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Introduction

The Central Asian countries achieved particular success in the area of Administrative Law with respect to the development of new laws, draft legislation and conceptions. The current reform process gains new impulse from the international cooperation, and even more from regional collaboration in Central Asia. The seminar participants from Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tadjikistan and Uzbekistan, as well as the participants from the EU member countries, confirm their intention to collaborate in exchanging experience and joint progress in the area of Administrative Law, as well as in developing regional collaboration.

Recommendations

On November 2-3 in Astana, the participants to the regional seminar on “Administrative Justice: Theory and Practice in European and Central Asian Countries” unanimously agreed to adopt the following recommendations in order to support Administrative Judicial reform:

The Administrative Procedure Law and the procedural law which regulate the process applying to public law litigation should be considered interrelated. The provisions of these laws must sort out the following objectives and topics:

- To increase the efficiency of administrative bodies in order to strengthen the authority of the State and public trust;
- To increase the predictability and legal transparency of administrative decisions in order to guarantee the security of the citizens and the business community;
- To reinforce the protection of the rights of individuals towards administrative bodies in the appeal procedure at pre-trial stage and during the trial;
- To increase the efficiency and strengthen strengthening of the principle of legality of administrative acts;
- Compliance with the principle of the prohibition of arbitrary acts of administrative authorities and the principle of equality before the law;
- To guarantee transparency in decision-making by administrative authorities (prevention of corruption);
- Adoption and / or implementation of international legal standards in the national legal system.

Realization of these goals requires reforming of legal education and raising the qualification of lawyers.



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