



REPORT

ON THE ACTIVITY OF THE CENTER FOR LEGAL CIVIC INITIATIVES

Period: 2013-2014

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GREETINGS! Dear friends, it's a great pleasure for me to present a brief summary of the narrative Report of the Center for Civic Legal Initiatives, on its activity during the last three years, in the period of time from 2013 till 2014. These years have marked significant developments for our organization, with regard to its professional and organizational improvement and also regarding the implementation of the projects. There has been an increased work volume for supporting abused and poor women with free legal help. Approximately 900 clients have received free legal aid during these two years. In this activity, along with the traditional collaboration with the network of organizations offering legal aid against gender-based violence, there has been an increased collaboration with the Law Clinic of the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana. Furthermore, the Center's activity has increased regarding the implementation of new laws in the field of gender equality and combating domestic violence. The increased access of the citizens in the justice system has remained one of the main aims of our organization and its realization in our activity during this period of time. Thus, the circle of our requests in exercising legal means at courts in our country as well as by the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner etc., has been extended. Our activity for the legal education of the citizens, especially, in rural areas has been intensified. Next to the informative discussions, these last years, the Center has been involved in alternative activities, in order to increase the information and awareness of the public, through theater plays. These evoke difficult and positive practices of the Center, by being exhibited in front of the public and later participating in an active discussion with them.

An important aspect of our success is the support of and the cooperation with our donors, Civil Rights Defenders, United Nations Development Program, Democracy Commission Small Grants Program of the Embassy of USA in Tirana, UNDP, Sweden support to the Ministry of Interior and State Police on "Community Policing", JUST, UN Women, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, whom I would like to thank in particular. I would like to express my gratitude even to the members of the Board and to the staff of the Center for Civic Legal Initiatives for the disposition and the professionalism they have shown and performed during this period of time. A special thank goes for the "Amicus curie" of the Center, Lawyers who helped us to offer free legal services in the courts outside Tirana. Moreover, we have to thank the students of *pro bono* teams, who worked along with the lawyers of the Center to offer legal counseling and other services to people in need.

Thank you,

AURELA ANASTASI Executive Director

1 Our organization

Created in 1997, the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives is specialized in offering legal assistance for protecting the rights of citizens, particularly women, offering legal education for citizens and lobbying for legal initiatives in their best interest.

1.1 Clci and partners

An important part of the success, achievements and professionalism of our organization is dedicated to our strategic partners over the years. The Center for Legal Civic Initiatives has been able to operate thanks to the support of donators and partners:

A special thanks to our donators and partners!



1.2. Field of activity

CLCI contributes to the development of the community and particularly of poor and abused women. Our activities are described below:

- Offering legal and psychosocial assistance, for people in need, particularly for abused women, also as a result of domestic violence, trafficked women and poor women, through counseling and representing the victim in administrative cases or before the court.
- Initiating and being involved in legal initiatives and lobbying, aiming to enact new laws and other normative acts.
- Offering legal education for increasing public awareness, with regard to exercising and defending their own rights.
- Studying and monitoring draft-laws, legislation and its implementation.
- Training professionals of the justice system and other professionals.
- Involving the youth in the activities of the Center, by creating and training *pro bono* teams, with the help of our lawyers.

1.3. Key points of the organization's activity during the report period

- Strategic Litigation;
- Offering legal assistance online;
- Using performance and dramatization as means for increasing community awareness regarding cases of domestic violence and other gender violence;
- Working in networks;
- Increasing the visibility of the organization's activity by using social media.

1.4. Publications

Studies and professional publications are one of the strongest points of the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives. They do not only represent the result of our work, but they are also a lobbying mean for our organization and other NGOs that work in the human rights field, particularly for increasing poor and abused women's access to the justice system and other services.



The newsletter "Gender Justice" summarizes cases from national and international court's and independent institution's case law. This publication includes practices from the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives, Decisions of the CEDAW Committee, Decisions of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) and Decisions of the European Community for Social Rights. This newsletter was made possible thanks to the support of the UN Development Program (UNDP) and the Government of Sweden.



The "Report on knowledge and implementation of the gender equality standards in court decisions", was prepared in the framework of the project: "Pursuing strategic litigation cases to advance women's human rights and increase their access to National and International Protection Bodies". Preparation and publication of this report is supported by the United Nations Development Programme in Albania (UNDP Albania) and the Government of Sweden.

This publication summarizes several decisions of the US Supreme Court and it is realized in the framework of the project “Human rights and jurisprudence in the US Supreme Court”, supported by the US Embassy in Tirana.



This publication includes two reports, ‘On the cost of the implementation of the Law no. 9669, dated 18.12.2006, “On measures against violence in family relations’, for the accomplishment of the tasks of the State Police, the District Prosecutor’s Office and District Courts of Tirana, Durrës, Korça and Kukës” and “On the cost of the implementation of the Decision of the Council of Ministers no. 334, dated 17.2.2011, ‘On the mechanism of the coordination of work for the referral of cases of violence in family relations and its way of procedure’, in the districts of Vlora and Korça”. This report was drafted by

the Centre for Legal Civic Initiatives with the financial and technical support of United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) in view of the 2012-2016 Co-operation Programme between the Government of Albania and the United Nations.

The UN Development Program (UNDP) has also made an important technical contribution.

The “Prag” leaflet is prepared and published, with the support of the Small Grants Program of the Commission for Democracy. The “Prag” social drama is exhibited in 12 districts by the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives, with the support of the Small Grants Program of the Commission for Democracy (US Embassy in Tirana) and Civil Rights Defenders, which are also project partners.



This booklet is prepared by the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives, in the framework of the project “Increasing women’s access to property rights through information, awareness and legal counseling”, with the technical and financial support of United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) in view of the 2012-2016 Co-operation Programme between the Government of Albania and the United Nations.

This leaflet informs citizens on the activities of our Center and offers information regarding other collaborating organizations, in order to increase people’s access in the offered services.



