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„Enhancing the Quality of Legal Aid: General Standards for Different Countries”

22-23 November 2017 in Vilnius, Lithuania

*Venue: Conference Hall of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania
Gedimino Ave. 30, Vilnius*

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

22 November	
8.30 – 9.00	<i>Registration</i>
9.00 – 9.30	<p>Welcome speeches</p> <p><i>Prof. dr. Milda Vainiūtė, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania</i> <i>Doc. dr. Jurgita Paužaitė-Kulvinskienė, Director, Law Institute of Lithuania</i> <i>Prof. dr. Ignas Vėgėlė, Chairman of the Lithuanian Bar Association</i></p>
<p>SESSION I: International and European Perspective to Legal Aid and Its Quality</p> <p><i>Moderators: Prof. Dr. Matthias Jahn, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt and Dr. Agnė Limantė, Law Institute of Lithuania</i></p>	
9.00 – 9.30	<p>Tendencies of legal aid quality standards in the case law of the European Court of Human Rights</p> <p><i>Speaker: Dr. Danutė Jočienė, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania</i></p>
9.30 – 10.00	<p>Right to legal aid in the international and EU law</p> <p><i>Speaker: Yolanda Vanden Bosch, Karel de Grote Hogeschool Antwerp and KU Leuven, Lawyers office Antwerp, Belgium</i></p>
10.00 – 10.30	<p>EU policy goals of Directives 2016/1919 and 2013/48</p> <p><i>Speaker: Barbel Heinkelmann, Representative of the European Commission</i></p>
10.30 – 11.00	<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>
11.00 – 11.30	<p>Legal aid quality auditing instruments applied by states: comparative perspective</p> <p><i>Representative of United Nations/OECD/ EU Agency for Fundamental Rights TBC</i></p>



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11.30 – 12.00	Challenges of legal aid quality viewed under the mandate of Ombudsperson <i>Speaker: Dr. Augustinas Normantas, Seimas Ombudsman, Head of the Seimas Ombudsmen Office, Lithuania</i>
12.00 – 12.30	<i>Questions-answers session</i>
12.30 – 14.30	LUNCHBREAK
SESSION II: Legal Aid Quality Issues from the Perspective of Stakeholders <i>Moderators: Dr. Laurynas Biekša, advocate, associate professor at Mykolas Romeris University and the judge in the Court of Honor of the Lithuanian Bar Association, Lithuania and Inga Abramavičiūtė, chair of the State-guaranteed Legal Aid Board of Lithuania</i>	
14.30 – 17.00	Panel discussion. Stakeholders’ attitude towards legal aid quality: courts, police, prosecutors, NGOs. Participants of discussion: <i>Vladimiras Siniovas, representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Lithuania</i> <i>Prof. Dr. Richard Soyer, University of Linz, Austria</i> <i>Mikko Sipilä, Prosecutor, The Prosecutor's Office of Itä-Uusimaa, Finland</i> <i>Dr. Dario Quintavalle, Ministry of Justice of Italy</i> <i>Diego Rafael León Burgos, Legal Advisor, Brussels Delegation Spanish Bar (CGAE), Spain</i>



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23 November	
8.45 – 9.00	<i>Registration</i>
<i>SESSION III: Discussion on Selected Aspects of Legal Aid Quality and Good Practices</i>	
9.00 – 10.30	Various models of legal aid administration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• France/ Germany/ Poland/ Sweden• The Czech Republic/ Hungary/ Latvia/ Lithuania/ the Netherlands• Belgium/Spain <i>Speaker: Dr. Anželika Banevičienė, Director of State-guaranteed Legal Aid Service, Lithuania</i>
10.30 – 11.00	COFFEE BREAK
11.00 – 13.00	Best EU practices in short: legal aid quality indicators and control instruments <i>Moderator: Prof. Dr. Christoph Burchard, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt</i> <i>Presentations of Netherlands, Ukraine, Finland (UK or Ireland):</i> <i>Herman Schilperoort, Director of Legal Aid Board Netherlands</i> <i>Kirta Heinen, Ministry of Justice of Finland</i> <i>Serhii Trotsenko, Deputy Director, Coordination Centre for Legal Aid Provision, Ukraine</i> <i>Questions and answers session after each country.</i>
13.00 – 14.30	LUNCH



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**SESSION IV: Defining Legal Aid Quality Indicators:
The Point of View of Legal Aid Providers and Organisers**

14.30 – 16.30	<p>Panel discussion with participation of Legal Aid Lawyers and Authorities in Charge of Management Legal Aid System and Decision-making.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Linas Sesickas, Advocate</i></p> <p><i>Participants:</i></p> <p><i>Aurelija Giedraitytė, Head of Division of Legal Aid, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania</i></p> <p><i>Herman Schilperoort, Director of Legal Aid Board Netherlands</i></p> <p><i>Ivanka Ivanova, Open Society Institute-Sofia.</i></p> <p><i>William Wing-Ka, Directeur de greffe, Tribunal de grande instance de Rouen, France</i></p> <p><i>Jeļena Bārbale, Head of the Legal Aid Provision Division, Deputy director of the Legal Aid Administration of the Republic of Latvia</i></p> <p><i>Muilu Merja, Ministry of Justice of Finland</i></p> <p><i>Liviu Alexandru Lascu, Prosecutor, Military Prosecutor's Office under Military Tribunal of Cluj</i></p> <p><i>Inga Abramavičiūtė, Advocate, Chair of State-guaranteed Legal Aid Coordination Board</i></p>
16.30 – 16.45	<p>Conclusions and closing of the conference</p> <p><i>Moderators: Dr. Jurgita Paužaitė-Kulvinskienė, Director, Law Institute of Lithuania</i></p> <p><i>Herman Schilperoort, Director of Legal Aid Board Netherlands</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Anželika Banevičienė, Director of State-guaranteed Legal Aid Service, Lithuania</i></p>



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