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Implementation of the Case Management Information System (CMIS) in prosecutions and courts is discussed

Pristina, 2 July 2019 – Chairperson of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Bahri Hyseni, hosted in the meeting the external expert, engaged by the Norwegian Judicial Administration on the TIK-SMIL Project, Amra Jasarevic, a meeting attended by the President of the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC), as well as members of both councils.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the process of implementing the TIK-SMIL Project and to achieve the set objectives, then removing the manual registers from the work of all prosecution offices and courts of the country, as well as registering old cases in the Case Management Information System (SMIL).

The Chairman of the Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, emphasized that the TIK-SMIL Project has advanced its daily work operations by providing timely and accurate services to many important segments, such as, first and foremost, the statistics of various data.



In this occasion was also discussed for the organization of bilateral conferences in the region, with the aim of identifying good practices for evaluating the performance of prosecutors and judges, which would contribute to the strengthening of a sustainable prosecutorial and judicial system, through a clear evaluation framework.

TIK-SMIL is a joint project of the Prosecutorial Council and the Judicial Council, funded by the Government of Norway, and its main aim is to increase efficiency, transparency, accountability and reliability, thereby prosecutions and courts will be much more efficient in resolving cases and deadlines.



Good practices for strengthening internal and external communication are discussed

Pristina, 3 July 2019 - Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) in cooperation with UNDP Office in Kosovo held a two-day workshop on “Strengthening Internal Communication in the Prosecutorial System, Challenges and Opportunities”, which was attended by the public relations officers of the prosecutorial system, administrators and chiefs of the registry offices of prosecutions of the country.

The purpose of this two-day workshop was to address the topics for establishing internal cooperation, with the aim of strengthening the overall institutional communication, which would be in a particular function of external communication.

The participants of this workshop discussed the importance of internal communication; it's functioning for the benefit of external communication and the importance of maintaining institutional integrity, promoting transparency and enhancing credibility.

Consequently, participants identified good internal communication functioning practices and the challenges associated with external communication they face in their



daily work, recommending the application of methods and standards applicable to the prosecutorial system.

Kosovo prosecutorial system is continuously working to strengthen internal and external communication to increase transparency, strengthen cooperation with the media, civil society and citizens in order to accomplish the constitutional and legal mission to combat illegal phenomena.



The 169th meeting of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council is held

Pristina, 3 July 2019 - The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) held its 169th meeting, which was chaired by the Chairman Bahri Hyseni, whereby a series of items on the agenda were reviewed and approved.

Consequently, members of the Prosecutorial Council have approved the list of members of the investigative panels composed of 30 state prosecutors, who will serve to investigate the alleged disciplinary offenses. Also, the Council has established 4 investigative panels for 4 cases, which were received after the entry into force of the Law on Disciplinary Responsibility of Judges and Prosecutors. These panels are selected by lot: the first panel has a one year mandate, the second panel has two year mandate and the third panel has a three year mandate, these panels consist of three members and by two reserve members for each panel.

The Council also decided to allow two prosecutors to pursue postgraduate studies in the United States for the academic year 2019-2020 in the Scholarship Program for Legal Education at Wake Forest University in North Carolina.

The Council at today's meeting also presented the Report of the Committee on Budget, Finance and Personnel, presented by the Chairperson of this committee, Prosecutor Deshira Jusaj, and the Ad Hoc Committee Report on the Review of the Request of Former Prosecutor Ali Rexha was presented by his chairman, Prosecutor Haxhi Sinanaj,



whereby the request for compensation of the basic salary supplement for the period of suspension was rejected.

The following was rejected the Appeal of the Deputy Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution Office in Pristina, Ibrahim Berisha, against the decision to appoint the Kujtim Munishi Prosecutor as Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Pristina, as no decision on the Council's decision is allowed because they are final.

At the end of the meeting, the Council decided to approve the Report of the Committee for Performance Evaluation of a Prosecutor, while Chairman Bahri Hyseni announced that on 27 June 2019 he signed a memorandum of understanding with the Center for International Legal Cooperation (CILC), the purpose whose cooperation is the promotion of an independent and impartial criminal prosecution system through advancing media cooperation and increasing the administrative capacity and efficiency of the Council. This memorandum will commence on 1 September 2019 and will last for a period of twenty months within the framework of the project "Support for an independent, professional and impartial prosecutorial system" of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kosovo.



