

**“HELP in Central Asia” Action**

**Fostering access to justice in Turkmenistan: the role of a lawyer in  
International and European law and practice**

*International Conference*

**PROGRAMME**

*Venue: Yлдыz hotel, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan*

**12 October 2023**

**9:15 – 9:30** Registration of participants

**9:30 – 10:00** **Opening remarks**

**Moderator:** Ms Krystyna Khokhlova, project co-ordinator, Human Rights Directorate, Council of Europe

*Speakers:*

*Mr Sapa Jumaýew, Deputy Minister of Justice of Turkmenistan*

*Ms Ýazdursun Gurbannazarova, Human Rights Commissioner of Turkmenistan*

*Ms Bestyr Eýwanowa, Head of Bar association of Ashgabat*

*Ms Beata Peęsa, Ambassador, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Turkmenistan*

*Ms Eva Pastrana, Head of Justice and Human Rights training Division, Directorate of Human Rights, Council of Europe*

**10:00 – 11:15** **Session I - Association of lawyers: benefits and challenges**

**Moderator:** Mr Sergey Dikman, Head of Unit, Human Rights Directorate, Council of Europe

*Speakers:*

*Ms Maria Ślęzak, President of the European Association of Lawyers, Member of the Council of Polish Bar of Attorneys*



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*Mr Anar Baghirov, Chairman of Azerbaijani Bar association*

*Mr Ataberdi Annagulyyev, Head of Legal advice office of Berkararlyk district of Ashgabat*

*Mr Aidyn Bikebayev, Chairman of the National Bar Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan*

**11:15 – 11:45**      **Coffee break**

**11:45 – 13:00**      **Session I (part 2) - Association of lawyers: benefits and challenges**

**Moderator: Mr Sergey Dikman, Head of Unit, Human Rights Directorate, Council of Europe**

***Speakers:***

*Mr Rupert Wolff, Honorary President of the Austrian Bar association, Former President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)*

*Mr Ersin Soybas, Secretary General of the Ankara Bar Association*

*Mr Bilim Raiymkulov, Chairman of the Bar association of the Kyrgyz Republic*

*Mr Alisher Khaydarov, Chairman of the Union of Lawyers of the Republic of Tajikistan*

***Discussion***

**13:00 – 14:00**      **Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:30**      **Session II - The role of the Bar association in setting up and enforcing ethical standards**

**Moderator: Ms Eva Massa, lawyer, Council of Europe consultant**

***Speakers:***

*Ms Eli Hristova, Attorney-at-law, member of the Supreme Bar Council of Bulgaria, member of the Bulgarian delegation to CCBE*

*Mr Giovanni Pansini, lawyer, former member of the Training Committee of the National Forensic Council (Italy) and of the CCBE, former HELP info - point*

*Mr Davron Saidov, Deputy Chairman of the Chamber of lawyers of the Republic of Uzbekistan*



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**15:30 – 16:00**      **Coffee break**

**16:00 – 16:45**      **Session III - Setting up of the Bar association in Turkmenistan – moderated discussion**

**Moderators:** **Ms Maria Ślęzak**, President of the European Association of Lawyers, Member of the Council of Polish Bar of Attorneys

**Ms Dzhennet Igdirova**, leading consultant of legal aid division, Ministry of Justice of Turkmenistan

**Keynote speaker:** *Ms Annagul Atajanova, Advocate of Legal advice office of Berkararlyk district of Ashgabat*

**17:15**                **Closing**

**19:00**                **Reception**

**13 October 2023**

**9:15 – 9:30**        **Registration**

**9:30 – 11:00**      **Session IV - Legal education and training for lawyers**

**Moderator:** **Ms Krystyna Khokhlova**, project co-ordinator, Human Rights Directorate, Council of Europe

***Speakers:***

*Ms Eva Pastrana, Head of Justice and Human Rights training Division, Directorate of Human Rights, Council of Europe*

*Ms Jelena Ristikj, Vice President of the North Macedonia Bar Association, lawyer, HELP Info point*

*Ms Eva Massa, lawyer, Council of Europe consultant*

*Ms Shirindzhemal Redzhepova, Head of Bar association of Ahal welayaty (region)*

**11:00 – 11:30**      **Coffee break**



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**11:30 – 12:30 Discussion - Role of the Bar in access to the profession of lawyers**

**Moderator :** Mr **Temur Shakirov**, Director of Europe and Central Asia Programme, International Commission of Jurists

*Speakers:*

*Mr Rupert Wolff, Honorary President of the Austrian Bar association, Former President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)*

*Ms Maria Ślęzak, President of the European Association of Lawyers, Member of the Council of Polish Bar of Attorneys*

*Discussion*

**12:30 Closing of the Conference**

*Mr Sergey Dikman, Head of Unit, Cooperation Programmes Division, Human Rights Directorate, Council of Europe*

*Mr Merdan Khanov, Head of international legal relations Division, Ministry of Justice of Turkmenistan*

**13:00 Lunch**



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