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Activities of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council

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## 1. Activities of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council



### **The KPC budget request for 2020 is discussed**

Pristina, 03 June 2019 - The Committee on Budget, Finance and Personnel of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, chaired by the Chairperson of this committee, Prosecutor Deshirë Jusaj, held the next meeting, in which besides the members of the committee, participated the General Director of SKPC, Lavdim Krasniqi.

The members of the Committee have reviewed and discussed the budget request of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council for 2020 and early evaluations 2021-2022.

After introducing in detail and justifying the budget request from the Director of the KPC Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, the focus of the discussion by the Committee was the request for increasing the number of staff, the additional funds in the economic category of wages and salaries, as well as the economic category goods and services.

Appreciating and supporting inclusive system planning needs, the Committee has supported the budget request and as such has recommended it for approval to the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council.



## Implementing alternative procedures, focusing on the Joint Agenda "Justice 2020"

**Pristina, June 5, 2019** - The Chairperson of the Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, participated in the opening of a two-day workshop organized under the "Justice 2020" Common Agenda for increasing the use and enforcement of punishments and alternative measures such as and raising awareness for professionals in applying sentences and imposing alternative measures.

The Chairperson Hyseni, in his speech at the opening of this workshop, said that alternative procedures are the objective of the justice institutions, but also of all countries that have tradition in the justice system, but also principles of international institutions and organizations, including the UN and the EU.

Further, Chairperson Hyseni has stressed that it is a constant plea for the application of alternative procedures, always based on the laws in force and respecting the rights of the parties to the proceedings, but also retaining the general interest of the society.



Regarding this procedure, Chairperson Hyseni said that Kosovo Prosecutorial Council has drafted strategies based on clear objectives and at the same time the Regulation on mediation procedures to advance the alternative system in completion of criminal case.

During his speech, KPC Chairperson Bahri Hyseni has also introduced alternative procedures, which are foreseen by the Criminal Procedure Code and the procedures for their implementation.

Meanwhile, at the end of his speech, Chairperson Hyseni asked prosecutors and judges to perform higher by means of completion of criminal case using alternative procedures, which, according to him, the increase of the level of application of these procedures would also change the perception of the public regarding the Kosovo justice system for completion of criminal cases with alternative procedures.



### **The Juvenile Interviewing room is inaugurated at Basic Prosecution Office in Pristina**

Pristina, June 5 2019 – The chairperson of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Mr. Bahri Hyseni, Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution Office in Pristina, Mr. Imer Beka and representatives of the US embassy in Kosovo, headed by Tracy Whittington, Director of the International Office for Narcotics and Law Enforcement Issues, inaugurated the Project of the “ Juvenile Interviewing Room” in the Basic Prosecution office in Pristina, this Project was funded by the Embassy of the United States of America in Kosovo.

Chairperson Hyseni has expressed deep gratitude to the US Embassy in Kosovo, which has supported the realization of this project, but has also provided sustained support, emphasizing that the United State of America continued support has created a has created a better image for Kosovo prosecutorial system.

On the importance of the “Juvenile Interviewing room ” project to increase the efficiency of the work at the Department of Juveniles in the Basic Prosecution of Pristina, the head of this prosecution, Imer Beka, saying that creating better conditions for juvenile interviews will impact on greater efficiency in the work of this department.



Meanwhile, Director Wittington expressed her happiness in finalizing this project, expressing the readiness of the US Embassy to provide further support to the prosecutorial system in Kosovo.

Such donations to the US Embassy in Kosovo were also granted to four other basic prosecution offices in Kosovo.



### The 168th KPC meeting is held

Pristina, 7 June 2019- Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, led by its chairman Bahri Hyseni, held the 168th meeting, in which case it has decided on a number of items on the agenda.

Since the beginning of the meeting, the chairman of the Committee for Normative Issues, Zejnullah Gashi, presented the Regulation on disciplinary responsibility of prosecutors, which was drafted after the entry into force of the Law on the Responsibilities of Judges and Prosecutors, with great contributions from American experts who have supported its drafting actively, this regulation will affect directly on



the strengthening the efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, accountability, commitment and on the incensement of the public confidence. Also, The Council made a decision to accommodate the staff of the Office of the Disciplinary Counsel in the KPC Secretariat.