1.5. Organizational Structure of CLCI

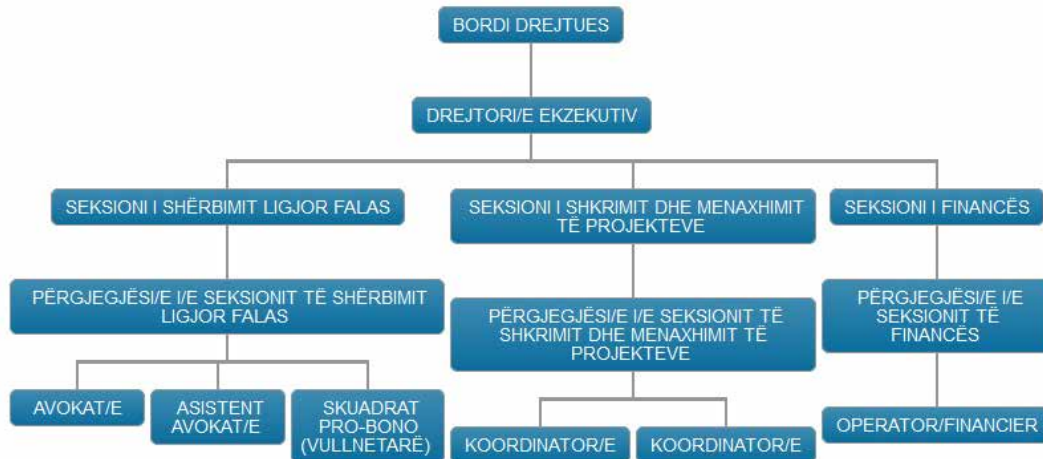
Board of CLCI

The Board of Directors is the highest decision making organ in CLCI.

After the renovation in 2007, the members of the Board are as follows:

1. Flutura Guri, advocate, Head of the Board of Directors;
2. Arta Mandro, Member of the Board of Directors;
3. Rezar Xhelo, Member of the Board of Directors;
4. Teuta Rino, Member of the Board of Directors;
5. Virgjil Karaj, Member of the Board of Directors;
6. Petraq Pojani, Member of the Board of Directors;
7. Eralda Methasani, Member of the Board of Directors;

Organizational Chart of CLCI



Executive Director-Prof.Dr.Av. Aurela Anastasi

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The staff of CLCI works with passion and devotion, in order to increase the community's access to the justice system, particularly of gender-based violence victims. The major part of the staff is made of lawyers, specialized in: Constitutional Law, Family Law, and Labor Law and in the implementation of the legislation against Domestic Violence and ensuring gender equality.

A part of our staff is also lecturing in public and private Universities.

Apart from the collaboration with other organizations in the network, CLCI has a group of collaborators, made of experienced experts. Moreover, around 120 students of the Law Faculty, University of Tirana, have been involved in the activities of the Center in the last 2 years, as members of *pro bono* teams. Under the supervision of the lawyers, students have contributed by offering legal counseling and legal education to the community, by preparing acts for the court or other institutions; and also by helping increase community's awareness for using their legal means through electronic and written media.

2 Our services in the perspective of the beneficiaries.

2.1. An Interview with beneficiaries of the free legal service, offered by CLCI's lawyers.

“Center for Legal Civic Initiatives has helped me in the past and is still helping me during all legal procedures, in order for me to have my children back”.

M.K.

“I have been seeking help from the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives since the beginning of 2012. I have found warm atmosphere there, full of people dedicated to help me solve my problem. Now I am in a much better position, thanks to the free help I have received from the lawyers of the Center”.

G.P.

2.2. An Interview with Law students of the University of Tirana, members of pro bono teams at the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives.

“I have been involved for several months as a member of the pro bono team at the Center for Legal Initiatives and I have earned a lot of valuable experience, which will help me in my future work as a lawyer. I learned more about the lawyer's relationship with clients and providing legal advice. Furthermore, I gained more knowledge about family matters and civil cases, mostly about women's property rights. Also, my capacities have increased in relation to the preparation of acts for women and girls from disadvantaged groups”.

Vijarta, student at the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana, member of the pro bono team.

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Finances and transparency of CLCI

Below you can find a scanned copy of the Audit Report:



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In execution of the mission, we have audited the financial tables of the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives, Non Profitable Organizations which includes the financial tables on December 31, 2013.

Responsibilities of the management on implementation of the project

Management is responsible on preparation and sincere submission of the financial tables in compliance to Albanian Standards of Financial Reporting.

This responsibility includes: compiling, implementation and performance of the proper internal control on preparation and sincere submission of the financial tables that results without material anomalies, either due to fraud or fault reasons, on choice and implementation of the suitable accounting principles and to achieve reasonable accounting evaluations in regard to the financial circumstances.

The responsibilities of the Independent Auditor

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial tables based on our audit. We have performed the audit in compliance to International Standards of the Audit. These standards require by us to implement the ethic requirements as well as planning and performing our audit procedures in order to gain reasonable guaranties if the financial tables are without material anomalies.

The audit includes the performance of procedures in order to obtain auditing evidence about sums and information given on the financial tables. The chosen procedures depend on the auditor's judgment, including the evaluation of risks for material anomalies on the financial tables, either due to fraud or fault reasons.

Evaluating such risk, the auditor takes into consideration the relevant internal control of the entity on sincere preparation and submission of the financial tables in order to draft the proper procedures of auditing which are suitable for circumstances, but not aiming to express his opinion on the efficiency of the internal control of the entity.

Also audit includes the evaluation of the suitability of the accounting methods used, the logic of account evaluations done by the management, and evaluation of the general presentation of the financial tables.

We believe that the evidences we have received are sufficient and suitable to form the basis of our audit opinion.

According to our opinion, the financial tables reveals a true and sincere image of the financial situation of the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives on December 31, 2013 about the financial results of activity exercised and closed up to that data and are in compliance to Albanian Standards of the Financial Reporting.

