

ADVANCING THE REFORMS IN THE JUDICIARY

How to return the confidence of the citizens in the judicial system?

Closing conference of the project “For Justice – Monitoring of the Implementation of the Strategy for Reforms of the Judiciary in 2021”

29 March 2022, 11:00 - 14:30 h.

Hotel Alexander Palace Skopje / ZOOM platform

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PROGRAM

- 10:30 – 10:45 **Arrival and registration of participants**
- 10:45 – 11:00 **Statements for media**
- 11:00 – 11:15 **Introductory remarks**
Fani Karanfilova – Panovska, Executive director, Foundation Open Society – Macedonia
Prof. Dr. Nikola Tupancheski, Minister for Justice of RNM
- 11:15 – 11:30 **Presentation of the key findings and conclusions of the Shadow Report for the Implementation of the Strategy for Reforms in the Judiciary in 2021**
Goce Kocevski, Program director, Macedonian Young Lawyers Association
- Q & A**
- 11:30 – 12:30 **Panel 1: The role of judicial institutions and legal professions in returning the confidence of the citizens in the judicial system**
Speakers:
Pavlina Crvenkovska, President of the Judicial Council of RNM
Ljubomir Joveski, Public Prosecutor of RNM (TBC)
Antonio Jolevski, President of the Council for Public Prosecutors of RNM

Betim Jahja, judge at the Basic Court in Tetovo, Association of judges of RNM
Aleksandar Tumanovski, Lawyer, Bar Chamber of RNM
Natali Petrovska, Executive director, Coalition All for Fair Trial

Moderator:

Jelena Kadrikj, Executive director, Institute for Human Rights

12:30 – 13:00 **Coffee break**

13:00 – 14:00 **Panel 2: Improving the legal framework and the capacities of judges and public prosecutors for effective processing of cases concerning gender-based violence, hate speech and hate crime and degradation of the environment.**

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Natasha Gaber-Damjanovska, Director of the Academy for judges and public prosecutors

Nikola Prokopenko, State Advisor, Ministry of Justice of RNM

Natasha Boshkova, Legal counsellor, Coalition Margini, Network for Protection against Discrimination

Evgenija Krstevska, Environmental lawyer

Tona Kareva, Legal counsellor, Helsinki Committee for Protection of Human Rights

Moderator:

Iva Conevska Vangelova, Project manager and legal researcher, European Policies Institute

14:00 – 14:15 **Lessons learned and recommendations for development of the new strategic document for reforms in the judiciary**

Margarita Caca Nikolovska, President, Institute for Human Rights

14:15 – 14:30 **Closing conclusions and remarks**

Zharko Hadzi-Zafirov, Program director, Centre for Legal Research and Analysis

Goce Kocevski, Program director, Macedonian Young Lawyers Association

14:30- 15:00 **Cocktail**