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## ACTIVITIES OF THE KOSOVO PROSECUTORIAL COUNCIL

**(The monthly edition of this bulletin reflects the activities for the month of September 2021)**

### Commitment is required to reduce the number of cases of corruption and economic crimes

The members of the Working Group for the Oversight of the Unit for Fighting Corruption and Economic Crimes met with the Head of the Unit for Economic Crimes and Corruption and the Head of the General Department of this Prosecution, in which case they have decisively demanded a greater commitment in reducing the number of cases of corruption and economic crimes and their treatment with high priority.



### The next meeting of the Committee for the Administration of Prosecutions is held

The Commission for the Administration of Prosecutions has held the next meeting, in which it was discussed for the drafting of the Report for the implementation of the KPC Work Plan for 2021, the implementation of the Government Decision regarding the COVID-19 pandemic for the presentation of staff in work and vaccination, forms of reporting mechanism of Chief Prosecutors, as well as reviewed proposals for supplementing these forms, according to the recommendations of KPC members and activities in implementation of the Electronic Case Management System (CMIS), with which case established the Working Group for monitoring the implementation of CMIS.



### Meeting of the Working Group for the Oversight of the Unit for Combating Corruption and Economic Crimes

The working group for the supervision of the Unit for Fighting Corruption and Economic Crimes has held a working meeting, this group, which is functional based on the Strategic Plan of the prosecutorial system for the period 2019-2021, where there were discussions on further steps,



### The activities of the prosecution administration are discussed

The Acting Director General of the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPCS) held a meeting with the administrators of the Prosecution Offices of the Republic of Kosovo, the purpose of which was to address issues related to the best functioning of the Prosecution Offices, with in which case he asked them to have a continuous commitment to the realization of the objectives and work plans of the prosecutions.

in order to implement the requirements of the Prosecutorial Council and for other engagements after reporting to the Council for the period January-June 2021.



### Chairs Maloku and Zogaj discuss the preparation of the new phase of the ICT-CMIS project

The Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Jetish Maloku, received in a meeting the Chairman of the Kosovo Judicial Council, Albert Zogaj. On this occasion, the two chairmen of the Councils talked about the preparation of the new phase of the ICT-CMIS Project for the period 2022-2024, a phase which foresees the further advancement of the Case Management Information System (CMIS) in prosecution offices and courts, as well as the electronic exchange of data with other law enforcement institutions in Kosovo. Both interlocutors emphasized that this phase is planned to be finalized during November of this year and will start to be implemented from January 1, 2022, which will be partially funded by the Government of the Kingdom of Norway.

The administrators expressed their readiness for continuous commitment in the realization of all planned plans.

### The challenges of VAAOs are discussed

In the course of intensive activities during this month, The Acting Director General of the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Valdrin Krasniqi, held an online meeting with the manager of the Office for Advocacy and Assistance of Victims and the regional supervisor of the Offices for Advocacy and Assistance of Victims, in which it was emphasized that victims' advocates will be provided with the necessary institutional assistance to represent victims of domestic violence, trafficking in human beings, abuse, child abuse, rape, murder and other victims of crime.



### Work begins on systematizing the administration in the prosecutorial system

The working group for systematization of jobs in the administration of the prosecutorial system has held the first meeting, after its mandate by the Committee for Normative Issues (KPC), to draft bylaws governing the systematization of the administration of the prosecutorial system, in order to establish the efficiency and effectiveness of the administration of the prosecutorial system.



### The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council holds its next meeting

The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council held its 203rd online meeting in a row, started with the working reports for the first half of 2021 from the Oversight Committee for the Implementation of the Strategic Plan and Action Plan for Combating Corruption and Economic Crimes, the National Coordinator for Combating Economic Crime and the chairmen of the standing committees of the Prosecutorial Council of Kosovo, reports which were also approved by KPC members.



Further, the meeting continued with an announcement regarding the reports of the Chief Prosecutors of the Prosecution Offices of the Republic of Kosovo for the period April - June 2021, reports which are made in writing.

Also, KPC has decided to send proposals to the Office of the President of the Republic of Kosovo for the dismissal of 2 State Prosecutors, who will reach retirement age during October 2021.

KPC members in this meeting have approved with some changes the request of acting General Director of the KPC Secretariat regarding personnel issues and the meeting continued with the approval of the re-evaluation of the performance of 9 prosecutors with initial mandate, and held a disciplinary hearing on the case of a prosecutor in the Basic Prosecution in Peja.

