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A regional seminar on Administrative Law brings together European and Central Asian practice and expertise

RIGA – In the framework of the Rule of Law Initiative of the EU-Central Asia Strategy, the Latvian Presidency of the EU Council will host **a regional seminar on Administrative Law on 27-28 May 2015 in Riga**, co-organised by the “EU-Central Asia Rule of Law Platform” project and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

The objective of the seminar is to provide exposure to best European practices in this field, and to propose ideas for reformation of the administrative law and administrative procedure in the Central Asian countries, contributing to strengthening Rule of Law in the region. It aims at deepening the knowledge of legal and judicial international standards and practices among judicial and legal professionals and civil servants in Central Asia. European and Central Asian experts will deliver presentations providing an overview on the legislations of European Union Member States and of Central Asian countries. Benefits of establishing an administrative procedure code and an administrative law will be discussed as well as their possible application by the Central Asian countries.

The regional seminar on **Administrative Law** will aim at fostering the dialogue and exchanges of experience on administrative law, which began with the first four Ministerial Conferences under the Rule of Law Initiative, and the Regional Seminar “Administrative Justice - Theory and Practice in European and Central Asian Countries” (Astana, 2-3 November, 2012”).

At the Fourth Ministerial Conference (Astana, 14-15 November 2014), the Ministers of Justice of the European Union and Central Asia underlined *“the importance to develop an administrative procedure code, separated from the civil procedure, for resolving the public law disputes, to ensure the accountability of State entities and their agents towards citizens, and reform the laws governing the general administrative procedure as a key aspect for sustainable economic development and the improvement of the business climate. Support the development of administrative legislation and stress the need for its effective implementation to ensure legal security, notably for investments”*.

The “EU Rule of Law Initiative for Central Asia” project 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.

Time and date: 27-28 May 2015, 9.20 – 17.30

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