



“ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LEGAL AID: GENERAL STANDARDS FOR DIFFERENT COUNTRIES”

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INVITATION TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
„Enhancing the Quality of Legal Aid: General Standards for Different Countries”

Vilnius, Lithuania

22-23 November 2017

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

22 November	
8:30 – 9.00	<i>Registration</i>
9:00 – 10.00	<p>Welcome speeches</p> <p><i>Prof. Dr. Milda Vainiūtė (Minister of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania)</i></p> <p><i>Prof. Dr. Ignas Vėgėlė (Chairman, Lithuanian Bar Association)</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Jurgita Paužaitė-Kulvinskienė (Director, Law Institute of Lithuania)</i></p> <p>Project Findings: Towards Uniform Legal Aid Standards – Common Grounds for Legal Aid Provision</p> <p><i>Dr. Andželika Banevičienė (Project leader, State-guaranteed Legal Aid Service, Lithuania)</i></p>
SESSION I: International and European Perspective to Legal Aid and Its Quality	
10:00 – 10:30	<p>Right to legal aid in the international and EU law <i>(title to be confirmed by the speaker)</i></p> <p><i>German/Dutch colleague</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>
11:00 – 12:00	<p>EU policy goals of Directives 2016/1919 and 2013/48 <i>(title to be confirmed by the speaker)</i></p> <p><i>Representative of the European Commission</i></p>



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12:00 - 13:00	Tendencies of legal aid quality standards in the case law of the European Court of Human Rights (<i>title to be confirmed by the speaker</i>) <i>Representative of the European Court of Human rights (prof. E. Kūris arba D. Jočienė)</i>
13:00 - 14:30	<i>LUNCH</i>
14:30 - 15:30	Legal aid quality auditing instruments applied by states: comparative perspective <i>Representative of United Nations/OECD/ EU Agency for Fundamental Rights</i>
SESSION II: Legal Aid Quality Issues from the Perspective of Stakeholders and NGOs	
15:30 – 17:00	Workshop: Stakeholders’ attitude towards legal aid quality <i>Discussion of Stakeholders on legal aid quality: courts, police, prosecutors, NGOs (Caritas, Red Cross, Human Rights Monitoring Institute, crisis centres) – 15 min per person</i> <i>Moderators:</i>

23 November	
8:45 – 9.00	<i>Registration</i>
9:00 – 10:30	Various models of legal aid administration I. France/ Germany/ Poland/ Sweden II. The Czech Republic/ Hungary/ Latvia/ Lithuania/the Netherlands III. Belgium/ Spain <i>Speaker to be confirmed.</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>COFFEE BREAK</i>



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SESSION III: Defining Legal Aid Quality Indicators: The Point of View of Legal Aid Providers and Organisers	
11:00 – 13:00	Panel discussion with participation of Legal Aid Lawyers and Authorities in Charge of Management Legal Aid System and Decision-making. <i>Panel will include: lawyers and officials from different states</i> <i>Moderators:</i>
13:00 – 14:30	<i>LUNCH</i>
SESSION IV: Discussion Panels on Selected Aspects of Legal Aid Quality and Good Practices	
14:30 – 16:30	Best EU practices in short: legal aid quality indicators and control instruments <i>(presentations of 3-4 countries to be confirmed)</i> <i>Questions and answers sessions after each country</i> <i>Moderators:</i>
16:30 – 16:45	Conclusions and closing of the conference <i>Moderators:</i>



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