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EC Ma Ndryshe organized an informative visit for citizens at the Basic Court of Prizren

Bearing the slogan “Vizito Gjykatën” or “Visit the Court,” EC Ma Ndryshe organized its first civilian visit to the Basic Court in the city of Prizren as part of its “Linking Communities to Justice Providers” project. This visit aimed to foster a stronger, more trustworthy bond between citizens and the officials of the court with hopes that citizens will become more closely acquainted with the work of the Court and its judges from numerous department.

Visitors were welcomed by the President of the Basic Court, Mr. Ymer Hoxha, and the judge, Mr. Skender Çoçaj.

In the first part of the visit, citizens had the opportunity to have a close look on the courthouse and learn more about the services offered by this institution.

The second part of the tour included a brief presentation of the project and the communication strategy of the court with citizens, followed by a presentation of the President of the Court on the capacities and challenges the court faces. There was then an open discussion that commenced with the questions and comments of the students, citizens and civil society representatives.

Several issues were brought up during the discussions, such as access for persons with special needs and opportunities for fair and equal trials of PSNs in the Basic Court of Prizren, changes that recent reforms of the judicial system have brought, opportunities for direct meetings with the President of the Court, participation in court hearings, challenges the Court faces, as well as internship opportunities for students from the Faculty of Law at the University of Prizren (UPz).

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