### Cases of domestic violence, topic of the meeting of the Deputy Chairman of the KPC with the Deputy Minister of Justice

The Deputy Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and the Deputy Chief State Prosecutor, at the same time Coordinator for domestic violence cases within the State Prosecutor, met with the Deputy Minister of Justice with whom they talked about the ongoing commitment of the Kosovo prosecutorial system regarding the treatment of cases of domestic violence. It was said that the State Prosecutor always treats these cases with urgency and priority.

The interlocutors agreed to continue the cooperation regarding the fight against domestic violence in general, a cooperation which will continue within the Inter-Ministerial Coordination Group against Domestic Violence in the process of drafting the National Strategy and Action Plan for Protection from Domestic Violence (2022-2026).



### Rule of law strategy in focus of the meeting of Chairman Maloku and Minister Haxhiu

The Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and the Judicial Council were received in a meeting by the Minister of Justice, where they discussed the implementation of the Rule of Law Strategy and the Strategy Steering Committee, according to the composition determined by the Strategy, as well as other issues which derive from its implementation.



The Minister expressed the will of the Ministry of Justice to implement common objectives, which arise from the Rule of Law Strategy and Strategy Action Plan, as part of important justice reform, and the two chairmen expressed readiness to coordinate of activation of the Strategy Steering Committee and implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan according to the respective competencies.

### The Six monthly report of the Committee on Budget, Finance and Personnel is reviewed

The Committee on Budget, Finance and Personnel of the KPC held the next meeting, in which the Work Report for the period January-June 2021 of this committee was reviewed and the fulfillment of the Work Plan in the first 6 months of this year.



### Regulation on the transfer and promotion of state prosecutors towards finalization

The Committee for Normative Issues of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council has held the next meeting, in which case it worked on finalizing the Regulation on the transfer and promotion of state prosecutors, and has appointed the members of the working groups for drafting the Regulation on the Organization of the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and the Regulation on the Organization of the State Prosecutor.



### The first meeting of the Working Group for drafting the regulation for the election of the director of the KPCS and the PPRU is held

The working group for drafting the Regulation on the election and dismissal of the Director of the KPCS and the PPRU, has held its first meeting, On this occasion, the methodology, concepts and main principles were discussed, which will be the basis for drafting the Regulation on the election and dismissal of the director of the KPCS and the PPRU, which is an important bylaw within the implementation of the competencies of high administrative leaders of the prosecutorial system.



### Activities of the KPC Secretariat

The Secretariat of the KPC has sent to the Office of the Prime Minister a report on the latest developments in the prosecutorial system, which will serve to draft the Report on Kosovo of the European Commission, and an assessment has been prepared for the project implemented in the prosecutorial system “Promoting the rule of law in Southeast Europe”.

The KPCS also held meetings to discuss the main activities for budget, finance and general services, in order to coordinate them, in which case the Budget Execution Report was drafted according to programs and economic categories for the period January-August 2021 and the Work Report of the Committee on Budget, Finance and Personnel for the period January-June 2021.

On the other hand, the final version of the draft CMIS Project of the transitional phase for the period 2022-2024 has been sent to the representatives of the Norwegian Judicial Administration, and the advancement of the Case Management System for the Office for Victim Protection and Assistance has begun, which includes recording all actions and generating advanced reports.

### Activities of the Prosecution Performance Review Unit

The Prosecution Performance Review Unit (PPRU) has implemented the process of transferring prosecutors' files from the PPRU to the Human Resources Division, as defined by the Regulation on the Personal File of Prosecutors, and has also worked on the draft Regulation of the PPRU which deals with the Statistical Office, statistical reports on the numerical status of cases for the month of August for the basic prosecutions, the Special Prosecution and the Appellate Prosecution, then the reports on the workload of prosecutors and the efficiency in resolving them during July for all prosecutions, except the OCSP.

Meanwhile, special statistical data have been prepared for criminal reports filed by TAK for the

years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2019, and is in the process of drafting a Plan for assessing the needs for training of prosecutors in database provided by Chief Prosecutors, Individual training plans for prosecutors from all levels of the prosecution, this training policy document to be approved by the KPC and several online trainings have been conducted under the Program for ongoing training on organized crime and corruption, protection of children's rights, in cases of divorce and domestic violence, prevention of torture (Article III of the Istanbul Convention), illegal usurpation and restitution of property, crypto currencies and money laundering, investigation, drafting and indictment, and use of Case Management Information System (CMIS).