The Council also approved the First Budget Request 2020-2022, presented by the Chairwoman of the Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee, Deshirë Jusaj and the General Director of the Council's Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi.

Meanwhile, the Chairwoman of the Working Group on monitoring the Strategic Plan of the Prosecutorial System 2019-2021, Prosecutor Radica Milic, reported on monitoring the practical implementation of this plan, which said that its implementation is going according to planning, and monitoring will be continuous.

The next decision of the KPC concerned sending a proposal to the President of Kosovo for the release from the duty of prosecutors, Imer Beka and Feti Tunuzliu, as their retirement age will reach June 15 this year.

Consequently, the Council decided that until the election of the new Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution of Pristina, the prosecutor Kujtim Munishi should be appointed Acting Chief Prosecutor of this Prosecution. Prosecutor Munishi is currently the chief of the Serious Crimes Department at the Pristina Basic Prosecution.

The Council approved two reports - the Report of the Committee on Transfer and Advancement of State Prosecutors in Pristina and Ferizaj, respectively, the thirteenth (13) Report of the Committee for Performance Evaluation of the state prosecutors, and decided to re-open the vacancy announcement for a prosecutor in the Juvenile Department of the Basic Prosecution of Gjakova



### Online platform “My Right” launched

**Pristina, June 7, 2019** - The Chairperson of the Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, participated in the launch of the online platform “My Right”, which is organized by the NGO "Youth Initiative for Human Rights", attended by representatives of the Kosovo Judicial Council, Kosovo Police and representatives of civil society organizations.

The purpose of launching this online platform is to protect the legal rights of citizens and focus on the transparency of the justice system in Kosovo.

On this occasion, Chairperson Hyseni, in his speech to the vast audience of young people, emphasized that the presentation of this important platform and the initiative of the Youth Initiative for Human Rights is very appropriate because it protects the rights with which the prosecutorial system will be fully available for further empowerment of the citizens' rights in Kosovo through information, communication and mutual cooperation for the implementation of the respective legal procedures.

Further, the Chairperson of the Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, emphasized that through this legal education program, which is implemented with the support of the US





Embassy in Kosovo, we will build a standard of communication between institutions and civil society for respecting and implementing the rights of citizens.

Other participants have also stressed that this platform enables the reporting of human rights violations and is a real window of advocacy of the fundamental human rights, offering the possibility of a dialogue between the actors of justice and the citizens.

The platform contains information on the judicial and prosecutorial system, the Supreme Court, the Constitutional Court and other law enforcement institutions in Kosovo, which can be reported on cases of non-enforcement of justice where issues and citizens can be addressed to justice institutions.



### **Coordinating meeting of the Chairperson Hyseni with the KPC administration**

Pristina, 10 June 2019- The chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Mr. Bahri Hyseni, together with the chairpersons of the permanent committees of KPC, held a joint meeting with the General Director of the Secretariat, Director of the Prosecutors Performance Review Unit and other unit leaders of the KPC administration.

The purpose of this meeting was the coordination of the joint activities between the permanent committees of the KPC and the administration, in the spirit of legislation changes in the Kosovo Prosecutorial System.

The chairman Hyseni requested the strengthening and coordination of the internal communication between the organizational units of the KPS, but also with Office of the Chief State Prosecutor and prosecution offices, emphasizing that if we have a successful internal communication, than we will also have successful and coordinated external communication.

Further, Chairman Hyseni has also spoken about the work done in the harmonization of the statistics in the Kosovo Prosecutorial System, adding that good job has been done



in this direction, simultaneously, requesting further improvement of the statistical harmonization.

During this meeting, the topic of the implementation of the Project for Electronic Case Management - SMIL in the Prosecution Offices of Kosovo was discussed, whereby the Chairperson Hyseni requested that the full implementation of SMIL be done in manual mode, in order to continue the normal processes of the work in the prosecution offices.

At the end of the meeting, the KPC Chairman informed the prosecutorial system administration of the work being done in drafting a concept document for the implementation of the objectives set out by the KPC, requiring all participants to contribute in this concept paper.