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The impact of the implemented projects on the organization

Generally, the projects implemented during 2013 and 2014 have strengthened the capacities of the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives in the following directions:

- a. Long-term planning strategies and policies have developed within the organization. Organizing various activities under the framework of the aforementioned projects, the preparation of measuring instruments and the usage of evaluation forms has had a serious impact on the organization, defining the field of activity in the future.
- b. Capacities and the motivation of CLCI's staff has improved with regard to using legal rights and international standards, as means of enforcing the rights of gender-based violence victims.
- c. Systems / The implementation of the programs mentioned above has developed internal processes that regulate the functioning of the organization, such as reporting, monitoring, evaluation and the learning process.
- f. Networks / The active role of CLCI within various networks has improved, particularly in the Network against trafficking and gender-based violence.

PROJECT INDICATORS

4.1. *Through the implementation of the project, "Strategic litigation, for strengthening women's rights and increasing their access in national and international protective mechanisms", CLCI has contributed in order to increase women's access in the justice system, through strategic litigation, meetings with representatives of various institutions, the activity of pro bono teams etc.*

Project Title	Period	Donator	Fund	Implemented in
"Strategic litigation, for strengthening women's rights and increasing their access in national and international protective mechanisms".	July 2012-December 2013	United Nations Development Program, UNDP	98 000 USD	Tirana, Shkodra, Vlora and Durrresi.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Objective no.1: Strengthening women's rights and increasing their access in the justice system through strategic litigation.

Output 1: Strategic cases were initiated in order to strengthen women's rights, the creation of judicial and administrative precedents and the usage of legal provisions regarding gender equality and addressing gender discrimination.

Achievements'
Indicators

-Center for Legal Civic Initiatives has filed a claim before the Constitutional Court, with regard to the access in justice. The object of the claim was:

-Checking the constitutionality of article 11/2, Law no. 9975, date 28.07.2008, "On national taxes", changed;

-Repealing the Guideline of the Minister of Finance and Minister of Justice, no. 991/3, date 02.03.2010, "Changing Guideline no.13, date 12.02.2009, "On defining the service fee for actions and services of the judicial administration, Ministry of Justice, the Prosecutors' Office, the Notary and the Office for Registering Immovable Property"", as incompatible with the Constitution.

-The final interpretation of article 155 of the Constitution, regarding the implementation of law no.9975, date 28.07.2008, "On national taxes", changed, on basis of the principle of solvency.

Even though, the Decision no.7, date 27.02.2013, of the Constitutional Court ruled that CLCI is not eligible to request a constitutionality check of legal provisions, it remains important regarding the women's access to the justice system.

The Court decided that the legal act cannot infringe the right for access in the court. The court ruled that the ordinary judge is not impeded to investigate and to exclude the plaintiff from paying the fee, in cases of financial inability. The Constitutional Court referred to law no.10039, date 22.12.2008, "On legal aid", which has specified the role of the National Commission for Legal Aid. Its main duty is to offer legal aid to citizens, by making the appropriate expenses.

Changes in legislation regarding the reduction of court fees constitute a reflection of CLCI's and other stakeholders' process of lobbying, taking into account the higher court fees as a burden which greatly affects women's access to justice.

Using strategic litigation, cases of stalking have been addressed through legal means, provided in law no.9669, date 18.12.2006, "On measures against domestic violence", changed; Other stalking issues are followed consistently by opening a judicial practice of using legal means, offered by the law, to address domestic violence.

Issues of gender discrimination and other causes have been supported with free legal assistance. The complaints have been filed before the. In the case A.C., the Commissioner found direct and indirect discrimination for various reasons. Thus she made recommendations for CEZ and the Water Supply Enterprise to change their current practice.

Another case of discrimination is the case of the citizen M.K., with regard to the registration of the child K.K in the civil registry office. The child was born out of wedlock. It resulted that the child's father, was registered as "XX". CLCI has informed the National Commissioner for Protection against Discrimination. She found discrimination and recommended that the Directorate General of the Civil Registry in Tirana should contribute for managing such cases and to unite the practice on each Civil Registry Office, so that there is no space for discrimination. The H.H case is about a women, violated by her husband, who had just left jail when the court issued her protection order. This case raised a very important cause:

	<p>the need to implement an international standard that stems from the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating domestic violence; the state obligation to inform victims of domestic violence when the perpetrators are free, outside of the prison. A security plan for victims and their children is necessary in these cases.</p> <p>The B.Q. case. The Supreme Court received a complaint against the decision no. 1430, date 21.12. 2011 of the Court of Appeal. (Tirana's District Court has ruled the decision no. 744, date 6 May 2011)</p> <p>The object of the complaint is: 1. Declaring B.Q. innocent; 2. Suspending the judgment of the case and to send it to the Constitutional Court. The Supreme Court suspended the case and sent it to the Constitutional Court with regard to the constitutionality of article 113 of the Albanian Criminal Code.</p> <p><i>Using international standards in strategic litigation cases and other cases that have benefitted free legal aid.</i></p> <p>The standards used by lawyers of CLCI are the Convention On the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, CEDAW and the Council of Europe Convention on the prevention and protection from violence against women. As a result of our work, the District Court in Tirana has referred to international standards that stem from the conventions, which were ratified by Albania.</p> <p>Pro Bono</p> <p>A new pro bono team has been created with 18 members, students of the Faculty of Law. They have been trained accordingly.</p> <p>The Collaboration with written and electronic media.</p> <p>The media has been used as a tool for strengthening the rights of women.</p>
<p>Objective no.2: The public monitors the courts and the other public mechanisms on the application of the gender equality, of non-discrimination and of the legislation against domestic violence.</p>	
<p>Indicators of achievements</p>	<p>It is performed the monitoring of the court decisions of Tirana, Durrësi, Shkodra and Vlora District Courts from the gender perspective. There are monitored 2146 court decisions with the object the dissolution of marriage, during the monitoring period of January 2011 - May 31, 2012. There have been 817 court decisions with the object the issuance of Immediate Protection Order /Protection Order; 145 court decisions on criminal cases of domestic violence, based upon article 130/a of the Criminal Code, etc.</p> <p>128 participants from different actors have become more aware on the implementation of the international standards and of the national legislation in relation to gender equality and non-discrimination, through the participation in the round-table discussions organized in Tirana, Shkodra, Durrësi and Vlora focused upon international standards and upon the findings of the monitoring.</p> <p>Publications</p> <p>There are prepared and published 2 Bulletins. The first includes: 1-The National Jurisprudence on Gender. The practice of CLCI on such an issue; 2-The International Jurisprudence on Gender; 3-The decisions of CEDAW Committee; 4-The Decisions of the European Court of Human Rights; 5- The Decisions of the European Committee of Social Rights. The second Bulletin includes the Monitoring Results of the Judicial Practice from the point of view of the gender perspective.</p> <p>A summary of the results of the implementation of the project:</p> <p>The women have profited from the strategic litigation as a strategy used by the lawyers of the CLCI;</p> <p>The capacities of the Faculty of Law students, involved in pro bono team, are enhanced;</p> <p>Professionals of the judicial system are more aware on the gaps and on the improvements needed aiming at having in place mechanisms more effective and more supportive for the women in need and especially for the victims of gender based violence;</p>