Discussion on building sustainable professional and administrative capacities in the Prosecutorial System

Pristina, 3 July 2019 - The Chairman of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, with associates, met with representatives of the British team of the Project "Strengthening the Justice System in Kosovo".

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss common organizational and evaluation frameworks, which contributes to the development of the overall system, including the appointment of prosecutors, their performance appraisal, the implementation of oversight programs, the creation of functional working groups and leading groups such as and the advancement of institutional reform, these issues, which are known as real challenges of the prosecutorial sector.

Chairman Hyseni emphasized that the British project is a special contribution and model of partnership and cooperation, which focuses on the main thematic areas, therefore the Prosecutorial Council has created a consolidated strategic and planning approach, but it is required to increase the dynamics of implementation of the objectives, focusing on the main premises of their continuous improvement.

Both sides agreed that partnership should continue as a real commitment to advancing and creating the necessary mechanisms on the road ahead of the prosecutorial system, implementing the agenda of priorities and addressing them real and timely.

At the end of this meeting it was stated that the work of the joint working groups will continue in order to have concrete results for the establishment of sustainable professional and administrative capacities of the prosecutorial system of Kosovo.



Chairman of KPC and KJC hosted a farewell meeting with the Ambassador and Deputy Ambassador of Norway

Pristina, July 3 2019-The Chairman of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Mr. Bahri Hyseni and the chairman of Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC), Mr. Skender Çoçaj, hosted a farewell meeting his Excellency, Norwegian Ambassador to Kosovo, Per Strand Sjaast, and Deputy Ambassador Stein Eivar Lothe.

The Chairmen Hyseni and Çoçaj expressed their special thanks to Ambassador Sjaastand and his Deputy Lothe for their continued work and contribution for the support given to advancing and strengthening the justice system in Kosovo.

During the stay of the Ambassador of Norway, Per Strand Sjaastad and Deputy Ambassador Stein Eivar Lothe in our country were achieved high results, especially in the various aspects of the implementation of the Case Management Information System (SMIL), which had a substantial impact to increase efficiency and transparency, to better manage the work and standardize the work process in courts and prosecutions.

On the other hand, Ambassador Sjaastad highly praised the cooperation with the Chairmen Hyseni and Çoçaj, saying he feels very pleased and honored that along with his deputy have served in Kosovo, thanking for the courage and the great support they have had towards SMIL. *"For us it is very important to send Kosovo forward through the rule of law,"* said Ambassador Sjaastad at the farewell meeting.

Both councils remained committed and expressed readiness for further cooperation with the Norwegian state in the area of rule of law.



The changes on the draft Regulation for the appointment of Chief Prosecutors is discussed

Pristina, July 4 2019 – with the support of the American Embassy in Kosovo, a workshop was held for drafting the Regulation on the appointment of Chief Prosecutors.

This workshop, which was held in the continuation of the preliminary activities for the drafting of the abovementioned regulation, was attended by members of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Chief Prosecutors, prosecutors, members of the committee for Normative Issues, representatives of the American and British embassy, representatives of the British project “Strengthening the Judicial and Prosecutorial System in Kosovo” and UNDP.

The opening of this workshop was made by the Chairman of the KPC, Mr. Bahri Hyseni and the representative of the US embassy Lana Morton Owens, while the chairman of the committee for Normative Issues Mr. Zejnullah Gashi presented the report on changes to the draft regulation on the appointment of Chief Prosecutors.

Further, during the workshop, specific issues raised by participants about draft regulations were discussed and suggestions were addressed and incorporated to draft regulation.



Prosecutorial System with a special objective against terrorism

Pristina, July 4 2019- Deputy Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Mr.Arben Ismajli and the Chairman of the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC), Skender Çoçaj, had a meeting with the EU experts for the drafting of the held a meeting with EU experts on drafting the Joint Counter-Terrorism Action Plan for the Western Balkan.

KPC Deputy Chairman Arben Ismajli said on this occasion that Kosovo prosecutorial system has consistently engaged in dealing with cases of terrorism and remains committed to strengthening existing mechanisms to increase efficiency in fighting it. *"The Kosovo Prosecutorial System is always ready to be part of joint plans to combat terrorism and violent extremism. While inter-institutional and international cooperation on information gathering and exchange is a specific objective of the Kosovo 2019-2021 Strategic Plan,"* Ismajli said.

