European destinations thanks to visa liberalization and to encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity to explore various cultural, historical, and tourist attractions across Europe.



ACDC in Media

NGO ACDC Program Manager, Slobodan Stošić speaks to Kosovo Online about Lajčak's visit. ●●●



Kosovo Online reports on the initiative to mark World Environment Day. ●●●



Kosovo Online reports on the consultative meeting with the Office for Good Governance. ●●●



Media Center Čaglavica reports on the presentation of the Ombudsperson's Office form. ●●●