<p>Cooperation among NGO-s, local authorities, governmental bodies, media, University and other institutions is strengthened;</p> <p>It is set up a consolidated practice of CLCI in addressing gender inequality through the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination.</p> <p>The capacities of CLCI and other NGO-s staff are enhanced through the international training activities and through the expertise of AIRE organization, in London.</p>
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4.2. Implementation of the project “Implementation of the law ‘On Protection from Discrimination’” gave contribution in awareness raising of the community, especially at rural areas community, on the means offered by law for the protection from discrimination.

Project Title	Implementation Period	Donor	Fund	Area of Implementation
“Implementation of the law ‘On Protection from discrimination’”.	August 2012-August 2013	Democracy Commission Small Grants Program of the Embassy of USA in Tirana.	19876 USD.	Tirana, Kashar, Preza, Farka and Berzhita.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Objective no. 1: To raise the awareness of the community in rural areas and their level of knowledge on the rights and legal means foreseen by “On the protection from discrimination” law.

Indicators of achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 282 participants took part in the activities organized in Tirana, Kashar, Preza, Farka and Berzhita. • The level of knowledge and awareness of the community in the rural areas on the legislation on gender equality and non-discrimination, on how to use the legal means, on the responsible institutions where to address the complaints in relation to gender inequality and gender discrimination, on the competences of these institutions, on the role of CLCI in providing free of charge legal aid on the gender discrimination cases and in addressing such cases through the Commissioner for the Protection from Discrimination, in the courts, etc. is raised. • It is strengthened the cooperation of CLCI and the Rural Women Development Center which is one of the NGO-s operating in the rural areas
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Objective no. 2: To raise the awareness of the employers, of the service providers, of the managers and directors of the educational institutions and of other persons who are responsible for the rights and obligations foreseen by “On Protection from Discrimination” law.

Indicators of achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising the awareness of the employers, of the service providers, of the managers/ directors of the educational institutions and of other actors responsible for the rights and obligations deriving from the “On protection from discrimination” law. • It is raised the level of knowledge of the community, of the employers, of the service providers, of the managers/ directors of the educational institutions and of other actors responsible in relation to the role of the Commissioner for the Protection from Discrimination and of the courts in addressing such cases/issues.
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Objective no. 3: To strengthen the knowledge and skills of the students of the Faculty of Law through their voluntary involvement in all activities of the Center.

Indicators of the achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is set up a new pro bono team with 23 students of the Faculty of Law. • It is enhanced the level of knowledge of the students of the Faculty of Law, members of pro bono team, in relation to ‘On Protection from Discrimination’ law, in the field of services, job relations and education.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is enhanced the active role and the voluntary contribution of the students of the Faculty of Law, members of pro bono teams. It is strengthened the culture of voluntarism and it will be shared with other students as well. • The practical skills of the students of the Faculty of Law in the Public & Private Universities are strengthened. • It is raised the level of awareness of the students of the Faculty of Law in the issues of gender violence and non-discrimination and in preparing a complaint for the Commissioner for the Protection from Discrimination.
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4.3. “Seven” was an awareness raising project aiming at generating a public debate on gender based violence and on women’s rights.

Project Title	Implementation period	Donor	Fund	Area of Implementation
“Seven”	2013	Embassy of Sweden in Tirana, Civil Rights Defenders (CRD), Hedda Production AB and the Swedish Institute.	9925 EUR	Tirana

OBJECTIVES AND THE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Objective no. 1: To raise the awareness on domestic violence through shows, promoting materials, etc.

Indicators of achievements	<p>”SEVEN” was conceived as a tour in six Balkan States: in Albania, in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in Croatia, in Kosovo, in Macedonia and in Serbia. The show was held for the first time in Albania, in November 8, 2013. It was organized by CLCI, in close cooperation with the Embassy of Sweden in Tirana, with the Civil Rights Defenders (CRD), with Hedda Production AB and with the Swedish Institute. 600 participants attended with high interest the show in the Hall of Concerts of the University of Arts, in Tirana. The “Seven” show was reported by 35 written media and was recorded as well. Under the framework of this project were organized two other activities. Mini Seven was one of the activities organized with the students of the University of Arts. The other activity was held in the premises of the Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth. It was an exhibition of photos realized by women.</p> <p>The participants in the “Seven” show suggested other shows of “Seven” to be organized in different cities of Albania.</p> <p>So, under the example of “Seven”, CLCI is organizing the “Prag” show. This show is planned to be shown in 12 different towns and communes. It is put on stage based upon the material gathered by some cases from women assisted with free of charge legal service from CLCI, in the cities of Tirana, Lezha, Vlorë as well as in the rural areas of Kashar, Vaqar, Sauk, Farke, Ibe, Mullet, Manze and Berzhita. The preparation and putting on stage of the “Prag” show is organized with the support of Democracy Commission Small Grants Program of the Embassy of USA in Tirana and of the Civil Rights Defenders.</p>
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4.4. The implementation of the Project, “Strengthening the partnership between Police & Youth and enhancing the level of collaboration among police, the community and other actors responsible in Vlorë” gave contribution in raising the community awareness on strengthening the collaboration with the police and with other local actors.

