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## The completion of Training of SMIL Trainers of the Basic Prosecution of Pristina

*Pristina, October 2, 2018* - In the meeting of the successful completion of the training of the Trainers of the Case Management Information System (SMIL), which was chaired by the Director of the Secretariat of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Lavdim Krasniqi, was discussed about the ongoing training process in the Pristina Basic Prosecution Office.

At this stage, the training of referents for the admission and registration of cases to the stage of distribution of cases of prosecutors has been completed, as well as the timeline of trainings of prosecutors, legal officers and professional associates.

At the end of the meeting staff trainers were certified, who would bear the main burden of training and implement SMIL in the Pristina Basic Prosecution.

This training is being held by the Pristina Basic Prosecution staff and supported by the ICT-SMIL Project.



## The meeting of the Steering Board of the Project of Case Management Information System was held

*Pristina, 3 October 2018* - Within the framework of the implementation of the Case Management Information System Project (SMIL), the meeting of the Steering Board was held, with the participation of the Head of Kosovo Judicial Council, Mr. Nehat Idrizi, two directors of Secretariats - Prosecutorial Council and Judicial Council, President of the Gjakova Basic Court, Mr. Vatun Durguti, project management staff and international representatives.

In this meeting were presented and discussed the Draft proposal for the Consolidation Stage (January 2019 - December 2021), Sixth Report on Training and Implementation of SMIL in Five Kosovo Regions and the Project Budget.

Following the meeting of this board, detailed planning and prerequisites for the implementation of this phase, further system development, staff recruitment within the project, as well as co-financing of two councils under the project to provide and guaranteed its sustainability.

The Steering Board approved at the end of the meeting all the points of the discussed agenda, summarizing the general definitions of the deployment of the Case Management Information System in Kosovo justice institutions.

The SMIL project was initiated nationally to improve efficiency, accountability and transparency, while the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and Kosovo Judicial Council are responsible for its implementation.



## Farewell meeting with EULEX Adviser, Agatha Bouten

*Pristina, 9 October 2018* - Director of the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Lavdim Krasniqi, held a farewell meeting with the EULEX Advisor at the Prosecutorial Council and the Office of the State Prosecutor, Agatha Bouten.

Mr. Krasniqi thanked Mrs. Bouten for her many years contribution in advising and providing expertise on the overall issues of Kosovo's prosecutorial system development, especially the KPC Secretariat.

*"We thank you and express our highest consideration, because your multi-annual contribution has been fundamentally distinguished by helping to advance and strengthen the overall activity of the prosecutorial system administration,"* said the head of the KPC Secretariat.



Mrs. Agatha Bouten is a Dutch expert who has made a long-standing contribution in the field of drafting sub-legal acts, administrative capacity building and recruitment processes for prosecutors and prosecutorial staff of Kosovo as well as in the field of international legal cooperation.



## **The Committee on Normative Issues begins the supplement-amendment of four regulations**

Prishtina, October 16, 2018 - The Committee on Normative Issues of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, led by the Chairperson, Bahri Hyseni, held today the next meeting, attended by members of the Commission, Chief Prosecutors of Basic Prosecutions, Prosecutors of the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor and Basic Prosecutions, and the Director of the KPC Secretariat.

Chairperson Hyseni emphasized at the opening of the meeting the need to schedule the work of certain groups for completing the work of amending the four sub-legal acts - *Regulation on the*

*Organization and Functioning of the State Prosecutor, the Regulation on the Transfer and Advancement of Prosecutors, public communication and case allocation rules, in which case it was assessed that high priority documents are considered in the work process “*

The planning and termination of the activities of the working groups will be done to accelerate and concretize the completion and amendment of these regulations, in order to conclude the intentions of the Commission for Normative Issues ie the Prosecutorial Council for 2018, said Mr. Bahri Hyseni.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was decided for the working groups to submit their comments by November 1, and on 3-4 November will be held the joint meeting of all the groups for harmonization, since the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council plans that these four important draft rules to be adopted by the end of the year, which will increase the efficiency of the prosecutorial system.



## The employees of Prosecutorial System donates blood

Prishtina, October 16, 2018 - The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and the State Prosecutor's Office in cooperation with the National Center for Blood Transfusion have organized a voluntary action for blood donation, in which case a large number of prosecutorial system officials responded to the call for donation.