### **The implementation of the British project, a topic of discussion between representatives of the prosecutorial system administration and British experts**

Pristina, June 10, 2019 - The Director General of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, together with the Director of Prosecution Performance Review Unit, Valon Jupa, hosted three experts from the British project, Karen Clark, Tim Clayson and Mark Dickson.

In this case, the focus of the discussions was the coordination of the project implementation working groups, with a particular focus on the procedures for appointing prosecutors and selecting chief prosecutors, performance appraisal and promotion, as well as capacity building and strengthening the administration of the prosecutorial system.

Both sides agreed that in the coming days, intensive meetings of British project leaders and experts will begin in the implementation of relevant issues.



### **12 newly appointed prosecutors started initial training at the Academy of Justice**

Pristina, 10 June 2019, The Justice Academy has officially started the Initial Training Program (ITP) for the newly appointed prosecutors, carrying out the first meeting with them.

In this meeting, the chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Mr. Bahri Hyseni, expressed the support of the KOC towards the newly appointed prosecutors, encouraging them for a maximum dedication and engagement during the initial training, and emphasized the importance of this training in their adequate preparation to exercise them fairly and professional prosecutor functions.

Director of the Academy of Justice, Valon Kurtaj, informed the new prosecutors of the role and importance of the initial training, for the development of professional and practical skills in order to prepare them adequately to exercise the function of the prosecutor.

Further, Mr. Kurtaj, in short points, elaborated the ITP structure, the way of organizing and realizing it, both the theoretical part, as well as the practical part, as well as other issues related to this program. He also expressed his willingness and of the Academy of Justice for continued support for newly appointed prosecutors so that the initial training is carried out in the best way.

Initial training will be followed by 12 newly appointed prosecutors.



### **The drafting of the Regulation on Election of Chief State Prosecutor and Chief Prosecutors is continuing**

Pristina, June 10, 2019 - The chairman of the Committee for Normative Issues, the prosecutor Zejnullah Gashi and the head of the Legal Office at the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Valdrin Krasniqi, met with representatives of the US Embassy in Kosovo, where they worked on drafting of the Regulation on the Appointment of Chief State Prosecutor and Chief Prosecutors of Prosecution offices.

In the course of the commitments to draft this regulation, the forms of applications, concept papers, self-assessments and other acts that will be part of the regulation are discussed.

Also in this meeting was assessed the great support and contribution of international partners, in particular the US Embassy in Kosovo, for the drafting of the Regulation on the appointment of the Chief State Prosecutor and Chief Prosecutors of the Prosecution Offices.

The Committee on Normative Affairs is continuously engaged in completing the drafting of the Regulation on the appointment of Chief Prosecutors and submitting it to the Council for approval.



### **Meeting with administrators of the prosecution offices through videoconference is held**

Pristina, June 11, 2019 - The General Director of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, held a meeting with the administrators of the prosecution offices through videoconference, which was also attended by the Director of the Prosecution Performance Review Unit and the administrative staff of the SKPC.

The purpose of the meeting was to coordinate the cooperation between organizational units of the KPC, the Office of Chief State Prosecutor and prosecution offices of all kinds with a special focus on oversight and ongoing discussion on advancing the implementation of the Case Management Information System (SMIL), registration of old cases, challenges in the processes ahead, targeted cases, and other issues, which have to do with the administration of the prosecutorial system.

On this occasion, the head of the Secretariat of the Council, Lavdim Krasniqi, has informed the prosecution administrators with new developments regarding the adoption of secondary legislation, which will affect the clarification of various procedures and increase efficiency and better planning of the work related to internal communication, including the coordination of various issues with the Council Secretariat, PPRU and other organizational units.

Administrators have also been informed of recent Council decisions dealing with prosecution management processes in Kosovo and the First Budget Request of the Prosecutorial System 2020-202



### **Discussion of the definitions of review policies for judicial system**

Pristina, 12 June 2019-the Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Mr. Bahri Hyseni, together with the General Director of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Secretariat, Mr. Lavdim Krasniqi and the director of the Prosecution Performance Evaluation Unit, Valon Jupa, hosted a meeting the representative of the United States embassy in Kosovo, Julie Mosley.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the progress of policy making in the process of functional review of the justice sector, such as the definition of essential issues related to independence and the definition of key principles for the organization, control and oversight of the prosecutorial system.

