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EU-funded project « Rule of Law Platform – Central Asia » holds a regional seminar on Judicial Capacity in Brussels

BRUSSELS - The project « Rule of Law Platform – Central Asia » is going to hold a regional seminar on Judicial Capacity on 12 - 13 November 2012 in Brussels.

The objective of the seminar is to provide exposure to best European practices in the field of rationalisation of the work of courts, independence of justice and training of judges, and to propose Ideas for strengthening the capacity of the judicial systems of the countries of Central Asia. On this occasion, European and Central Asian experts will deliver presentations providing an overview on the legislations and practices of European Union and Central Asian countries,

The regional seminar on “Increasing Judicial Capacity in Central Asian Countries” will be organised by the Rule of Law Platform, on behalf of the European Union and the Council of Europe. The seminar will prepare the Common Agenda on Rule of Law for the EU-Central Asian Conference of the Ministers of Justice in Brussels in December 2012.

From the words of the Project Team Leader, Xavier Barré: “The European Union and the Rule of Law Platform project support the capacity building of the judicial systems by the Central Asian countries. Fair and effective courts, operating with a view to ensuring quality, form part of the basis of democracy and rule of law, and play a critical role in fostering development and investment”.

The project’s regional seminar aims at strengthening knowledge of legal and judicial international standards and practices among judicial and legal professionals and civil servants in Central Asia.

The “EU Rule of Law Initiative for Central Asia” constitutes the overarching regional framework for enhanced cooperation in the Rule of Law area, aimed at supporting legal reforms in Central Asia and the sharing of EU experience. Under the auspices of the Rule of Law Initiative, the Rule of Law Platform regional project acts as a support mechanism to facilitate policy dialogue and promote the measures contributing to legal reforms in each of the Central Asian countries.

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