The interinstitutional cooperation of the prosecutorial system and the National Blood Transfusion Center has continued to grow due to mutual interest in making such humanitarian acts that save lives.

24 employees of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and the State Prosecutor have responded to today's blood donation initiative.

The Kosovo National Center for Blood Transfusion has highly rated the blood donation initiative, expressing gratitude to all volunteer blood donors.



## Chairman of Prosecutorial Council hosted in a meeting with Croatian Ambassador

*Prishtina, October 17, 2018 - The Chairperson of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Mr. Blerim Isufaj, hosted in a meeting the Croatian Ambassador to Kosovo Maria Kapitanovic.*

*Chair Isufaj thanked Ambassador Kapitanovic for the continued support that the Croatian state has given to Kosovo prosecutorial system, expressing the willingness and readiness to continue the reciprocal inter-state cooperation.*



During the meeting, the interlocutors estimated that an effective and efficient prosecutorial system is a key factor in empowering the rule of law and is in full service of citizens, so engagement for this purpose is a common goal.

At the end of the meeting, both sides agreed to deepen the inter-institutional cooperation of both states - Kosovo and Croatia, in order to strengthen and promote the exchange of common experiences in the area of rule of law.



## The implementation of the TIK-SMIL Plans by the Project Working Group is approved

*Pristina, 18 October 2018* - Within the framework of the implementation of the Case Management Information System Project (SMIL) today was held the Working Group meeting, attended by its members - prosecutors, judges and administrative staff.

Approving more functional concepts, reviewing periodically, criteria and identifying issues of interest were the topic of discussions of the working group members of this important project,



where criminal case registers were presented in the regions, carried out and the progress of their proceeding.

In this meeting, it was also introduced the implementation of training plans and the use of SMIL in the prosecutions and courts of the country, as well as the introduction of automatic distribution of cases in civil and minor offense.

In this regard, SMIL's electronic system correctly calculates the weight of the materials and makes their automatic distribution, creating great planning opportunities and prerequisites for the development of a further standard system, guaranteeing its sustainability in the future.

The Working Group has approved the general definition of establishing practical and easy bases for the use of the Case Management Information System in Kosovo justice institutions.

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## KPC Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee discusses budget process 2019

*Prishtina, 19 October 2018* - Committee on Budget, Finance and Personnel of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, led by the Chairperson, Zejnullah Gashi, held today its regular meeting.

The members of the Commission discussed the following for the second budget circular in the process of approving the 2019 budget for the prosecutorial system of Kosovo.

Also, on this occasion, the Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee estimated the budget allocation by the Ministry of Finance (MoF), where budget deficits were identified in certain economic categories.

At the end of the meeting it was decided to address the budget shortages, including the detailed argumentation of the needs within the further approval process in the Government and the Assembly of Kosovo.



## The Council continues through the Secretariat the support for SMIL implementation in basic prosecution offices

Pristina 19 October 2018 - In the framework of the implementation of the Case Management Information System (SMIL) in the Basic Prosecutions of the Republic of Kosovo, the Director of the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Lavdim Krasniqi, accompanied by the Head of the Department for Information Technology, Nexhat Haziri, visited today the Basic



Prosecution of Ferizaj, where he met with Chief Prosecutor, Mr. Shukri Jashari, prosecutors and administrative staff of this prosecution.

On this occasion, Chief Prosecutor Jashari expressed the readiness of the Basic Prosecution staff in Ferizaj to implement and apply the SMIL project, and thanked the Prosecutorial Council, and in this context, the Secretariat for continued support and the advanced management of general resources management as well as the creation of good working conditions, guaranteeing the safe continuation of the functional implementation of this modern system.

The head of the KPC Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, further discussed with the leaders of this institution on the dynamics of SMIL project implementation and facilitation of work procedures during the course processing, providing support for the possibility of registration of cases at work and follow up of work plan for its use.

The meeting also highlighted the common orientations for further SMIL implementation, detailing timely deadlines, resources and efficient training methodology of this Prosecution staff, after which the training process is planned to be put in place implementing its full use, recording all cases in the real system, which means full digitalization of the work.