On this occasion, the Chairman informed the US Embassy representative on the latest developments and activities carried out in this regard, especially in the field of building and strengthening professional and administrative capacities, emphasizing that it is being worked on continuously that the independence and accountability to be basic principles for defining the policies of the prosecutorial system in Kosovo.

Among other issues discussed were: structuring issues, mandate and issues related to the way of recruiting, transferring and advancing prosecutors, applying the right forms, procedures and criteria, then assessing the performance of prosecutors based on of quantitative and qualitative criteria.

At this meeting, both sides agreed to have specific focus and concrete support for policy-making related to functional review and harmonization of common positions for advancing the prosecutorial system.





## Workshop for organizing the administration of the prosecutorial system is held

Pristina, June 13, 2019 - The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) in the framework of strengthening and advancing the administration of the prosecutorial system, as defined in the Strategic Plan 2019-2021 of the KPC, has organized a three-day workshop on the new organization of the Prosecutorial System Administration, which was attended by Chairman Bahri Hyseni, members of the permanent commissions, leaders and administrative staff of KPC and OSP.

The purpose of holding the workshop is to achieve modern standardization of the prosecutorial system administration, as there is a significant increase in expectations, and this necessitates intervention to plan the redistribution of existing human resources and systematize new resources in order to increase coherence in all work processes. The recent legislative changes, which have had a direct impact on the organizational structure and the classification of positions in the prosecutorial system administration, have significantly influenced this process.

Chairman of the Council, Bahri Hyseni, spoke about the functional organization of administration from the prism of the future, including the needs and challenges, developments and new dimensions that impose various institutional evolutions, pointing out that the purpose and objectives of this workshop are multidimensional in the sense of advancing and strengthening prosecutorial activity.



Also in this context, the General Director of KPC Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, presented the concept of organization, the proposed options for organizing the administration, including the listing of arguments and the presentation of key conclusions regarding the organization of the prosecutorial system administration.

In this workshop were discussed and analyzed extensively the priorities and challenges of organizing the functioning of the administration in the future in order to have a sustainable perspective of the functioning of the prosecutorial system administration.

All workshop participants estimated that in the future the models and best practices of regional countries and beyond should be assessed in the functioning of the administration and to identify the effects of reorganization in the legislation in force.



### **UNDP Project Board Meeting "Improving Access to Justice and Rule of Law Reform"**

Pristina, 17 June 2019- In the framework of the activities and the results achieved, Deputy Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Arben Ismajli, together with the General Director of the KPC Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, participated in the meeting of the UNDP Project Board "Improvement Access to Justice and Reform of the Rule of Law ", supported by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Norwegian Embassy in Pristina, which was attended by the heads of the justice system.

The purpose of this project is to support the reform of the justice sector and to improve access to justice, with a particular focus on women's rights, disadvantaged and marginalized groups, and to promote human rights standards for all.

In this framework, the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council is being offered support for the improvement and development of secondary policies and legislation, analyzing and recommended fundamental changes in the professional development of prosecutors and administration.



In this context, the deputy chairman of KPC, Mr. Arben Ismajli, said that the UNDP support through the Norwegian Embassy in Kosovo with the UNDP project “Improvement Access to Justice and Reform of the Rule of Law” is support for the policy development and strategic documents, including capacity building of the legal staff and mechanisms for alternative dispute solution, as mediation cases, emphasizing that this support affects directly in the advancement and strengthening of the Prosecutorial System within the process of functional review of the rule of law sector to create a more efficient, transparent, accountable and integrity system.

Also, UNDP Coordinator, Ardian Latifaj, presented the Six Month Progress Report, which featured the main developments related to the concrete support of the UNDP Project "Improving Access to Justice and Rule of Law Reform".



### **Work continues in drafting the Regulation on Appointment of Chief State Prosecutor and Chief Prosecutors of Prosecution offices**

Pristina, 18 June 2019- Committee for Normative Issues of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council held the next meeting where it was worked on drafting the Regulation on Appointment of the Chief State Prosecutor and Chief Prosecutors of the Prosecution Offices. This meeting was attended also by the representative of the UNDP.

In the course of the engagements for the drafting of this regulation, in this meeting was discussed about the procedures for announcing the vacancy for Chief State Prosecutors and Chief Prosecutors of Prosecution offices, as well as the procedure for complaints of candidates.