At the end of his speech, Deputy Chairman Ismajli thanked the institutions of the European Union for their support in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism, expressing the will of the Kosovo prosecutorial system to deepen cooperation with all countries against terrorism. The European Union has expressed high appraisal for commitment and support of Kosovo in drafting the Joint Counter-Terrorism Action Plan for the Western Balkan.



Workshop for prosecution administrators on reforms in the prosecutorial system

Pristina, July 5, 2019 - The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council in cooperation with the Kosovo Academy of Justice held a two-day workshop on key developments in the prosecution system administration, attended by the country's prosecution administrators.

The purpose of the workshop was to inform the participants and understand the key developments in the implementation of the Law on Salaries and the Law on Public Officials, then to familiarize them with the concrete steps that are being taken in the framework of the reform of the prosecution system administration.

Presenters were: Bahri Hyseni, Chairperson of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and Lavdim Krasniqi, General Director of Secretariat of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council.

Focusing on the professional elaboration of the topics were also the possibilities for categorization of the prosecution administration in the new salary system, reforms in the administration of the State Prosecutor's Office, as well as the discussions, questions and comments made during these presentations.

In the discussions held during this workshop, other issues related to the functioning and well-being of the administration and the Kosovo Prosecutorial System in general were identified.



KPC clarification of statements made in the media by the Prosecutor of the Pristina Basic Prosecution Ibrahim Berisha

Pristina, July 5, 2019 - Regarding the statements made by the Prosecutor of Basic Prosecution office in Pristina, Ibrahim Berisha, Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) issues this Clarification for Media:

Kosovo Prosecutorial Council dismisses allegations of contesting Decision KPC / No.377 / 2019, dated 7 June 2019, by former Deputy Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Pristina, Ibrahim Berisha, for the appointment of the Prosecutor Kujtim Munishi as Acting Duty Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution Office in Pristina.

Based on the legislation in force, the position of the former Deputy Prosecutor is a position that is not foreseen by the Law, but Council has established by regulation such a position, which is left to the competence of each chief prosecutor, and if considers it is necessary to appoint his deputy. There is no established procedure for the appointment of Deputy Chief Prosecutor, but it is at the full discretion of the Chief Prosecutor to decide on appointing a deputy prosecutor in cases where he is absent, in order to make it easier for chief prosecutor's management of the prosecution office and nothing more.

In this context, the Deputy Chief Prosecutor cannot be elected automatically as acting without the decision of the Prosecutorial Council, as the competent authority, since the mandate of the deputies ends with the termination of the mandate of the Chief Prosecutor, who has appointed him.



In addition, Section 4 of Regulation No. 08/2016 on the appointment of Chief Prosecutors sets out the criteria to be met by candidates for Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution, such as: the candidate for Chief Prosecutor must meet the following general criteria: to be a prosecutor with a permanent mandate, to not have any indictment filed against him or not to be convicted of a criminal offense, with the exception of a minor offense, to have a positive evaluation of performance and to have a high professional, personal and moral integrity.

Based on the abovementioned criteria, Mr. Berisha did not meet the conditions to be appointed Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Pristina, because he has imposed two disciplinary measures, not one, as Mr. Berisha said. These measures are: Reprimand, pronounced in 2016 and Reprimand with undertaking corrective actions, pronounced in 2017, these measures, which are not obsolete according to the legal acts upon which they were pronounced.

Therefore, two disciplinary measures were pronounced against Prosecutor Berisha during the one-year period, arguments which prevented him from being assigned to the respective position, so under no circumstances, the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council didn't act with any tendency but only by based on the legal framework governing these procedures.



Commitments to begin the process of drafting sub legal acts that strengthen the professional development of prosecutors are intensified

Pristina, July 10, 2019 - Chairman of the Committee on Normative Affairs, Zejnullah Gashi met with Director of the Prosecution Performance Review Unit, Valon Jupa, to discuss finding advanced models and practices and incorporating them in the bylaws are in the process of drafting.

The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council is preparing to begin the process of drafting, respectively amending, the Regulation on the Prosecution Performance Review Unit, the Administrative Instruction on the Prosecutor's File, the Regulation on the Professional Development of Prosecutors and Administrative Personnel, and other acts as foreseen in the Work Plan of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council for 2019”.

During this meeting were discussed the legal changes that have taken place in recent months and the urgent need to amend the regulations and adapt them in the spirit of the laws in force, as well as a wide range of forms of international practice that can be taken as good examples, but after analyzing the possibilities of adapting them to the circumstances and developments in the Kosovo prosecutorial system.

