

EVALUATION OF THE LAW CLINICS IN THE FACULTIES OF LAW

Project Objectives

The project aims to serve as a landmark to the Law programme of Open Society Institute – Sofia about the direction the existing law clinics are taking.

Project Implementation Tools

Interviews with heads, lecturers and students from Bulgarian law clinics, law education assessment reports.

Project Status

Completed

Project Development

The assessment of The Law clinics in the Faculties of law was carried out at the end of 2003, the results of which were presented at a conference in Rodina Hotel, Sofia.

Results

The assessment shows that four universities, namely, Sofia University, Ruse University, Plovdiv University and the University of National and World Economy, to a higher or a lesser degree have managed to involve the law clinics in the education process. The report reaches the conclusion that the problem of the clinics lies in their organization and management. One of the major problems is the integration of the law clinics education in the syllabus. Undoubtedly, the integration of the clinics in the official syllable is a crucial factor for their success. Besides the intense involvement of both lecturers and tutors, the integration of the law clinics ensures their relatively greater stability.

The assessment that was carried out resulted in the formation of a working group comprised of NGO and law clinics representatives which aimed to establish Uniform Standards for Clinic Law Education in Bulgaria.

Experts and Partners

- American Bar Association
- Ministry of Justice
- Law Clinics in the Faculties of Law at 8 institutes for higher education

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