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## MONTHLY BULLETIN

Activities of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council

July 2018



### **The 8th Session of the training of resident advisers of the EU Twinning Project**

The Director of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, attended the 8th Training Session of Resident Advisers of the EU Twinning Project in Brussels. The head of the KPC Secretariat was part of this event as the local leader of the EU Twinning Project - "Strengthening the Efficiency, Transparency and Accountability of the Judicial and Prosecutorial System in Kosovo", whereby it developed a series of meetings with representatives of the General Directorate of European Commission, with whom he discussed practical issues, methods of twinning work and issues of their respective management.



### The regular meeting of the Committee for Normative Issues

The Committee on Normative Issues of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council comprised of: Bahri Hyseni, Chair, Besim Kelmendi and Dëshira Jusaj, members, and Agatha Bouten, EULEX Adviser for KPC, held a regular meeting, whereby two administrative instructions were reviewed for the needs of the prosecutorial system management.

The Chairman of the Committee, Bahri Hyseni, said during the review of these sub-legal acts that the unique consent of the Administrative Instruction no. 03/2018 on the management of non-financial assets is necessary for the prosecutorial system. *“This instruction is essential because it is known that so far we did not have a specific act that regulates this issue, but the issue of non-financial asset management is based on several sub-legal acts, which has caused many problems during the implementation in the past”*, said the Chairperson of the Committee, Hyseni

The Commission also reviewed the Administrative Instruction no. 02/2018 on the use of official vehicles of Kosovo prosecutorial system, whereby was explained the economics of fuel expenditures,, and finally, the two revised guidelines were recommended for approval to Kosovo Prosecutorial Council.



### **Workshop on the Implementation of the Case Management Information System**

Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and State Prosecutor organized a two-day workshop on the implementation of the Case Management Information System (SMIL) in the Basic Prosecution Office in Pristina, attended by members of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Chief Prosecutor and Prosecutors of the Basic Prosecution Office Pristina, SMIL Project Experts Prosecutors and KPC Secretariat Management. Also this workshop was attended by professional associates, legal officers and referents of the Basic Prosecution Office of Pristina, with the purpose of preparing them as trainers who are obliged to train the administrative staff and prosecutors of the General Department and the Department of Serious Crime to this prosecution, which is scheduled to begin in August 2018.

Leaders of the prosecutorial system said that this workshop has a great impact when it is known that one of the pillars of reforms is the digitalization of prosecution work, which will increase the efficiency of work and will enable better management of the general resources, as manual work will be replaced by work through the electronic system.

The SMIL project is supported by the Norwegian Embassy in Pristina for the preparation of the digitalization of the work process in the Kosovo justice system.



### **154-th meeting of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council**

The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (CCK), led by the Chairperson of the Council, Blerim Isufaj, held the 154th meeting in which case has reviewed and approved a series of issues for the prosecution system.

Following the meeting, two administrative instructions were unanimously adopted: AI on the management of non-financial assets of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, which sets high standards of non-financial assets management and is based on the best practices in this area as well as AI for the use of official vehicles of the prosecutorial system, through which opportunities for rationalization of expenditures and suitable conditions for work in the prosecutorial system will be created. It was also approved the Commission's Performance Evaluation Report of 11 prosecutors with a permanent mandate and a re-evaluation of one prosecutor. The KPC also endorsed the requirements of four prosecutors for one-year undergraduate education in the United States Master Program, a program focused on specialized prosecutorial areas. At the end of the Council meeting, the Group on Monitoring the Implementation of Strategic Plan Activities for the period January-June 2018 and also reviewed several requests from prosecutors.



### **KPC Secretariat Meeting with administrators of Prosecution offices through videoconferencing**

Director of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, held a meeting with the administrators of the prosecution offices through videoconferencing, in which case he asked for more effective accountability and better planning of the works. Mr. Krasniqi requested reports to contain data on prosecution support with the necessary staff and equipment and the provision of appropriate services. Also, the administrators have been informed of recent Council decisions dealing with Kosovo prosecution management processes, systematization of new officials and their jobs, and discussions on advancing and recruiting planning in the second semester. The budget was also a topic of discussion at the video conference meeting, especially on the subject matter of receiving new cases and according to the foreseen legal deadlines, as well as avoiding errors in the cases, while regarding the general services was debated for the maintenance of the objects of the prosecutorial system of Kosovo. At this meeting, the administrators of the prosecutions were also informed about the completion of the pilot phase of the Case Management Information System (SMIL), as well as the training of administrative staff and Prosecutors of Basic Prosecutions in Prishtina, Peja, Gjilan, Gjakova , Prizren and Ferizaj, in which case it was requested that in cooperation with the Department of Information Technology to prepare a staff training schedule for each prosecutor starting from the third week of August 2018.