As a result, there was reconciliation at the meeting to build a system of continuous professional development of prosecutors, their profiling and performance measurement based on the training attended, with the aim of positively influencing the quality of work of each prosecutor.

The meeting was also attended by Fitore Sadiku, UNDP Legal Advisor at KPC.



Coordination meeting regarding the training of prosecutors

Pristina, 11 July 2019 - The chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Bahri Hyseni hosted a delegation from the EU Office in Kosovo, headed by Cezary Michalczuk, Head of Rule of Law Office - Office of EU Special Representative in Kosovo.

The purpose of this meeting was to coordinate activities related to the training of prosecutors on the implementation of the new laws coming into force, or those expected to come into force, with particular emphasis on the implementation of the Law on Extended Seizure Powers.

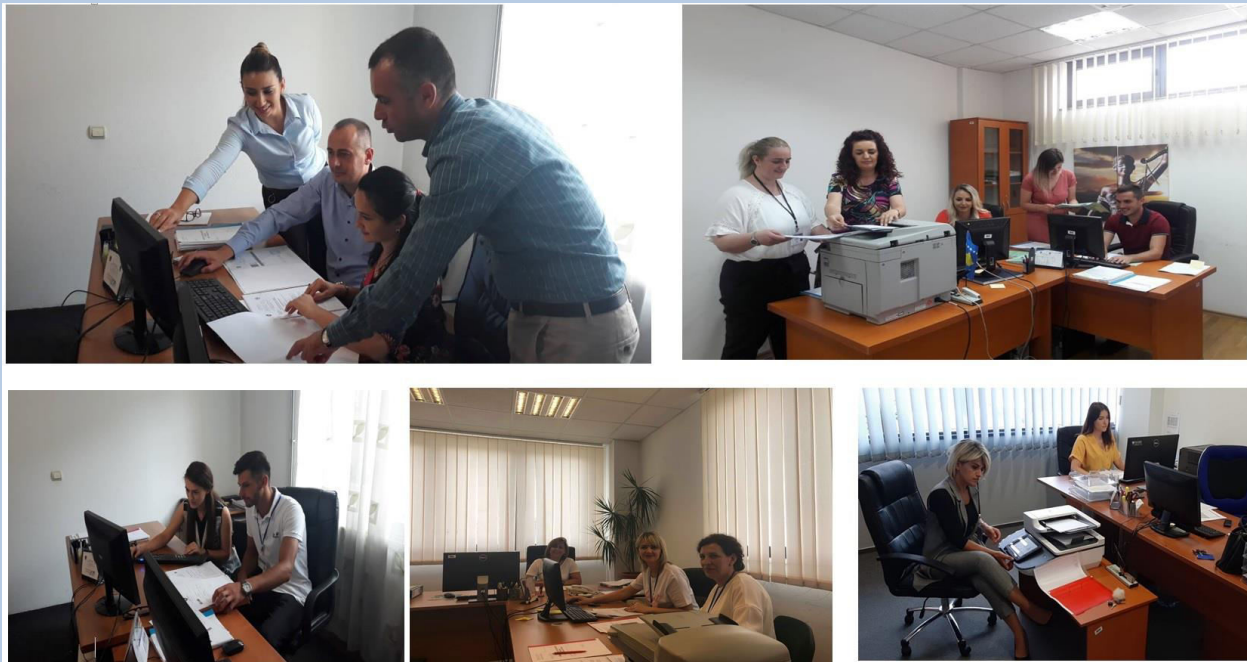
Chairperson Hyseni said that through the Strategic Plan of the Prosecutorial System 2019-2021, it is foreseen to train prosecutors as a need for their professional empowerment, so their participation in training on new laws coming into force, or those expected to enter power, is very important. He added that for the KPC is a priority the implementation of the Law on enhanced powers of confiscation, while the training of prosecutors on the implementation of this law is very important and should be done through good inter-institutional coordination, in particular between the prosecutorial and judicial system.

Cezary Michalczuk, Head of the Rule of Law Office - Office of the EU Special Representative in Kosovo, also spoke about the importance of training prosecutors in the implementation of Kosovo legislation. Mr. Michalczuk said that the EU Office in Kosovo is interested and ready to organize trainings for prosecutors in order to



strengthen their professional capacities, in order to increase efficiency in combating corruption and other illegal phenomena.