Project title	Period of Implementation	Donor	Fund	Area of implementation
"Strengthening the partnership between Police & Youth and enhancing the level of collaboration among police, community and other responsible actors in Vlora".	2013	Sweden support to the Ministry of Interior and State Police on Community Policing".	5000 EUR	Vlora, Kote, Novosela and Selenica.

OBJEKTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Objective no.1: To raise the community awareness on strengthening the collaboration between police and the community.

Indicators of achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Students of the Jurisprudence Department in Social Sciences Faculty of "Ismail Qemali" University of Vlora are more aware on their role in strengthening the collaboration with police and in the partnership created. 33 students of this Faculty participated in an awareness raising activity. • 150 students of the high schools of Vlora town and from communes of Novosela, Kote and Selenica have learned more on the role played by the youth in the crime prevention and in protection through collaboration with police. • There are prepared Informative materials such as pens, leaflets, etc.. Pens are produced with the CLCI and SACP logos with the messages "Police in your service" and "Denounce any act of violence! Tel 129!". The pens with the messages of collaboration between police & youth are delivered to the students of high schools and to the students in the Universities. • The CLCI leaflets, focused upon the role of legislation in addressing different forms of gender based violence are delivered to the youth participated in the activities organized with the students of the high schools in Vlora Kot, Selenica, Novosela, etc. • 70 young representatives of the community and different actors who participated in the activity and in the ceremony of announcement of the winning essays are more aware on the achievements and problems in relation to the role of collaboration between police and community and the forms of strengthening of this collaboration. • As a result of this project are strengthened more the relations between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police and community; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police and students; • Police and NGO-s; • Police and media; • Police and local authorities.
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4.5. The project "Strengthening the system of transparency, effectiveness and impartiality of the Albanian courts, through the improvement of the quality of representation in judgment and through the enhancing of the capacities of the civil society in monitoring and in addressing of these issues", gave us the possibility to monitor aspects of the regular legal process and to recommend their improvement.

Project Titles	Period of implementation	Donor	Fund	Area of Implementation
“Strengthening the system of transparency, effectiveness and impartiality of the Albanian courts, through the improvement of the quality of representation in judgment and through the enhancing of the capacities of the civil society in monitoring and in addressing of these issues”.	2012-2013	JUST	2 000 000 ALL	Tirana

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Objective no.1: To raise the access of women and girls in the justice system;

Objective no.2: To monitor the court sessions of the district courts of Tirana and Vlora.

Objective no.3: To strengthen the knowledge and the monitoring capacities of the students trained at the Faculty of Law, at Tirana University on monitoring the transparency, effectiveness and impartiality.

Indicators of achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 96 poor women and women in need in Tirana and 23 in Vlora are empowered through the free of charge legal service provided by the lawyer of the CLCI. Providing free of charge legal service has served as a strategy and has had some functions. Firstly, the access of women and girls in the justice system is raised. Secondly, this service has served as a means of monitoring the effectiveness, the transparency and the impartiality of the Albanian Courts and thirdly, such a service has created the possibility to include in this activity of the Center the Law Clinic students and the members of pro bono teams, by giving a contribution in the preparation of the future professionals of the judicial system in order to become more conscious on the regular legal process, on the family issues, on the cases of gender based violence and on nondiscrimination issues. • It is monitored the transparency, the effectiveness and the impartiality in the Albanian Courts, through monitoring of 105 court sessions in Tirana District Court. The number of the planned court sessions to be monitored was raised from 80 to 105. Court sessions are monitored in Vlora District Court as well on cases that are assisted with free of charge legal service. There are identified problems and achievements in relation to the transparency, the effectiveness and impartiality in the judicial system. • 20 students of a new pro bono team have enhanced their knowledge and have strengthened their skills in relation to issues of a regular legal process, as well as in relation to monitoring and identifying of gaps and needs for improvement. The trained students were students of the Faculty of Law, in Tirana University and students of the Legal Clinic, at the Faculty of Law of Tirana University. • The practical skills for monitoring of the CLCI lawyers and of the main lawyers in the districts are strengthened. • The object of monitoring have been the respecting and application of the following: the principle of res judicata, the principle of a fair judgment, judgment in a reasonable time, defense with a lawyer, the public character of a judicial process, the reconciliation of the pairs from the court. • A monitoring report is written and consulted with different actors. • Awareness of the professionals and of other actors on the problems and on the need for improvement in relation to transparency, effectiveness, and impartiality is raised through publication of the findings and recommendations of the monitoring report for the professionals of the justice system and for other actors in Tirana;
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness of the professionals, of other actors, of NGO-s, of students and of the community is raised through publication of the monitoring report in the CLCI website. • The “Avokatia” magazine and Media are used as a means to raise the awareness of the community, of the judges and of the other professionals of the justice system for a more active role of the civil society and of the community for a judicial system more transparent, more effective and more impartial. • The cooperation of CLCI with the Law Clinic, at the Faculty of Law, of Tirana University is strengthened. • Implementation of the project has given contribution in strengthening the collaboration between the CLCI and other responsible actors, including state and non-state bodies. It is strengthened the collaboration of CLCI with the Ministry of Justice, with the High Council of Justice, with Tirana District Court and with other Court Districts, with the Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth, with the Constitutional Court, etc. • The capacities of CLCI staff in using the strategies of monitoring, of studying, of lobbying, of advocacy, of using media as a means and of promoting voluntarism are strengthened.
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4.6. Through the implementation of the project “Empowering the Law Clinic course in the Faculty of Law of Tirana University by increasing the students’ capacities and practical skills for providing legal services for people in need and engaging as many students of the Faculty of Law of Tirana University as possible in the solution of concrete cases”, the CLCI has given a contribution in empowering the Law Clinic and in increasing the students’ capacities..

