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EU holds next meeting against small and light weapons trafficking in the Western Balkans

Prishtina, 3 July 2020 - Member of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Prosecutor Zejnullah Gashi, has participated through distance communication in the third Regional Meeting against the trafficking of small and light weapons in the Western Balkans, the next event, which is organized and funded by the European Union (EU).

The purpose of holding this important European meeting is the continuous implementation of the Guide to sustainable solutions related to illegal detention, misuse and trafficking of small and light weapons and their ammunition in the Western Balkans until 2024.

Its sessions were attended by representatives of the EU, the Council for Regional Cooperation and the Ministries of Interior of the countries of Southeast and Eastern Europe, as well as representatives of the justice system, who reported on the implementation of this guide in their countries.

In this context, KPC member Zejnullah Gashi reported to the participants on the treatment by the Kosovo Prosecutor's Office of the criminal offenses of illegal possession



and trafficking of weapons, strongly emphasizing the importance and role of the Tracking Mechanism for characteristic criminal offenses, including small and light weapons are inevitable here, as well as the adaptation of this guide to the jurisdiction of the state of Kosovo.

Consequently, in all the sessions of the forum, the progress, challenges and needs of the participating countries were discussed, and the action plan of these countries operating within this project was presented, including progress in the set goals and identified needs.

Participants also agreed that national and international mechanisms should be strongly committed to providing planned support for the implementation of this guideline, monitoring the implementation of regional findings and making continuous presentation of key performance indicators.

Through this project, the EU aims to eliminate the illegal circulation of small caliber weapons in the Western Balkans region, in order to create a higher level of security at the European level.



The draft Regulation on the archives of the prosecutorial system is reviewed

Prishtina, 14 July 2020 - In the framework of its activities, the Committee for Normative Issues of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), chaired by Zejnullah Gashi, has analyzed the draft Regulation on the archives of the Kosovo prosecutorial system.

The existing draft, prepared by the working group, was reviewed and analyzed in detail during this meeting and as a result the recommendations were issued that will be taken into account in its final drafting.

The Chairman of the Commission, Gashi, thanked the working group for its contribution to the drafting of this regulation, which is of particular importance for the functioning of the work of the archives of the Kosovo prosecutorial system.



The first meeting of the Working Group for Drafting the Draft Sector Strategy of the Rule of Law is held

Prishtina, 16 July 2020 - Last week the Ministry of Justice organized the first meeting of the Working Group for Drafting the Draft Sector Strategy of the Rule of Law.

This reform initiative of the Ministry of Justice, in cooperation with the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC), and key actors in the sector, aims to ensure a comprehensive and consolidated vision of the rule of law, to increase citizens' trust in the justice system, accelerate economic development and bring Kosovo closer to the European Union.

After the approval by the Steering Committee for the recommendations from the second phase of this process and the agreement to start drafting the Strategy, the purpose of this meeting was to open the third and final phase of the Functional Review process of the Rule of Law Sector. Law - drafting the Rule of Law Strategy.



The Secretary General of the Ministry of Justice, Qemajl Marmullakaj, as the chair of the Working Group to coordinate and lead this process presented the short summary of the process with the findings and recommendations from the second phase.

The Chairman of the KPC, Bahri Hyseni, who in this meeting participated through the online platform Zoom, said that the measures which aim to increase the accountability and efficiency of the prosecutorial system, to advance the professionalism of prosecutors and their support staff and to increase the integrity and accountability, should be supported and be an integral part of the Strategy resulting from the Review.

The Working Group for Drafting the Draft Sectorial Strategy of the Rule of Law, chaired by the Ministry of Justice, consists of representatives of the KJC, KPC, the Office of the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, and the Office of the President and the Faculty Law of the University of Prishtina. In addition to members of the Working Group, the meeting was attended by representatives of international donors, including the US Embassy, the EU Office, the British Embassy and USAID.

The members of the Working Group also agreed on further steps regarding the Draft Sectorial Strategy of the Rule of Law and the finalization of the Functional Review process.



Humanitarian Aid Program of the United States European Military Command gives to KPC a donation of protective equipment against Covid-19

Prishtina, 21 July 2020 - The Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Bahri Hyseni, received today a donation from the Humanitarian Aid Program of the European Military Command of the United States of America, a donation that contains personal protective equipment against pandemic Covid-19.

The donation ceremony was attended by the Chief of the Office of Defense Cooperation, Major Courtney Olson, and Senior Legal Adviser in the Office of Development, Assistance, and Training of the Prosecutorial System at the US Embassy in Kosovo, Lana Morton-Owens.