Even at this meeting, EU representatives in Kosovo expressed the appreciation of the institutions they represent for the work of the prosecutorial system in enhancing efficiency in the fight against illegal phenomena.



The registration of old cases in SMIL has started

Pristina, July 16, 2019 - The registration of old cases that are in operation in the Case Management Information System in Basic Prosecution Offices in Pristina, Peja, Gjilan, Gjakova, Ferizaj, Prizren and the Special Prosecution Office of the Republic of Kosovo has started.

The total number of cases that are expected to be registered is over 60 thousand, including cases involving adult, minor, unknown and different perpetrators.

The deadline for completing the registration of all old cases at the Basic Prosecution Offices is November 2019.

In December 2019 it is planned to begin the evaluation of removal of manual registers, while the pilot project is to be designated in Basic Prosecution in Ferizaj.

The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council aims to digitize the work process of all prosecutors, which will result in a more transparent, accountable and reliable prosecutorial system, whereby prosecutors will be much more efficient in procedures and deadlines for solving cases.



OSCE expresses readiness to continue support for Kosovo prosecutorial system

Pristina, 17 July, 2019 - The Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, met with the Head of the Legal Office at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Kosovo, Benjamin Reed.

The purpose of this meeting was to maintain the continuity of communication between the two institutions, the purpose of cooperation and OSCE support for the Kosovo prosecutorial system.

Chairman Hyseni, after thanking the Head of the OSCE Legal Office for the continuous support of the institution he represents, expressed his willingness to deepen cooperation in areas of mutual inter-institutional interest.

The Head of the OSCE Legal Office, Benjamin Reed, after considering the cooperation so far with the Kosovo prosecutorial system, said that the OSCE is ready to further support the Kosovo prosecutorial system, relying on work plans, the objectives and goals this system has for this year and next year. He added that this support could be done through the organization of specific trainings, study visits, but also by supporting the Prosecutorial Council in drafting practical guidelines.

The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and the Kosovo prosecutorial system cooperate through various projects and memorandums, with the aim of increasing the efficiency, effectiveness, communication and transparency of the prosecutorial system.



The KPC Chairperson and the Chief State Prosecutor visited the Basic Prosecution in Pristina

Pristina, July 17, 2019 - The Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, together with the Chief State Prosecutor, Aleksander Lumezi, paid a working visit to the Basic Prosecution in Pristina, where they met Acting Chief Prosecutor, Kujtim Munishi and prosecutors of the Serious Crime Department and the Economic Crimes and Corruption Unit in this prosecution.

During this meeting, the Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, said that he would be in full service to provide the necessary support to each prosecutor, in order to create the best conditions for the exercise of his duties and responsibilities.

Chief Prosecutor Lumezi has requested from the Acting Chief Prosecutor and all prosecutors of this prosecution greater dedication and efficiency in dealing with cases related to corruption, economic crimes, financial crimes, and combating all other criminal activities competence of the Basic Prosecution in Pristina.

Also, Chief Prosecutor Lumezi emphasized the need to enhance the professionalism, accountability and efficiency of prosecutors in handling different criminal cases, and



requested a more active role from the Acting Chief Prosecutor in overseeing the work of prosecutors.

Finally, both carriers of the prosecutorial system provided co-operation and support to the Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Pristina, all prosecutors and support staff in the performance of their constitutional and legal duties, and pledged to engage in the fulfillment of their duties all the needs of this prosecution.



Civil Society Appraises the Transparency of KPC in the Drafting of the Regulation on the Appointment of Chief State Prosecutor and Chief Prosecutors

Pristina, July 18, 2019 - The Committee on Normative Matters of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council held a public hearing with representatives of civil society and the media regarding the draft Regulation on the Appointment of Chief State Prosecutor and Chief Prosecutors of Kosovo.

KPC Chairperson Bahri Hyseni, representatives of the US Embassy, British Embassy and UNDP also attended this meeting, besides the members of the Committee for Normative Matters.

KPC Chairperson, Bahri Hyseni, at the opening of this public hearing said that the KPC saw the need for organizing such public hearings when specific regulations are being issued. "Regulation of special importance is also considered the regulation for which the public hearing has been called, as through it is determined the entire process of



appointment of Chief State Prosecutor and chief prosecutors of other prosecutions,” he said.

According to the Chairperson Hyseni, the selection of these positions is of special importance, with the aim of applying the most transparent standards and criteria that affect the universe in selecting values of meritocracy.