## **KPC Secretariat**

The activities of the KPC Secretariat have continued intensifying in various areas of the administration of the prosecutorial system, in which case it was worked on the process of functional review of the justice system, the draft Code of Ethics for Prosecutors and SMIL functioning in the prosecutor's office, as well as two important administrative instructions for the prosecutorial system - AI on the management of non-financial assets of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, which set high standards of non-financial assets management and is based on the best practices of this field as well as the AI on the use of official vehicles of the prosecutorial system, which will provide opportunities for rationalizing expenditures and suitable conditions for work in the prosecutorial system, which were approved at the 154th meeting of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council.

The Director of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, held a meeting with the prosecution administrators through videoconferencing, in which case he requested more effective accountability and better planning of the affairs, and requested reports to contain data to support the prosecution with the necessary staff and equipment and the provision of appropriate services. The prosecution administrators have also been notified of the completion of the pilot phase of the Case Management Information System (SMIL), as well as the training of administrative staff and Prosecutors of Basic Prosecutions in Prishtina, Peja, Gjilan, Gjakova, Prizren and Ferizaj. The case was requested in cooperation with the Department of Information Technology to prepare a time schedule for staff training for each prosecutor, starting from the third week of August 2018.

The Public Communication Office has published the Public Procurement Strategy of the Prosecutorial System 2018-2020 and is working on the Guide for Public Communication Officers in the Prosecutorial System. On the other hand, the fulfillment of responsibilities in the field of European Integration has continued, and has continued to submit a Report on gap assessment, i.e. the assessment of the discrepancy for Chapter 23, drafted by the Support Project "Twinning Kosovo SAA" chapter 23, where statistics on cases of organized crime and corruption have been sent, without including the targeted cases, at MEI, as requested by the EU Office.

The Department for Human Resources, Procurement and Administration has announced that two (2) drivers have started work in the Basic Prosecution in Prizren and Peja, two (2) media information and monitoring officials in the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica and Prizren, one (1) Senior Officer for Media Communication at the Secretariat of the Prosecutorial Council and one (1) Certifying Officer at the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council.

## PROSECUTORIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW UNIT

The activities of the Prosecutorial Performance Review Unit has continued with commenting on the conclusions of the Subcommittee on Freedom, Justice and Security of the Report drafted by EULEX, as well as engagement on possible support projects for the SPRK and finalization of two project proposals for the EU project on capacity building for the implementation of chapters 23 and 24 of the SAA. The contribution to the preparation of the draft document of the principles of the prosecutorial system has continued in the process of functional review.

The Office for Analysis Evaluation and Verification has compiled a comparative quarterly report on the number of cases received and solved for 12 offenses, whereas the five-year comparative report on the characteristic offenses is in the process of being implemented.

Statistics Office has prepared statistical reports for the second and first semester of 2018 for the work of prosecutors, criminal cases with major persons, criminal cases with juvenile offenders; criminal cases with unknown perpetrators; various criminal cases, which allegedly committed criminal offenses; international legal aid; cases for which alternative procedures are applied; cases of the Appellate Prosecution and cases of the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor. Also, the PPRU has responded to various questions regarding the work of the prosecutorial system.

The Training Office has coordinated the training activities, whereby 13 prosecutors continuing the trainings organized by the Academy of Justice with the topic "Trafficking in human beings and regular and extraordinary legal remedies, according to LCP", then on issues of public procurement, 3 prosecutors have been engaged as trainers at the Academy of Justice, 6 prosecutors participated in the training organized by the "Open Society Foundation" on the topic: "International human rights oversight in places of deprivation of liberty", 17 prosecutors participated in the training organized by the Academy of Justice with the topic "Communication with Media".