

# **Promo-LEX presents two studies monitoring the implementation of justice reform: on the implementation of the reform plan for the justice sector, 2011-2016; and on reforms in the legal profession in 2016**

The Promo-LEX Association presented two reports based on its monitoring of reforms in justice: the monitoring report “Implementation of the Reform Plan for the Justice Sector 2011-2016” and the monitoring report “Progress in reforming the legal profession in the context of justice reform”.

The report “Implementation of the Reform Plan for the Justice Sector, 2011-2016” focused on monitoring the implementation of the fourth pillar of the Action Plan for Strategic Reform in the Justice Sector, 2011-2016. To this end, the webpages of institutions involved in the SRSJ, the sessions of Working Group Number IV, and information available in the mass media were monitored for the transparency of actions related to the Reform Plan.

According to the 2015 Annual Report on the implementation of the fourth pillar, from a total of 56 steps there were 26 completed steps, 9 outstanding steps, 3 obsolete steps and 18 steps in the process of completion (in 2016).

The monitoring report “Progress in reforming the legal profession in the context of justice reform” (draft version)

focused on observing the progress of reforms in the legal profession in the context of the policies formulated by the Union of Attorneys (Plan of the Union of Attorneys, Communication Policy) and the justice reform, given the stages of the Action Plan for Strategic Reform in the Justice Sector. To this end, the web pages of institutions involved in the SRSJ, the Union of Attorneys' website, and online networks of attorneys were monitored, and lawyers from the Council of the Union of Attorneys and from Commissions of the Union, lawyers at working groups, and information from the mass media were consulted.

The report identifies the specific conditions, legal provisions and mechanisms formulated during the last year by members of the legal profession, in coordination with the Reform Plan for the Justice Sector. The study is based on the analysis of the relevant legal provisions, relevant actions taken by the Union of Attorneys, structures within the Union and other organizations, discussions with focus groups, and the use of other available information.

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