The Chairman of the Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, thanked the representative of the Humanitarian Aid Program, the Embassy, the people and the American state for the special and permanent care for the prosecutorial system of Kosovo, emphasizing that this valuable assistance will directly affect the protection and maintaining staff health following the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. "Also, this donation is a genuine indicator of the close and ongoing cooperation of the KPC and the US Embassy in Kosovo," said Hyseni.

On the other hand, the Head of the US Office of Defense Cooperation, Major Courtney Olson, said that she feels good that they had the opportunity to provide this donation to the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and of course there will be other opportunities of mutual cooperation.



KPC approves a series of important institutional acts

Prishtina, 21 July 2020 - Under the measures of protection from pandemic and through distance communication, the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), chaired by its chairman, Bahri Hyseni, has held the 183rd Meeting in a row.



Initially, members of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council held a minute of silence in honor of the life and work of the Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution of Gjilan, Ismet Ukshini, who died this weekend from the COVID-19 virus.

After that, the regular agenda was processed, in which case the Regulation on the administration of cases through the electronic system in the Office for Protection and Assistance of Victims and the Administrative Instruction on the management of public money spending in the Kosovo prosecutorial system were approved.

Also, the following KPC has approved two reports:

Report for the period January-March 2020 of the National Coordinator for Combating Economic Crimes and

Report on the evaluation of the performance of two prosecutors with initial mandate, whose names will be sent to the President for decree of permanent mandate.

During this meeting, the standard procedures for conducting investigations and criminal prosecution of human trafficking were approved, while the transfer for another year for one (1) prosecutor from the Basic Prosecution of Ferizaj to the Basic Prosecution of Mitrovica was continued, and while within the four processes of promotion of prosecutors, prosecutors have been promoted, as follows:

Two (2) prosecutors of the Basic Prosecution in Prishtina from the General Department to the Serious Crimes Department of this Prosecution,

One (1) Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Ferizaj from the General Department to the Juvenile Department of this Prosecution,

One (1) Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Ferizaj from the General Department to the Department for Serious Crimes of this Prosecution and

One (1) Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica from the General Department to the Juvenile Department of this Prosecution.

In conclusion, a hearing was held for the disciplinary procedure against one (1) prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Prishtina.



The Chairman of the Prosecutorial Council is received in a meeting by the Minister of Internal Affairs

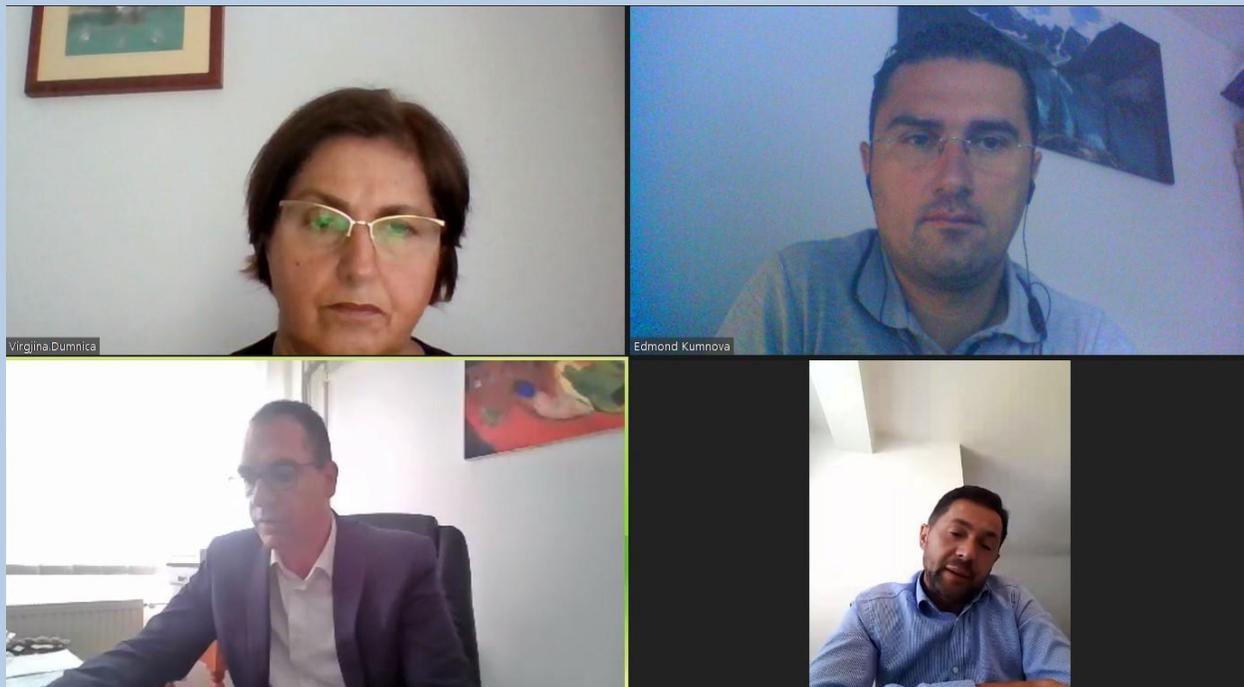
Prishtina, 23 July 2020 - The Chairman of the Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, together with the Chairman of the Kosovo Judicial Council, Shkelzen Çoçaj, was received in a meeting by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Agim Veliu, where they discussed the issues that are escorting the building to the Palace of Justice.

