



Legal Aid Board



“Enhancing the Quality of Legal Aid: General Standards for Different Countries” (QUAL-AID) / JUST/2015/JACC/AG/PROC/8632

Introduction of the Project and Partners

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Enhancing the Quality of Legal Aid: General Standards for Different Countries (QUAL-AID)

Objective:

To enhance the quality of **legal aid services in criminal proceedings** within the EU by developing common standards for legal aid provision and quality assurance/supervision and by raising capacity of legal aid policy makers, administrators and providers for ensuring high quality legal aid

Project partners



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Johann Wolfgang Goethe University of Frankfurt and its outstanding project staff are the experts in legal aid and criminal proceedings topics both on national level and on the EU level

Researchers in our team:

- prof. Ch. Burchard
- prof. M. Jahn
- S. Zink

National Legal Aid Board Netherlands (*Raad voor Rechtsbijstand*) is entrusted with all matters concerning administration, supervision and expenditure as well as with the actual implementation of the Legal Aid System in Netherlands

Researchers in our team:

- H. Schilperoort
- dr. L. Combrink
- dr. S. Peters



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State-Guaranteed Legal Aid Service (SGLAS) is the institution, entrusted with matters concerning administration, expenditure as well as with the actual implementation of the Legal Aid System in Lithuania

Expert team lead by the Head of the institution - dr. A. Banevičienė

Lithuanian Bar Association is a public legal entity, bringing together around 3000 advocates and associates – all Lithuanian Bar. It represents the lawyers and their position as one of the parties, involved in providing legal aid

Dr. I. Végèlè, the president of the Bar, will complete the knowledge of the team with his expertise and precious practical experience

Law Institute of Lithuania



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- As a **research establishment** founded in **1991** with a task to assist in coordinating the reform of the legal system and law institutions
 - Since the end of the **2012**, has a status of a **national research institute**
 - **Mission:** to carry out innovative interdisciplinary legal theory and social practice researches
 - **What we do:** researches, studies in the areas important for law reforms, scientific publications, expertise of draft laws, legal opinions to state authorities, international projects

QUAL-AID: Structure of the Project

I. Assessment of the existing legal frameworks and practices aimed at ensuring high quality legal aid in criminal proceedings

Internal analysis performed by experts working in their home countries + peer review

Three 2-day workshops of stakeholders from the partner countries

International conference for a wider experience sharing

Report of findings

QUAL-AID: Structure of the Project

II. Preparation of the Practice Standards for legal aid providers and Terms of Reference for the quality audit of legal aid services

Preparation of Practice Standards for Legal Aid Providers and Terms of Reference for the quality audit

Dissemination of these documents among relevant stakeholders of 28 EU Member States

International workshop to validate and finalise the developed documents

Wide dissemination and promotion of developed standards

QUAL-AID: Structure of the Project

III. Capacity building of legal aid policy makers, administrators and providers for ensuring high quality legal aid

Training needs assessment

Development of training program and training materials for at least 3 different target groups

Three 2-day trainings in each of 3 partner countries

Wide dissemination and promotion of training materials