Further, the Chairperson Hyseni said that the civil society and the media will be part of the drafting of this regulation; they will contribute with their comments and suggestions that have to do with the draft regulation.

The Chairperson of the Committee on Normative Matters of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Zejnullah Gashi, said that the said Regulation was drafted through an open and transparent process, where international partners have given an irreplaceable contribution and their proposals are incorporated into this draft. “Now through this form of public hearing, we are looking forward to receiving proposals from you as a civil society, so that we can jointly analyze them here, the ones that are compatible with the legal conditions and the best ones to the process, too, will be harmonized and incorporated within the draft”, he said.

Meanwhile, civil society representatives congratulated the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council for this organization and said that this is a new approach and it is the first time that the prosecutorial system uses this form of cooperation with the public. According to them, this is the best way to cooperate with civil society and the public to ensure the necessary transparency in the important processes that take place in the prosecutorial system of Kosovo.

After the discussions and analyzes made at this public hearing on the Draft Regulation on the Appointment of the Chief State Prosecutor and Chief Prosecutors of Kosovo, there was general agreement that the recommendations and suggestions arisen at this public hearing, which are in accordance with the legislation in force, but also that are in the best interest of the process, will be harmonized and incorporated within the draft of the abovementioned regulation



Chairperson Hyseni is staying for a study visit in Austria

Vienna / Austria, 24 July 2019 - The Chairperson of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, is staying on a study visit to Vienna, Austria, where the topics of money laundering prevention and terrorism financing are being addressed.

During this study visit is being discussed about the prevention and prosecution of money laundering and financing of terrorism, inter-institutional and international cooperation in combating the above-mentioned legal offenses.

Other topics related to investigation and experience of Austria in the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing will also be addressed.

Prosecutors from the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor and prosecutors of other prosecutions, judges, police officers, TAK representatives and financial intelligence are also participating in this study visit.

This study visit was organized by the Federal Ministry of Finance of Austria and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).



Meeting with administrators of the prosecutions through videoconferencing is held

Pristina, 24 July 2019 - The General Director of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, has held meetings with administrators of the prosecutions through videoconferencing. This meeting was attended by heads of departments and administrative officials of the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council.

The purpose of the meeting was to co-ordinate the cooperation between KPC and prosecutorial units of all levels, with a particular focus on the registration of old subjects in the Case Management System (SMIL), where all the administrators presented the progress of the prosecutor's offices they represent in the registration of the abovementioned cases.

On this occasion, Director Krasniqi informed the prosecutors' offices with the new developments in the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Secretariat related to the work and needs of prosecutions.

Administrators were also informed about the procedures to be applied to saving expenses during the use of expendable materials in the prosecution process and for the use of contracts in order to create the best working conditions.



The Regulation on Appointment of Chief Prosecutors is proposed for approval

Pristina, 25 July 2019- The Committee for Normative Issues of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), chaired by Mr. Zejnullah Gashi held its next meeting where it was discussed for the draft of the Regulation on Appointment of Chief State Prosecutor and Chief Prosecutors of Prosecutions.

In this meeting, attended by representatives from the US and British Embassies, representatives of the EU Office in Kosovo, the British Project for the Enforcement of the Judicial and Prosecutorial System and UNDP Representative, the comments proposed by the public hearing participants were discussed.

After discussions, the Committee decided to propose to the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, together with some comments, the adoption of the Regulation on the appointment of the Chief State Prosecutor and Chief Prosecutors of Prosecutions.

For drafting the abovementioned regulation and with the support of international partners, Committee for Normative Issues of KPC has held numerous meetings, workshops, and has cooperated with civil society through a public hearing regarding the regulation in question.

Due to the great importance that this regulation has for Kosovo's prosecutorial system, recommendations, ideas, suggestions, proposals from international partners and civil society organizations are incorporated within it.



The Financial Report for January-June 2019 is reviewed

Pristina, July 30, 2019 - The Committee on Budget, Finance and Personnel of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, led by its Chairperson, Prosecutor Deshira Jusaj, held its next meeting, in which in addition to the members of the Committee, the General Director of the KPCS, Lavdim Krasniqi attended.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Financial Report for the first half of this year. The General Director of the KPC Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, has presented the expenditure report, including all Council budget programs by economic categories of the 2019 budget. Also, for the same period of time comparisons of expenditures are made with the expenditures of the previous year.

