

TRAINING MANUAL ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Overview of the General Part

Improving women's access to justice
In five Eastern Partnership countries

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Background and process

- Expert meeting (Kvareli, Georgia, November 2015)
- Working group meetings
 - Strasbourg, March 2016
 - Kyiv, July 2016
 - Tbilisi, September 2016
- Working methods:
 - Identification of barriers to justice
 - Development of work plans
 - Agreement on structure and content
 - Feedback
 - Revision

Structure of the manual

General part (modules):

1. Conceptual framework
2. International legal framework
3. Women's human rights issues
4. Good practices of prosecutors and judges
5. Practical considerations

National chapters:

1. Armenia
2. Georgia
3. Moldova
4. Ukraine

Purpose of the general part

- A practical tool for training of judges and prosecutors
- Provide general context relevant to all countries
- Review international and regional law and jurisprudence on access to justice
- Improve basic understanding of women's rights issues
- Provide good practice examples that can be reflected or in national chapters
- Provide some methodological guidance

Special areas of focus

- The roles and duties of prosecutors and judges
- Violence against women: domestic violence and sexual violence
- Harmful practices
- Gender stereotypes and gender bias
- Case law
- Practical advice for exercises

Overview of the general part

PART 1: THE CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

- Principles of non-discrimination and gender equality
- Women's human rights
- Components of access to justice
- Gender stereotypes

PART 2: INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

- United Nations System
 - Charter- and treaty-based bodies
 - Focus on CEDAW
 - Note about ILO
- European System
 - Council of Europe conventions
 - European Court of Human Rights
 - Focus on the Istanbul Convention

PART 3: *WHAT EVERY PRACTITIONER SHOULD KNOW*

- Roles and duties of judges and prosecutors
- Violence against women (domestic violence, sexual violence, harmful practices)
- Family law
- Labour law

- In each thematic section:
 - Legal standards
 - General considerations (e.g. approaches, information about victims, perpetrators, etc.)
 - “Myths and facts”

PART 4: THE PRACTICE OF JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS

- Both criminal and civil processes
- Reflection of stages of legal proceeding (standing → adjudication and remedies)
- Special attention to:
 - Gender-sensitive practices
 - Women as witnesses, litigants, offenders
 - The court in a broader context
 - Supporting women in the justice sector
- Gender stereotypes is a cross-cutting issue

PART 5: PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS WHEN CONDUCTING A TRAINING

- Some methodological guidance
- Recommendations and tips
- Sample materials
- Further resources



Thank you!