Project Title	Period of Implementation	Donor	Fund	Area of implementation
“Empowering the Law Clinic course in the Faculty of Law of Tirana University by increasing the students’ capacities and practical skills for providing legal services for people in need”	May 2014-February 2015.	JUST	2 347 000 ALL	Tirana

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Objective no.1: To strengthen the Law Clinic and to increase students’ skills in order for them to voluntarily contribute in increasing people’s access in the justice system and in particular of those in need.

Indicators of achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 30 victims of gender based violence and women in need have benefited from free legal aid offered by lawyers of CLCI in cooperation with the Law Clinic. ✓ Knowledge and the practical skills of the students who have selected the subject of Law Clinic and other students of the Law Faculty are strengthened through the preparation of 18 legal opinions, through the participation of 45 students of the Law
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	<p>Clinic in 2-day training activities, through the participation of 131 students in the informative meetings, through the participation of the students in talks with the institutions (5 students), through the simulating conversation based upon the debate between the judges of the Supreme Court of USA (32 participants) and through simulating court cases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 30 students of the Faculty of Law, members of pro bono teams are engaged in the implementation of the project. ✓ It is increased the level of information on the subject of Law Clinic and the contribution of its students through making public the activity of the Law Clinic and the implementation of the project in CLCI website. ✓ Cooperation of the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives with Law Clinic and Law Faculty of Tirana University is strengthened; ✓ Voluntarism is promoted to the students of the Law Faculty, Tirana University; ✓ Law Clinic subject is strengthened; ✓ The number of beneficiaries from free legal aid of CLCI is increased, through the referral of cases from responsible institutions and cases submitted directly from community; ✓ Cooperation of the Law Faculty and the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives with the institution of the Commissioner for the Protection from Discrimination, with Tirana Prosecution Office, with the Administrative Court of Appeal, with the Serious Crimes Prosecution Office, with the Commissioner for the protection of the Personal Data, etc. is strengthened.
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4.7. Implementation of the project “Supporting the access of women in the property rights through increasing the access in information, in free counseling and in awareness” was a good opportunity to increase the level of knowledge and awareness of the community on the property rights and in enjoying effectively these rights.

Project Title	Period of Implementation	Donor	Fund	Areas of Implementation
“Supporting the access of women in the property rights through increasing the access in information, in free counseling and in awareness”.	July 2014 -January 2015.	(UN WOMEN).	3.495.500 ALL	Tirana, Vlora, Shkodra and Fieri.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Objective no. 1: To strengthen the access of women in the property rights through increasing the access in information, in legal counseling and in awareness.

Indicators of achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is increased the community awareness in relation to property rights, through organizing 11 informative activities in Vloza, Novosela, Fier, Malësi e Madhe, Shkodra, Durrësi, Manza, Kashar, Tirana, Lezha and Levan. • 460 members of the community at national level are informed on the property rights and the ways how to enjoy such rights. Together with the beneficiaries of the street law, the number of the beneficiaries of the law education goes up to 500. • It is increased the number of women, girls and men in having access to information, legal counseling and in awareness. • 44 persons in need, including 42 women and 2 men, are supported through the counseling line. • Website, facebook and e-mail addresses of CLCI have served to increase the contacts of the CLCI staff with the community and in offering legal service on-line.
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Objective no. 2: To strengthen the capacities of the justice system, by involving noteries and lawyers, in relation to women's property rights.

Objective no. 3: To strengthen the capacities of the clerks of the Immovable Properties Registration Offices on women's property rights.

Indicators of achievements	<p>As a result of the implementation of the project are achieved these results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The are identified a number of problems related to the women's property rights, especially related to enjoying such rights from the groups of women in need; • There are trained 167 professionals (notary, registrars, lawyers and NGO-s staff) at a national level. • Skills and capacities of the representatives of the notary service, of the clerks of the Immovable Properties Registration Offices of the lawyers, of the NGO-s staff, in relation to women's property rights are strengthened; • A practical guide and a legal package for the professionals in relation to the property titles and the registration of the immovable properties are prepared and very soon will be published and disseminated. • The need for new legal initiatives (laws, sub-laws, orders) is identified and specific suggestions are proposed in the framework of the implementation of this project. • An informative brochure in relation to the women's property rights is prepared, published and disseminated. • Media, social media, website of CLCI, are used as means to achieve the project objectives. • Collaboration of CLCI with the National Chamber of Advocates and with the Immovable Properties Registration Office is strengthened; • Cooperation of CLCI with NGO-s such as the Community Center "Sot për të ardhmen" and with the "AWEN" net is strengthened; • The capacities of the lawyers of other organizations that work in the field of the women's rights, through offering free of charge legal service and through other forms of supporting the women in need, in relation to enjoying the women's property rights, are increased. The representatives of these organizations are expected to give their contribution in advocacy and in lobbying, as well as in the increase of the access of the women and girls in need in the system of justice; • The capacities of the CLCI staff on the women's property rights are increased;
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4.8. Through the implementation of the project, "Strengthening the women and the girls in need", is increased the access of women in the system of justice through legal service, legal education and through the training of professionals in Tirana and in the districts.

