



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

SEPARATE ANNEX ON TRAINING

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Recommendations vii, viii, xi and xii have been satisfactorily in the part that concerns training.

Upon the adoption of the new Criminal Procedure Code, the Judicial Training Centre elaborated the Training Plan and Programme on the New Criminal Procedure Code. The Judicial Centre Working Group on Criminal Law divided the training programme into two stages:

1. An introduction to the Criminal Procedure Code – judges and prosecutors were acquainted with the key amendments, the new institutes incorporated into the Code and were prepared for the implementation of the second stage.

In late October 2006 a two-day seminar was organised for the lecturers from the ranks of the Law School professors, the Supreme Court judges, district court judges, the Republican Public Prosecutor deputies and District Public Prosecutor deputies. The first stage was realised in late 2006 and early 2007. 46 seminars were held, attended by 1485 participants. The realisation of the first stage was assisted by ABA/CEELI, the Office of the US Justice Department Permanent Representative to Belgrade and the European Agency for Reconstruction, through the elaboration of materials and financial support.

2. Topical seminars – new institutes of the Criminal Procedure Code were addressed, including case studies.

The first institute addressed in the course of 12 seminars was the “plea bargaining”. Apart from judges and prosecutors, lawyers were also present at the seminar. The lecturers were local, as well as foreign experts: a judge, a prosecutor and a lawyer from the USA.

The Judicial Training Centre signed an agreement on supporting the organisation of 10 seminars entitled “Evidence and Evidential Procedure” with the OSCE Mission. ABA/CEELI supported the organisation of seminars entitled “Preparations for the Main Hearing” and of those addressing the relations between the prosecution and the police.

2008

In 2008 the Judicial Centre planned, within its regular action programme, seminars on the following topics:

1. Relations between the prosecution and the police in combating corruption;
2. Investigation and investigation actions;
3. Special investigation actions and techniques;
4. The use of evidence;
5. Criminal offences against the economy and criminal offences against official duty;
6. Joint seminars for judges, prosecutors, police officers and representatives of the institutions responsible for combating corruption.

2007

In 2007 the Judicial Training Centre included in its regular programme the training of judges and prosecutors in combating corruption, money laundry and organised crime. Within the Judicial Centre's programme, the Working Group on Criminal Law and the Working Group on Prosecutors elaborated a special training programme for judges and prosecutors in combating corruption. In 2007, the total of 1835 participants attended the seminars:

1. Investigation and investigation actions in combating corruption- the seminars were organised for judges and prosecutors. In the course of 2007 there were 11 two-day seminars with 292 participants. The lecturers were the judges of the Supreme Court of Serbia and the Republican Public Prosecutor deputies.

2. Special investigation actions and the use of evidence gathered through special investigation actions- the seminars were organised for investigative judges and prosecutors. They addressed the issue of gathering evidence on corruption through special investigation actions. In 2007 there were 8 two-day seminars with 278 participants. The lecturers were the judges of the Supreme Court of Serbia, the judges of the Special Department of Belgrade District Court for Organised Crime and the deputies of the Special Prosecutor for Organised Crime.

3. Investigation and investigation actions – Relations between the prosecution and the police – the seminars were organised for prosecutors and police officers. They addressed the issue of relations between the prosecution and the police in the course of investigation and investigation actions. In 2007 there were 8 two-day seminars with 281 participants. The lecturers were the deputies of the Republican Public Prosecutor and the police.

4. Challenges and good practice examples in combating corruption in Serbia- the seminars were organised for investigative judges, prosecutors and police officers. In 2007 there were 5 three-day seminars with 172 participants. The lecturers were prosecutors and police officers of Serbia and the USA.

5. Criminal offences against the economy and criminal offences against official duty- the seminars were organised for judges and prosecutors. In 2007 there were 12 seminars addressing criminal offences against the economy with 351 participants. There were 14 seminars with 423 participants at the seminars on criminal offences against official duty. The lecturers were the judges of the Supreme Court of Serbia, district court judges, the Republican Public Prosecutor deputies and District Prosecutor deputies.

6. Organised crime and corruption- a special training programme for judges and prosecutors, implemented in cooperation with UNICRI. The first group of 6 participants attended the training programme for lecturers. There was a five-day seminar organised for them called "Organised Crime and Corruption". This group also went on a study visit to Italy where they got acquainted with Italian institutions and their practice. The second group of 32 participants attended the five-day seminar "Fight against Organised Crime, Corruption and Money Laundry". The lecturers at this seminar were the participants of the first group, UNICRI experts and Italian judges and prosecutors.

