

STRENGTHENING JUDICIAL CAPACITY TO IMPROVE WOMEN'S ACCESS TO JUSTICE

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in five Eastern Partnership countries
(Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia,
Republic of Moldova and Ukraine)*

PROGRAMME

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8.30-9.00 am Registration of participants

Opening session

Moderator and introductory remarks: **Carolina Lasén Diaz**, Head of the Gender Equality Unit, Council of Europe

9.00-10.00 am

- ▶ **Vladimir Cebotari**, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Moldova (tbc)
- ▶ **Stela Grigoraş**, Minister of Labour of the Republic of Moldova (tbc)
- ▶ **Diana Scobioala**, Director of the National Institute of Justice of the Republic of Moldova
- ▶ **Micu Victor**, President of the Superior Council of Magistracy of the Republic of Moldova
- ▶ **Ian Feldman**, President of the Council on the Prevention and Elimination of Discrimination and Ensuring Equality of the Republic of Moldova

Session 1 – Setting the scene: improving the gender sensitiveness of justice systems

Moderator: **Diana Scobioala**, Director of the National Institute of Justice, the Republic of Moldova

10.00-11.00 am *Key obstacles to women's access to justice in Europe*

- ▶ **Sylvia Spurek**, Legal expert, Deputy Commissioner for Human Rights of Poland responsible for equal treatment issues

Gender issues in the judiciary

- ▶ **Gábor Széplaki-Nagy**, Prosecutor, Head of Division, Office of the Prosecutor General of Hungary and Gender Equality Rapporteur of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) of the Council of Europe

Discussion

11.00-11.30 am **Coffee break**

Session 2 – Barriers, remedies and good practices for women's access to justice: country examples

Moderator: **Lilia Pascal**, member of the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe, the Republic of Moldova

11.30-12.30 pm *Presentation of main findings of the regional report on Barriers, Remedies and Good Practices for Women's Access to Justice in five Eastern Partnership Countries*

- ▶ **Doina Ioana Străisteanu**, National expert, member of the Council on the Prevention and Elimination of Discrimination and Ensuring Equality of the Republic of Moldova
- ▶ **Baia Pataraiia**, National expert for Georgia

Discussion

- 12.30-1.00 pm *Presentation from the Institute of Justice of Kazakhstan*
- ▶ **Makhsat Bereketov**, Vice Rector of the Justice Academy under the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Presentation from the National Institute of Magistracy of Romania*
- ▶ **Cristiana Craciunescu**, Judge, Trainer of the National Institute for Magistracy of Romania
- 1.00-2.30 pm **Lunch break**
- 2.30-3.00 pm *Special courts and special prosecutor's offices examining cases of violence against women*
- ▶ **Carmen de la Fuente Mendez**, Chief of the Public Prosecutor's Office of Cartagena, Spain
- Discussion*

Session 3 – International standards and international good practices for improving women's access to justice

Moderator: **Victoria Neaga**, Representative of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova

- 3.00-4.00 pm *The Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention)*
- ▶ **Biljana Brankovic**, member of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)
- Addressing judicial gender stereotyping*
- ▶ **Veronica Birga**, Chief of the Women's Human Rights and Gender Section, Office of the UN High Commissioner on Human Rights
- The Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy: Current progress and hopes for the future*
- ▶ **Dragan Knezevic**, member of the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe, Serbia
- 4.00-4.30 pm **Coffee break**
- 4.30-5.00 pm *Toolkit for Women's Access to Justice*
- ▶ **Beatrice Duncan**, Justice and Constitutional Advisor, UN Women
- Discussion*

Closing Remarks – Day 1

Moderator: **Jose Luis Herrero**, Head of Council of Europe Office in Chisinau

- 5.00 pm *Summary of the first day's discussions*
- ▶ **Olga Dorul**, General Rapporteur
- 7.00 pm **Departure by bus from hotel for a tour of Cricova and a dinner offered by the Council of Europe.**

Tuesday, 25 October 2016

Session 4: Strengthening capacities in the legal professions to improve women's access to justice

Moderator: **Nataliia Shuklina**, Vice-Rector of the National School of Judges of Ukraine
9.30-11.00 am

Gender equality and women's rights in judicial training

- ▶ **Florence Aubry Girardin**, Dr. iur, Judge of the Supreme Court, Switzerland

Gender equality and women's rights in prosecutorial training

- ▶ **Ivan Prisyazhnik**, Rector of the National Academy of Prosecution of Ukraine

Gender equality and women's rights in training for lawyers

- ▶ **Irakli Kandashvili**, Board Member of the Georgian Bar Association, Chairman of the Educational Council

- ▶ **Karolina Ristova-Asterud**, Faculty of Law "Lustinianus Primus", Skopje, "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

Discussion

11.00-11.30 am **Coffee break**

Session 5: Training manual on Ensuring Access to Justice for Women

Moderator: **Konul Gasimova**, Human rights expert

11.30 -1.00 pm

General part of the training manual:

- ▶ Presentation by **Elisabeth Duban**, International legal consultant

National chapters of the training manual

- ▶ Armenia: **Gohar Hakobyan**, National expert
- ▶ Georgia: **Maia Bakradze**, National expert

Discussion

1.00-2.30 pm **Lunch break**

2.30-3.15 pm *National chapters of the training manual*

- ▶ Republic of Moldova: **Olga Dorul**, National expert
- ▶ Ukraine: **Oksana Pol'na**, National expert

Discussion

Session 6: Facilitating women's equal access to justice: the role of civil society

Moderator: **Ivana Goranic**, Expert on Justice and Home Affairs at the Regional Co-operation Council (RCC)

3.15-4.15 pm

Access to Justice for Women Confronted with Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination: The Case of Legal Aid Centres and Roma Communities in Bulgaria and Romania

- ▶ **Maria Marinova-Alkalay**, Human Rights and Non-Discrimination Expert

Manual on Lessons learned from 10 years of Women's Human Rights Training Institute

- ▶ **Genoveva Tisheva**, Director of the Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation

Access to justice for women victims of gender-based violence

- ▶ **Angelina Zaporojan-Pirgari**, Director of the Women's Law Centre, the Republic of Moldova

Discussion

4.15-4.45 pm **Coffee break**

Closing Session

4.45-5.30 pm *Conclusions*

Olga Dorul, General Rapporteur

Closing remarks

- ▶ **Carolina Lasén Diaz**, Head of the Gender Equality Unit, Council of Europe
- ▶ **Diana Scobioala**, Director of the National Institute of Justice of the Republic of Moldova



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