Consequently, Minister Veliu, on this occasion informed the two chairmen, that based on the requests made to the former Ministry of Public Administration, the Ministry of Internal Affairs has drafted the project for demolition of windows and creation of window openings in the buildings of the Palace of Justice.

The interlocutors agreed to first make the necessary consultations and after securing the budget to start with the implementation of the project, which is necessary to improve the conditions for the employees of the prosecutorial and judicial system in this facility.



Also, during this meeting there were discussions on strengthening the mutual cooperation between the Prosecutorial Council, the Judiciary and the Ministry of Internal Affairs, within the respective competencies, as well as on the intensification and acceleration of cases related to the fight against organized crime in general.



Cooperation in mediation through inter-institutional coordination is discussed

Prishtina, 16 June 2020 - Prishtina, 28 July 2020 - The General Director of the Secretariat of the KPC (SKPC), Lavdim Krasniqi, participated in a meeting organized through the online platform by UNDP, which was attended by representatives of Kosovo Chamber of Mediators (KCM).

The purpose of the meeting was to find the easiest ways of cooperation with the Kosovo Chamber of Mediators, in order to implement the new Law on Mediation as much as possible and to advance the mediation system through inter-institutional coordination.

Consequently, in this context, Director Krasniqi discussed with the representatives of the Chamber of Mediators, which was established through the new law, as well as with representatives of UNDP for the establishment of mediation spaces in the country's prosecutions, case referral and administration. And the functioning of the mediation



process during the COVID pandemic 19. Also, the General Director of the KPSS, Lavdim Krasniqi, has requested from UNDP support for capacity building of mediation staff in the Kosovo prosecutorial system.

The interlocutors agreed to have an advancement and strengthening of inter-institutional cooperation, in order to manage the increase in the number of cases, which are referred for mediation by relevant factors.



The CMIS Project Report for the period January-June 2020 is presented

Prishtina, 28 July 2020 - The Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, participated in a meeting organized through the online platform by the Steering Committee of the Case Management Information System Project (CMIS), which was also attended by the Chairman of the Judicial Council, Skënder Çoçaj and the general directors of the two secretariats of the councils.



The purpose of the meeting was to present and discuss activities, achievements and challenges in the period January-June 2020 in the courts and prosecution offices of Kosovo.

Representatives of the Steering Board of CMIS have emphasized that this project has encountered some challenges due to the COVID 19 pandemic, especially in the development of different parts.

However, it was said that at this stage the requests from the two Councils are being addressed, in which case the project experts are expected to take the necessary steps to implement the work plan for 2020.

In order to minimize the negative impact of the COVID 19 pandemic, CMIS managers reviewed the work plan for the rest of the year, and at the end of the meeting, the members of the Steering Committee of the Case Management Information System Project (CMIS) have said that they will continue its realization with increased efforts.



The first meeting of the Working Group for drafting the modalities of reform in the justice system is held

Prishtina, 29 July 2020 - The Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, participated today through the online platform in the first meeting of the Working Group for drafting modalities and scenarios for issues of reform in the justice system.



On this occasion, the Chairman of the KPC, Bahri Hyseni, initially greeted the representatives of the participating institutions, civil society and representatives of embassies in Kosovo, as well as all other members of the working group, expressing his conviction that this initiative for the reform of the justice system will be a complete success.

Also, Chairman Hyseni has supported this important process, which, according to him, will affect the increase of professionalism and credibility in the justice system.