2006

In the course of 2006 the Judicial Training Centre organised seminars on corruption with 745 participants:

1. **Measures in combating corruption-** the seminars for judges and prosecutors of district and municipal courts. There were 18 seminars with 543 participants. The topics addressed were measures in combating corruption, international standards and Serbia's obligations in combating corruption.

2. **Challenges and good practice examples in combating corruption-** the seminar was organised for investigative judges, prosecutors and police officers. There were three three-day seminars organised in cooperation with the US Embassy. The seminars were attended by 105 participants.

3. **Organised crime, money laundry and corruption-** the seminars were organised for district court judges, prosecutors, police officers in the Directorate for Combating Organised Crime and the Directorate for Combating Money Laundering. There were three two-day seminars with 97 participants.

2005

In the course of 2005, the Judicial Training Centre organised special seminars for judges and prosecutors, for the judges of the Special Department of Belgrade District Court for Combating Organised Crime and for the prosecutors of the Special Prosecutor's Office. The seminars were attended by **510** participants. The topics were:

1. **Special investigation actions and the use of evidence-** there were 4 one-day seminars. Each seminar was attended by the same group of 34 participants. The seminars addressed particular instruments of investigation actions and international standards and considered the experiences of Italy, USA and Germany. As far as the use of evidence is concerned, special attention was given to domestic legislation, as well as to the standards and practices of the European Court of Human Rights.

2. **Measures in combating corruption-** the seminars were organised for judges and prosecutors of district and municipal courts. There were 18 seminars with 476 participants. The seminars addressed measures in combating corruption, international standards and Serbia's obligations in fight against corruption.

The projects of the Council of Europe

Within the CARPO project, the Council of Europe coordinated the module entitled “Instruments in Fight against Economic and Organised Crime”. There were a number of seminars and training sessions for police officers, prosecutors and judges. In June 2007, the hand-book “Financial Investigation and Seizure of Property Acquired through Crime”, intended for members of the police and prosecution, was published.

The Project against Economic Crime in the Republic of Serbia- PACO Serbia is underway. The aim of the project is to strengthen the capacities of the Republic of Serbia in combating economic crime, under international standards and the best good practice examples, through training, seminars and study visits to foreign institutions which are the links in the chain of combat against economic crime.

The PACO project held a number of topical workshops on money laundry and financing of terrorism, also addressing the issue of seizure of property acquired through corruption, as a predicate criminal offence:

1. The first topical two-day workshop on Money Laundry and Financing of Terrorist Activities was held on 26/27th October 2006 in Niš. The workshop was attended by 50 representatives of municipal and district courts, public prosecutor’s offices and the police of Niš, Vranje, Leskovac, Kruševac, Zaječar and Pirot. The lecturers were local and foreign experts.

2. The second topical two-day workshop was held on 5/6th December 2006 in Čačak. The workshop was attended by 41 representatives of municipal and district courts, public prosecutor’s offices and the police of Čačak, Užice, Valjevo, Kraljevo and Gornji Milanovac. The lecturers were local and foreign experts.

3. The third topical two-day workshop was held on 7/8th December 2006 in Kragujevac. The workshops were attended by 47 representatives of municipal and district courts, public prosecutor’s offices and the police of Kragujevac, Paraćin, Jagodina, Arandjelovac and Čuprija. The lecturers were local and foreign experts.

4. The fourth topical two-day workshop was held on 12/13th February 2007 at Palić. The workshop was attended by 35 representatives of municipal and district courts, public prosecutor’s offices and the police of Kikinda, Senta, Subotica, Ada, Bačka Topola and Sombor. The lecturers were local and foreign experts.

5. The fifth topical two-day workshop was held on 26/27th March 2007 in Novi Sad. The workshop was attended by 42 representatives of municipal and district courts, public prosecutor’s offices and the police of Sremska Mitrovica, Ruma, Novi Sad, Zrenjanin, Kikinda, Šid and Bečej. The lecturers were local and foreign experts.

6. The sixth topical two-day workshop was held on 28/29th March 2007 in Belgrade. The workshop was attended by 31 representatives of municipal and district courts, public prosecutor’s offices and the police of Belgrade, Stara Pazova, Indjija, Pančevo, Vršac and Šabac. The lecturers were local and foreign experts.