Titulli i projektit	Koha e zbatimit	Donatori	Fondi	Zbatohet në
"Strengthening the women and the girls in need"	Viti 2013	Civil Rights Defenders	30 000 Eur	Tiranë, Shkodër, Vlorë

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Objective no.1: Strengthening the access of women and girls in need in the justice system;

Indicators of achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women and girls in need (396), who have faced different forms of gender discrimination and domestic violence are assisted with free of charge legal aid; 124 filed beneficiaries have profited free of charge legal aid; 140 legal acts for marginalized women and girls are edited; Women and girls in need are represented in 195 court sessions; 780 legal counseling sessions are offered for women and girls in need;
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Objective no. 2: To increase the capacities of the lawyers and of other actors in Tirana and in other districts, in relation to the implementation of the "On protection from discrimination" law.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some of the results of the implementation of the project are: The trained lawyers have more knowledge on addressing the cases of gender discrimination and of gender based violence. They have also gained more knowledge on the application of the gender equality standards; NGO-s have gained more knowledge on prevention and protection from discrimination and from gender based violence and how to apply the gender equality standards; The Office of the Commissioner for the Protection from Discrimination is more aware on the role they have in the prevention and protection from gender discrimination; From the round tables and other training activities organized have profited 54 lawyers and lawyer-assistants, 25 representatives of NGO-s, 11 students of the Law Faculty, 2 psychologists, 4 representatives of the local authorities, 4 teachers, 3 judicial police officers, 1 representative of the Ministry of Health, 1 journalist, 2 representatives of the professional education, 1 representative of the Employment Service and 3 representatives of other institutions.
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Objective no.3: To use media as a means in the implementation of the gender equality standards and of non- discrimination.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a result of the implementation of the project and as a result of the presence of all the staff members of CLCI in the electronic media, the representatives of the community are more aware on the issues of gender equality and non-discrimination. Media as well is more aware on the role they can play for the promoting of the gender equality standards and for the effective implementation of the legislation on gender equality and non-discrimination.
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Objective no. 4: Increasing the capacities of the students of the Law Faculty, members of pro bono team.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21 students of the Law Faculty profited from training organized from CLCI. As a result of the organized training, the students of the Law Faculty, members of pro bono team have gained more knowledge on the gender equality standards and on non-discrimination and are more capable to apply these standards in practice.
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4.9. The project "Promoting a Victim Centered Approach in Trafficking in Human Beings cases in Albania and Bosnia - Herzegovina" promoted an approach oriented towards the victims of trafficking to judges, prosecutors, officers of judicial police, NGO-s and to other actors.

Project title	Period of implementation	Donor	Fund	Area of implementation
"Promoting a Victim Centered Approach in Trafficking in Human Beings cases in Albania and Bosnia - Herzegovina".	1 June 2013-30 June 2016.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands	28656 Euro	Tirana.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Objective no.1: Judges and prosecutors to implement a victim centered approach in the cases of trafficking in human beings;

Indicators of achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 judges, prosecutors, etc, participated in the training organized on May 27, 2014. • 14 judges, prosecutors, etc. participated in the training organized for the first group, on May 26, 2014. • 15 judges, prosecutors, etc. participated in the training organized for the second group, on May 26, 2014. • 17 judges, prosecutors, participated in the training organized on 27-28 of March, 2014. • In the first meeting of experts, organized on 2-3 December 2014, participated 56 judges, prosecutors and representatives of NGO-s. • 127 is the total number of the judges, prosecutors, etc. who benefited from the project and who raised the level of their knowledge, expertise and skills in the training activities organized. • The didactic skills of the participants are increased; • Judges and prosecutors are familiarized with the international & EU standards in relation to the trafficking in human beings cases; • Judges and prosecutors have gained knowledge on gaps in the implementation of international & EU standards under a national context. • Judges and prosecutors understand the definition of trafficking and its elements, the specific position of the victims of trafficking in human beings and share the victim centered approach with their colleagues. • The capacities of the CLCI staff are strengthened during the implementation of the project through the collaboration with the Netherlands Helsinki Committee, through joint regional meetings, through the preparation of the project documents, etc. • Representatives of the School of Magistrates of Albania have followed the training activities of the project. • The partnership created under the framework of the implementation of the project is one of its values. The collaboration of the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives with the School of Magistrates, with the Dutch Training and Study Center and with the Netherlands Helsinki Committee is strengthened. • Partnership of the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives with the Ministry of Interior is strengthened. CLCI has been part of the consultation with the Ministry of Interior and with the civil society. CLCI has expressed the readiness to give its contribution in the implementation of the National Plan of Action against Trafficking in HB during 2014-2017, through activities planned to be organized in the framework of this project.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The trained students of the Faculty of Law, Tirana University, who have monitored the court sessions, have benefited from the practice of monitoring the court sessions having as their object trafficking in human beings, or criminal offences related to it. Such a practice is realized at the Serious Crimes Court and at Tirana District Court. • It is prepared a legal analysis on guaranteeing of the rights of the victims of Trafficking in Human Beings. • Monitoring of the court sessions in the Serious Crimes Court and in Tirana District Court has been another important activity, in the framework of the implementation of this project. There are 15 students who have monitored the court sessions. These students are trained from the staff of the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives based upon a document/card. They have identified a number of problems in relation to the implementation of the penal legislation and the guaranteeing of the rights of the victims of trafficking.
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4.10. Following an excellent experience with the implementation of the project “Seven” and with the implementation of the project “Strengthening the marginalized women and raising the awareness of the community on addressing gender discrimination and domestic violence through putting on stage plays and shows”, CLCI raised the awareness of the community through putting on stage theatre performances in Tirana, Lezha and Vlora.

Project Title	Period of implementation	Donor	Fund	Area of Implementation
“Strengthening of marginalised women and increasing awareness of community on gender based violence and discrimination through theatre performances”.	April-December 2014.	Civil Rights Defenders	30 000 EUR	Tirana, Lezha, Vlora.

OBJEKTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Objective no.1: To strengthen the community in asking for their rights through increasing their access in the justice system.

