

Freedom of Expression and freedom of the media in Kosovo* (JUFREX2)

Two-day training on defamation with Lawyers- JUFREX Kosovo*

16-17 March 2021

Around 30 lawyers from different municipalities benefitted from a 2-day training on “Defamation and Protection of Reputation” organised by EU/CoE Action on Freedom of Expression and the Media (JUFREX) in co-operation with the @Kosovo Bar Association.

Participants in the training had the chance to deepen their knowledge and discuss about:

✓ Concepts of freedom of expression and defamation, including the Article 10 from the European Court of Human Rights and limitations;

✓ Local legal and institutional framework in relation to the cases of defamation;

✓ Local and international standards on various aspects of defamation;

✓ Responsible journalism, exemption from the obligation to verify the facts, restriction on the use of criminal legislation and alternative remedies.

Participants also reviewed the most recent local judgments and defamation lawsuits, as well as analysing an international case-study and presenting solutions.

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