

The Ministry of Justice and Public Administration, the Coordination Body of the Government of the Republic of Serbia for the Municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja, the municipality of Bujanovac, the Bar Association of Nis and the Partners for Democratic Changes Serbia

Invite you

To a public debate on the draft Law on Free Legal Aid,

Which will be held in the small hall of the Cultural Centre in Bujanovac from 13:15 to 15:00 hours on Tuesday, February 4, 2014.

The participants will be addressed by Nagip Arifi, the Mayor of Bujanovac, Prof. Zoran Srtankovic, PhD, the President of the Coordination Body of the Government of the Republic of Serbia for the Municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac i Medveda, while the draft Law on Free Legal Aid will be presented by Nedjo Jovanovic, State Secretary at the Ministry of Justice and Public Administration, members of the working group for drafting the Law on Free Legal Aid, Dragi Krstic, the Head of the Bar Association of Nis Blazo Nedic, Partners for Democratic Changes Serbia, while the lawyers involved in the work of the Office for Free Legal Aid will share the experiences from their thus-far practice.

We invite all citizens and members of the professional community to familiarize themselves with the draft wording of the Draft Law on Free Legal Aid (which is available at <http://www.mpravde.gov.rs/sekcija/53/radne-verzije-propisa.php>) and to provide their comments on the draft law.

Attached hereto is the agenda of the meeting.

Please confirm your participation no later than 15:00 hours on Monday, February 3, at office@partners-serbia.org or on 011/32-31-551.

1 The Office for FLA S was established on December 5, 2012, as part of the project Free Legal Aid in South Serbia, conducted by the Partners for Democratic Change Serbia (Partners Serbia), in cooperation with the municipality of Bujanovac and the Bar Association of Nis, and with the support of the British embassy in Belgrade. The aim of the project is to provide free legal aid for the purpose of improving access to justice for the citizens of Bujanovac, Presevo and the surrounding area, as well as confidence- building and integration of different ethnic groups in the civic life of South Serbia.