Indicators of the achievements	<p>In relation to the achievement of the result “the community is strengthened to enjoy their rights through increasing their access in the system of justice”, are achieved some intermediate results such as: 1. It is offered free of charge legal aid for women and girls in need, especially for women and girls who face gender discrimination and gender based violence. 2. The Commissioner for the Protection from Discrimination, the Court, the responsible actors in addressing the domestic violence are more capable to support the cases of gender discrimination and domestic violence; The planned target for 2014 has been achieved: 450 violated and discriminated women and girls are assisted with free of charge legal aid in one of the components of legal information, legal counseling, legal representation and for the preparation of the legal acts;</p> <p>There are presented 6 requests to the Commissioner for Protection form Discrimination and it is under way a follow up process for the A.C. case. In relation to this case the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination has identified direct discrimination and indirect discrimination as well.</p>
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Objective no. 2: To increase the level of community knowledge in relation to their legal rights.	
Indicators of the achievements	<p>In relation to the result “Increasing the level of the community knowledge, especially of the women in need, in relation to the legal rights, the legal means, in relation to existing services, actors, the job done by the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination, the job done by the Coordination & Referral Mechanism in cases of domestic violence at a local level, the activity of the State Commission on Legal Aid” it is noted that the Community can use effectively the existing legal means and services to address the cases of gender based violence and non-discrimination. In relation to this result 246 members of the community have participated in the theatre performances of the play “Prag”, organized by the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives in Tirana, Vlora and Lezha.</p> <p>In relation to men and boys as beneficiaries from the legal education activities, 62 of them have benefited from the legal education and through the theatre performances are more aware on the issues of domestic violence.</p> <p>-19 men & boys participated in the Scientific Conference on: “The role of the psychologist and of the social worker in the justice system for a regular legal process”. The total number of the participant in this scientific conference was 135.</p>
Objective no.3: Media to be used as a means to promote the gender equality and non-discrimination standards.	
	In relation to the result “Media is more aware on the role it plays in promoting the gender equality standards and the implementation of the gender equality & nondiscrimination legislation” the staff members of CLCI have been present in the electronic media and have published articles during all the period of the project implementation.
Objective no. 4: To increase the capacities and the practical skills of the students of the Faculty of Law, members of pro bono team.	
	In relation to the result “Students of the Faculty of Law, members of pro bono team participate and give their contribution in all the activities of CLCI”, the students of the Faculty of Law, members of pro bono teams, have been very much active in all the activities of CLCI. They have given their contribution under the supervision of the CLCI lawyers in the components of legal aid, legal education and in putting on stage the theatre performances.

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The list of projects implemented by the center for legal civic initiatives during the period 2013-2014.

- “Strategic Litigation aiming at strengthening the women’s rights and increasing their access in the national and international protection mechanisms”
- “Implementation of the ‘On Protection from Discrimination’ law”.
- “Seven”
- “Strengthening the partnership between Police & Youth and enhancing the level of collaboration among police, the community and other actors responsible in Vloa”.
- “Strengthening the system of transparency, effectiveness and impartiality of the Albanian courts, through the improvement of the quality of representation in judgment and through the enhancing of the capacities of the civil society in monitoring and in addressing of these issues”.
- “Empowering the Law Clinic course in the Faculty of Law of Tirana University by increasing the students’ capacities and practical skills for providing legal services for people in need and engaging as many students of the Faculty of Law of Tirana University as possible in the solution of concrete cases ”.
- “Supporting the access of women in the property rights through increasing the access in information, in free counseling and in awareness”.
- “Strengthening the women and the girls in need”.
- “Promoting a Victim Centered Approach in Trafficking in Human Beings cases in Albania and Bosnia - Herzegovina”.
- “Strengthening the marginalized women and raising the awareness of the community on addressing gender discrimination and domestic violence through putting on stage plays and shows”.

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Beneficiaries from the activity of the center for legal civic initiatives during the period 2013-2014

	Beneficiaries of free of charge legal service	Representatives of different institutions such as Districts Courts, Serious Crimes Court, Districts Prosecution Offices, State Police, National Chamber of Advocacy, National Notary Chamber, Immoveable Property Registration Office, media, NGO-s, etc.	Members of the Community, beneficiaries of the informing activities	Students
Number of beneficiaries during the period 2013-2014.	920	489	1540	291
Total number of beneficiaries	3222 BENEFICIARIES			

7 Activity continuation during the year 2015

- Strategic litigation on issues related to the women's property rights, gender discrimination in all the fields, such as in education, employment, etc. ;
- Offering legal counseling on-line.
- Using theatre performances as a means to raise the community awareness;

8 Photo Gallery

Photos from the activities organized from the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives during the period 2013-2014.



Photo from the Round Table organized with different actors in Preza, on April 24, 2013, under the frame of the project, “The implementation of the law ‘On protection from Discrimination’”, implemented from CLCI, with the support of the Democracy Commission Small Grants Program of USA Embassy in Tirana.



Photo from the activity of the winners announcement in the competition “The most successful essays related to the implementation of anti discrimination legislation”, organised in Tirana on May 9, 2013, under the frame of the project, “The implementation of the law ‘On protection from Discrimination’”, implemented from CLCI, with the support of the Democracy Commission Small Grants Program of USA Embassy in Tirana.



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Photo from the training of the staff of CLCI and representatives of other non profitable organisations working in the field of human rights with expert Adam Weiss, from AIRE organisation, as trainer. This two days training is organized in Tirana, on March 28-29, 2013, under the frame of the project “Pursuing Strategic Litigation Cases to Advance Women’s Human Rights and Increase their Access to National and International Protection Bodies”, implemented from CLCI, with the support of United Nations Development Program and the Swedish government.



Photo from the Round Table with theme “The aspects of implementation of the Albanian legislation and international standards in gender perspectives, in Durres Judicial District Court”, organised in Durrës, on October 14, 2013, under the frame of the project “Pursuing Strategic Litigation Cases to Advance Women’s Human Rights and Increase their Access to National and International Protection Bodies”, implemented from CLCI, with the support of United Nations Development Program and the Swedish government.



Photo from activities organized during 2013 in Vlora, under the frame of the implementation of the project “Strengthening of the partnership police-youth and increasing the level of cooperation of police with community and other responsible actors in Vlora”, implemented from CLCI, under the frame of the Swedish Support to the Ministry of Interior (Mol) and the Albanian State Police (ASP) on Community Policing programme.