Kosovo Prosecutorial Council will continue through the Secretariat overseeing the application and implementation of SMIL in all prosecutions of the country, achieving the advancement and full integration of this work process, equivalent to the European level of information management of prosecutorial cases.



UNDP supports the prosecutorial system for the implementation of the Mediation Law



Prishtina, October 23, 2018 - Chairperson of the KPC Normative Issues Commission, Bahri Hyseni, Prosecutor at the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor, Besim Kelmendi and Director of KPC Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, hosted the UNDP representatives, where they discussed the implementation of the Mediation Law.

This meeting discussed the main innovations of this law and decided to undertake some activities to notify prosecutors about its contents, and in the following both sides agreed to pay special attention to the relationship between mediation and the mechanisms of other for alternative dispute resolution, domestic and international mediation rules, mediators role and responsibilities, and referral protocol of cases from prosecution to mediation centers.

On the other hand, UNDP representatives expressed their willingness to assist the prosecutorial system in various activities for the implementation of this law, which describes the meaning root of the most important principles and rules of mediation in the Republic of Kosovo.



## Digitalization of processes in support of prosecutors files database

Prishtina, October 25, 2018 - The Prosecution Performance Review Unit (PPRU) has conducted a two-day workshop on the functioning of the database of prosecutor's files.

The purpose of this workshop was to train responsible officials for data entry in the database. Also, the rights and responsibilities for each of the officials in the process of managing the work within the PPRU competences were determined, where necessary modifications were discussed in this database, in order to adapt to the services provided by the PPRU.

The database is designed in six modules, which aim to digitize recruitment, transfer, promotion and disciplinary measures, performance reviews, training and annual leaves, including general data for prosecutors.

Participants in this workshop were the staff of the PPRU and the representatives of the Department of Information Technology of the Secretariat of KPC.



## The KPC Chair hosted a farewell meeting with EULEX Advisor

*Prishtina, 29 October 2018* - The Head of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Mr. Blerim Isufaj, rhosted in a farewell meeting the EULEX Advisor to the Prosecutorial Council and the State Prosecutor Office, Mrs. Agatha Bouten.

Mr. Blerim Isufaj expressed his special thanks to Mrs. Bouten for the continuous support and provision of unbridled assistance for strengthening of the general prosecutorial capacity for many years, and for her long-standing engagement in the capacity of EULEX Advisor he gave

her a gratitude for valuable contribution to development and advancement of the prosecutorial system of the Republic of Kosovo.

*"We have had the good fortune to cooperate with such a professional such as Mrs. Bouten, who was constantly in support of our capacity building, and therefore will remain, in the footsteps of the overall development and advancement of the prosecutorial system of Kosovo "*Said on this occasion the Chairperson of the KPC, Mr.Isufaj.

Mrs. Agatha Bouten is a Dutch expert who has made a long-standing contribution in the field of drafting sub-legal acts, administrative capacity building and recruitment processes for prosecutors and prosecutorial personnel of Kosovo as well as in the field of international legal cooperation.



## The 157th Kosovo Prosecutorial Council meeting is held

*Prishtina, 31 October 2018* - Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, chaired by the Chairperson, Blerim Isufaj, held the 157th meeting in which the documents and acts defined in the agenda were discussed and approved



The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council has approved the Report on the activities and recommendations of the National Coordinator for Combating Economic Crimes for the period April to June 2018, which summarizes the analysis, ascertainments, enhanced powers of confiscation of the illegal property, listing the objectives of the action throughout the period relevant

Following the meeting of the KPC today was approved the Report of the Commission for reviewing the eligibility of candidates, who were nominated from civil society for KPC member, where it was ascertained that the number of candidates nominated for the post of a member of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council from Civil Society ranks does not meet the foreseen legal criteria, therefore the procedures for announcing the new competition should be repeated.

The KPC has adopted the following policy document on training of state prosecutors and administrative staff, a document that was drafted on the basis of the mandate to increase the professional capacities of prosecutors and administrative staff, whereupon the Council highly praised the importance of training, with the purpose of fulfilling the duties, strategies and planning of the prosecutorial system, and will propose to the Academy of Justice the training guidelines for 2019.

Also, the Council has also reviewed the objections to the Second Performance Evaluation Report of 12 prosecutors with an initial mandate, and made a decision on the six-month transfer of two prosecutors from the General Department to the Serious Crimes Department.