The Chairman of the KPC, Hyseni, is a member of this working group, a group which was established last week by the decision of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in order to address accountability, the development of justice sector reform, including even vetting.



Semi-annual financial report, topic of discussion of the Committee on Budget, Finance and Personnel of KPC

Prishtina, 30 July 2020 - The Committee on Budget, Finance and Personnel of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, chaired by its Chairperson, Prosecutor Dëshirë Jusaj, held a regular meeting today through a video conference, in which, in addition to its members,



they participated also the General Director of the KPSS, Lavdim Krasniqi, the leaders and staff of the respective units of the KPC Secretariat.

The purpose of today's meeting was to review the Financial Report for the period January-June 2020, which discussed the budget performance at all levels of the prosecutorial system of the country, as well as the challenges during its implementation.

In the next meeting of the Committee on Budget, Finance and Personnel of KPC will be discussed the budget after the review that will be done in the Assembly of Kosovo.



The Secretariat of the KPC

Office of the General Director of the KPC Secretariat

In the framework of administrative responsibilities and support for the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor and the country's prosecution offices, the General Director of the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Lavdim Krasniqi, held various meetings adapting to the circumstances created by Covid-19. Has supervised all processes of administrative work in the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and the State Prosecutor and have been authorized and carried out concrete actions in the progress of work related to the responsibilities and legal competencies of the Secretariat.

During this month were realized the following activities:

- Issues related to the implementation of the KPC and SP Action Plan for Crisis Management were coordinated by Covid - 19;
- A plan for leaving the office and working from home has been drafted for KPSS officials
- Coordinated and supervised the individual plan of officials for housework;
- The 183rd meeting of the KPC was organized;
- Meetings were held with representatives of various projects that support the Kosovo prosecutorial system;
- Work processes are coordinated with all prosecutions;
- Comments were sent on the conclusions and minutes of the meetings of the Subcommittee on Justice, Freedom and Security of the European Commission;
- Support was provided for the organization of the next EU meeting against small arms and light arms trafficking in the Western Balkans;
- Responds to various requests were provided by MEI and KPC support projects;
- Comments were provided on the finalization of the CEPEJ questionnaire;
- Comments were sent regarding the qualifications of the expert for the provision of training within the Luxembourg project;
- The audit interview with the DBF official was completed, according to the sample;
- Courses related to the spending process have been completed, such as: completeness, accuracy and authorization of payments;
- The handling of the material for petty cash, the spending process is completed;
- The processing of the received material for the unpaid invoices and their reporting is completed;



- The revenue process and maintenance of documentation is completed;
- Capital assets are treated and completed;
- The material for assets over 1000 euros KFMIS has been completed;
- The semi-annual report has been prepared and submitted to the CHUIA, for the period January-June 2020;
- The Action Plan for the Head of the Budget and Finance Division has been prepared and submitted
- The audit report for the Budget and Finance Division has been prepared;
- Objectives for the audit of the Procurement Division have been prepared;
- 492 cases have been certified;
- 471 cases were received;
- 466 cases were checked.

Office of Public Communication

- Has drafted 10 press releases;
- Has drafted 1 notice and other documents;
- Has prepared daily monitoring;
- Has prepared 2 congratulatory telegrams and 2 condolence telegrams;
- Has prepared 1 reaction;
- Has prepared media responses;
- Supported the organization of the 183rd meeting of the KPC;
- Crisis management (IRZ) training for public relations officers of the prosecutorial system was coordinated and held;
- The specific Instruction on imposing fines as a sanction for criminal offenses under the RKS Criminal Code, donated by the US Embassy in Prishtina, was submitted to the 5 basic prosecutors;
- Has proofread various documents and materials of the prosecutorial system;
- Has completed the new web portal of the Kosovo prosecutorial system with materials and has improved, proofread and edited them;
- Has continuously managed the e-mail of KPC, where all requests of citizens, media are addressed.



Legal Office

- Provided support to the Office of the Chairperson;
- Provided support to the Office of the Director;
- Provided support to other units of the Secretariat;
- Has drafted the decisions of the Prosecutorial Council;
- Has supported the Committee on Normative Issues;
- Has made judicial representation in the contentious case where KPC has been a party to the contentious procedures;
- Has handled requests for access to public documents.

Department of Human Resources, Procurement and Administration

This department has developed activities related to human resources, procurement and administration in the Kosovo prosecutorial system.

