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**“PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) IN TURKEY”**

**EUROPEAN UNION-COUNCIL OF EUROPE JOINT PROJECT**

**FIELD VISIT TO ISTANBUL BAKIRKOY COURTHOUSE**

**Activity 2.1 Conducting a detailed needs assessment analysis and expert review of the legal framework and European best practices**

**11-12 OCTOBER 2021**

**Venue: Istanbul Bakırköy Courthouse**





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| AGENDA |

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| 1. **Oct** | **1st Day/Monday: Istanbul Bakırköy Courthouse** |
| **9.30** | **Visiting the courthouse facilities**  **General review of the project and the activity**  *Ms Dicle Okan, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe Programme Office in Ankara*  *(Chief Public Prosecutor, pilot court judges, court staff, mediators, representatives of the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Mediation Department)* |
| **10.00- 11.00** | The conceptual framework and models related to the disputes to be included in Mandatory Mediation in Turkey and EU best practices.  *Ms Nina Betetto, Council of Europe expert* |
| **11.00-11.20** | **Break** |
| **11.20-12.30** | Discussions on the evaluation and expansion of the Mandatory Mediation in Turkey and the needs of the mediators, judges and other relevant stakeholders.  *Ms Nina Betetto, Council of Europe expert*  *Ms Maria Oliveira, Council of Europe expert,*  *Mr Mustafa Erkan, Professor at Faculty of Law, Marmara University* |
| **12.30-14.00** | **Lunch** |
| **14.00-15.20** | The conceptual framework and different models in Family Mediation and EU best practices.  *Ms Maria Oliveira, Council of Europe expert* |
| **15.20-15.40** | **Break** |
| **15.40-16.50** | Discussions on the conceptual framework and different models in Family Mediation in Turkey and the perspective of the mediators, judges and other relevant stakeholders.    *Ms Maria Oliveira, Council of Europe expert*  *Ms Nina Betetto, Council of Europe expert*  *Mr Mustafa Erkan, Professor at Faculty of Law, Marmara University* |
| **16.50-17.00** | Wrap up and closing |

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| 1. **Oct** | **2nd Day/Tuesday: Istanbul Ataköy Sheraton Hotel** |
| **9.30** | **General review of the project and the activity**  *Ms Dicle Okan, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe Programme Office in Ankara*  *(Staff of the mediation bureaux, mediators, representatives of the mediation centres, mediation associations, representatives of the MoJ)* |
| **10.00- 11.00** | The conceptual framework on the legal status and institutionalisation of the Mediation Centres and EU best practices.  *Mr Mustafa Erkan, Professor at Faculty of Law, Marmara University*  *Ms Nina Betetto, Council of Europe expert*  *(Staff of the mediation bureaux, mediators, representatives of the mediation centres, mediation associations, representatives of the MoJ)* |
| **11.00-11.20** | **Break** |
| **11.20-12.30** | Discussions on the revision and proposals related to the legal status and institutionalisation of the Mediation Centres in Turkey and different perspectives of the stakeholders.  *Ms Maria Oliveira, Council of Europe expert*  *Ms Nina Betetto, Council of Europe expert*  *Mr Mustafa Erkan, Professor at Faculty of Law, Marmara University* |
| **12.30-14.00** | **Lunch** |
| **14.00-15.20** | *Meeting with the arbitrators, mediators, representatives of the Istanbul Arbitration Centre (ISTAC), the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce (ICOC), and representatives of the MoJ;*  The status quo  of arbitration (discussing voluntary/mandatory arbitration) in Turkey:   * sufficiency of legislation, the role and perception of the judiciary and other legal professionals, institutional capacity, and proficiency of arbitrators, the issue of competence, the needs, obstacles, and remedies; * suggestions for the capacity building for arbitrators, and how to increase the awareness among the target groups and beneficiaries of the arbitration in Turkey.   *Mr Mustafa Erkan, Professor at Faculty of Law, Marmara University* |
| **15.20-15.40** | **Break** |
| **15.40-16.50** | Discussions on the status quo and the design of arbitration, capacity building for arbitrators, and raising awareness in Turkey.  *Ms. Maria Oliveira, Council of Europe expert*  *Ms Nina Betetto, Council of Europe expert*  *Mr Mustafa Erkan, Professor at Faculty of Law, Marmara University* |
| **16.50-17.00** | Wrap up and closing |