Following discussions, the Commission has assessed the financial report, finding that budget execution was planned as for this year and in some expenditure subcategories there were positive changes in relation to the same expenditure of the previous year.



Presentation of CMIS (SMIL) Project Report for January-June 2019

Pristina, July 30, 2019 - Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, attended the Meeting of the Management Board of the Case Management Information System (CMIS) Project, attended by the Chairman of the Judicial Council, Skender Çoçaj and the General Directors of the secretariats of the two Councils.

The purpose of the meeting was to present the activities and achievements during the implementation of the Case Management Information System Project, as well as the challenges during the six-month period January-June 2019 in the courts and prosecution offices of the Republic of Kosovo.

In the meeting were discussed the realized parameters of registering old cases in each region, then providing support and training on the use of CMIS, as well as preparations being made to remove registers, capacity building of information technology officials and approval of acts on the use of CMIS in courts and prosecutions.

Consequently, at the conclusion of the meeting, the members of the Management Board of the Case Management Information System (CMIS) project expressed their satisfaction with the trends of implementation of this system, demanding greater concentration and acceleration of the work process for the registration of old cases and removal of manual registers.



Secretariat of KPC

As part of its responsibilities, the KPC Secretariat during July supported the dynamic commitments in the process of drafting sub-legal acts that affect the strengthening of the professional development of prosecutors and the administration, and organized workshops for prosecution administrators on prosecutorial system, where the aim was to inform participants and understand the key developments in the implementation of the Law on Salaries and the Law on Public Officials. Also, the General Director of the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Lavdim Krasniqi, held a meeting with prosecution administrators through videoconferencing to coordinate the cooperation between KPC organizational units and prosecution offices of all levels, with a particular focus in the registration of old cases in the Case Management Information System (CMIS), where all administrators presented the progress of the prosecution work they represent in the registration of the aforementioned cases.

The Law Office during this time analyzed and provided legal opinions on all acts drafted by the units of the Council Secretariat, assisted its committees and other bodies in drafting sub-legal acts and other documents.

The Office of Public Communication in cooperation with UNDP has organized an internal communication training for administrators, supervisors of the registry offices and public communications officers, where topics for strengthening internal cooperation will be addressed special function of external communication, as well as the importance of maintaining institutional integrity, promoting transparency and increasing credibility. The Office of Public Communication also organized meetings of the working group on the creation of the prosecutorial system website during July.

The Internal Audit Unit continued the audit started in July at the Special Prosecution Office of the Republic of Kosovo, where the final meeting was held with the General Director of the Secretariat and the SPRK Administrator, where the audit draft report was treated with recommendations data, and the SPRK management action plan and final report have been prepared.

The Department of Information Technology has developed inter-regional cooperation, where it also met with USAID representatives and representatives of the EURALIUS Project from Albania, a project funded by the European Union and aimed at consolidating the justice system in Albania. , exchanging experiences on the functioning of the CMIS system and its implementation in Kosovo. Also the 40th meeting of the CMIS Users Working Group was held, where data were presented on the implementation and use of CMIS in courts and prosecutors, as well as the progress of the implementation of the CMIS system. The registration of old cases in operation in the Case Management Information System in Basic Prosecution Offices in Pristina, Peja,



Gjilan, Gjakova, Ferizaj, Prizren and the Special Prosecution Office of the Republic of Kosovo has started in July. The total number of cases that are expected to be registered is over 60 thousand, which includes cases involving adult, minor, unknown and different perpetrators. The deadline for completing the registration of all old cases at the Basic Prosecutor's Office is November 2019. A technical document on the interconnection of the electronic system of the Kosovo Police and the electronic system of the KPC for the exchange of data has also been prepared e-mail from the Kosovo Police to all Prosecution Offices of the Republic of Kosovo and vice versa, and a donation of 23 pieces of credit was received from the US Embassy in Pristina.

During July, 15 employees started working in the prosecutorial system.

Prosecution Performance Review Unit of the KPC

The Prosecution Performance Review Unit (PPRU) during July 2019 has drafted two analytical reports: on the need and opportunities for the temporary transfer of prosecutors from the Basic Prosecution Offices to the Basic Prosecution in Mitrovica and Gjakova and on the number of cases pending and efficiency of prosecutions in solving cases with known major perpetrators (PP register).

The PPRU has drafted a Draft Regulation on the Prosecutors' Personal Files and has organized training for ZMAVP staff on the use of CMIS.