During this month were realized the following activities:

- Staff vacations were checked and vacations for prosecutors were recorded;
- Custody has been prepared for 213 officers, 14 forms for retroactive payment, 13 forms for changes;
- The documents were organized electronically in the E-Archive;
- The job description has been set in a unique form for KPC positions;
- The job descriptions have been harmonized in standard formats for staff positions;
- 105 papers and 506 invoices were received;
- 470 pages of various documents and 2 hours of simultaneous translation were translated;
- Contracts have been signed for the projects: Advancement and maintenance of the electronic file management system for prosecutors and Supply and installation of disinfectants for the needs of the Kosovo prosecutorial system;
- The contract for the project: Technical maintenance of the facilities of the Kosovo prosecutorial system has been signed;



Department of Budget, Finance and General Services

This department has developed activities related to the budget, finances and general services in the Kosovo prosecutorial system.

During this month were realized the following activities:

- Supervise, manage and coordinate key activities for budget, finance and general services as planned;
- According to the needs and requirements, in constant coordination with the administrators, support was provided in order to carry out work in the prosecution;
- The Draft Financial Report for the period January-June 2020 has been prepared;
- The Action Plan for the implementation of the recommendations according to the 2019 audit report has been prepared and sent to the National Audit Office;
- 444 cases have been committed;
- 489 cases were spent;
- 650 cases were registered;
- The issue of security has been supervised, monitored and coordinated;

Department of Information Technology

This department has developed activities related to information technology in the Kosovo prosecutorial system.

During this month were realized the following activities:

- The automatic distribution of cases in CMIS has been implemented from 13 July 2020, according to the planned plan in all prosecution offices of Kosovo except the Basic Prosecution Office Prishtina;
- A professional training plan has been prepared for regional IT officers to attend;
- The Case Information Management System (CMIS) for the Appellate Prosecution has been introduced, starting with the registration of cases in the clerk and the actions taken in the prosecutor's office;
- The CMIS User Manual for the Appellate Prosecution has been prepared. The list for staff training has also been prepared and it has been announced that the training starts on Monday;



- The report on the automatic distribution of cases according to the type of registers of prosecutors in the Basic Prosecution Office Ferizaj, for the period 1 - 30 June 2020 was presented;
- In cooperation with the information technology staff of the Kosovo Judicial Council, the exchange of data from prosecutors to courts and vice versa was tested.



Prosecution Performance Review Unit of the KPC

Office of the Director of the Prosecution Performance Review Unit

In the framework of administrative responsibilities and support for the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor and the country's prosecutor's offices, the Director of the Prosecution Performance Review Unit of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council has held various meetings.

The Director, as needed, held meetings with the staff of the Unit and responded to the requests of the Chairman of the KPC and the Chief State Prosecutor for the realization of various objectives, and also held meetings with local and international partners.

Office for Supervision, Analytics and Prosecutorial verification

During this month, it has conducted the following activities:

- The process of recruiting new prosecutors and promoting / transferring prosecutors was supported through the engagement of a designated official of the PMOA;
- The process of developing the forms of CMIS statistical reports was supported, through participation in virtual meetings with international experts;
- Proposals have been drafted regarding the design of CMIS reports for case management;
- A comparative-analytical report has been drafted on the manner of resolving cases by the State Prosecutor during 2019;
- The process for the development of the SEMDP database was supported through meetings of the PPRU, DTI and the company;
- The main actions have been identified and the relevant comments have been provided, which the company for the advancement of the SEMDP database has proposed to be further developed;
- The information required by civil society regarding statistical data on the overall performance of general departments and harmonization of data at the end of 2018 and the beginning of 2019 have been prepared;
- An infographic report has been drafted for the web portal related to the characteristic criminal offenses for the second quarter of 2020;



- The records in the SEMDP database have been updated with all received documents related to the personal file of prosecutors;

Statistic office

During this month, it has conducted the following activities:

- Has compiled statements on the workload and efficiency of prosecutors in resolving cases from the registers: PP, PPM, PPN, PPP and NJN, for each prosecutor separately for July 2020;
- Has collected data on the status of cases in prosecutors by registers and departments for the month of July;
- Has collected data and prepared statistical reports for the second quarter and the first half of 2020, for characteristic works;
- Has collected data on the work of two prosecutors who have undergone the evaluation process and has calculated the % of compliance with the Orientation Norm for them.

Training Office

During this month, it has conducted the following activities:

- Has prepared the Analysis for the implementation of Regulation no. 01/2020 on Training and Professional Development in the Prosecutorial System;
- Has supported the organization and monitoring of trainings organized for prosecutors and administrative staff of the prosecutorial system.