Apart from the Committee for Normative Issues of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, a great contribution to the drafting of the Regulation on the appointment of the Chief State Prosecutor and Chief Prosecutors of the Prosecution Office is also given by international partners, while it is being worked on continuously in completing the drafting of this regulation and sending it to the Council for approval.



### Clarification by the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council

Pristina, June 18, 2019 - The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) notifies the public about the concerns expressed through two articles in the media regarding the drafting of the Regulation on the Appointment of the Chief State Prosecutor and Chief Prosecutors of Prosecution offices of Kosovo.

We inform you that this process is being implemented in full support of the US Embassy in Kosovo and with the participation of other international partners, such as: representatives of the United Kingdom Embassy and EU Office in Kosovo.

For the drafting of this draft regulation, several meetings were held in which the Initial draft was completed, along with the additional documents that will be part of it.

Regarding your writings that KPC is eliminating candidates, let us know the following: Article 4 of Law no. 03 / L-052 on the Special Prosecution of the Republic of Kosovo provides that:

Chief Prosecutor of the SPRK will be elected by one of the Special Prosecutors in accordance with the procedures established by applicable law.

This article has been reformulated with Article 2, paragraph 2 of Law No. 04/273 on amending and supplementing laws related to the mandate of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in the Republic of Kosovo, where it is stipulated that Article 4 of the basic law, paragraph 4.1, the term "Special Prosecutor" is replaced with the term "Prosecutor with Permanent mandate".



However, with the entry into force of the new Criminal Code of Kosovo, in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo, Law No. 04/273 on amending and supplementing the laws related to the mandate of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in the Republic of Kosovo, appears as abrogated, the law which amended 8 laws: *Law No. 03 / L-052 on Special Prosecution of the Republic of Kosovo, Law N \ n.03 / L-053 on Jurisdiction, Case Selection and Case Allocation of EULEX Judges and Prosecutors in Kosovo, Criminal Code Republic of Kosovo no. 04-L / 082, Code of Criminal Procedure of Kosovo no. 04-L / 123, Law no. 04 / L-033 on the Special Chamber of the Supreme Court of Kosovo on Privatization Agency Related Matters, Law no. 03 / L-137 on the Department of Forensic Medicine, Law no. 04 / L-015 on Witness Protection and the Customs and Excise Code of Kosovo no. 03 / L-109).*

Therefore, considering that in the new Criminal Code of Kosovo, Law No. 04/273 on amending and supplementing the laws related to the mandate of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in the Republic of Kosovo, appears as abrogated, KPC has requested from the Assembly of Kosovo to provide clarification or interpretation if this law has been completely abrogated (i.e. for all laws amended by this law) or only with respect to the provisions of the new Criminal Code of Kosovo.

Since so far, the KPC did not receive any clarification or interpretation of the Assembly, we still have not been able to approve this regulation, which is considered one of the most important regulations of the prosecutorial system.

In this context do not stand the allegations presented in the two articles published in the media that the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council is completely neglecting the importance of approving the Regulation for amending and supplementing the Regulation on the appointment of Chief Prosecutors or that the new Regulation aims to eliminate candidates from the competition for special prosecutor because the KPC in cooperation with international partners is continuously working on drafting this regulation and has no intention to eliminate possible candidates for chief prosecutor, rather, wants to give the opportunity to all prosecutors who meet the legal requirements for the position of chief prosecutor in each prosecution office. However, it is first necessary to eliminate all dilemmas related to the law that should be applied in these cases.



### **8 former ODP officials are systematized in Kosovo prosecutorial system**

Pristina, 18 June 2019- The General Director of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Secretariat, has met 8 officials of the former Office of Disciplinary Prosecutor which based on the legal changes were transferred within the prosecutorial system.

In this meeting Director Krasniqi welcomed and informed the new officials with the responsibilities that they will have as a staff of prosecutorial system of Kosovo, responsibilities that fall under the Law on Disciplinary Responsibility of Prosecutors.

It was also discussed about the activities to be carried out in the implementation of the sub-legal acts drafted in accordance with the Law on Disciplinary Responsibility of Prosecutors and other activities within the competences and responsibilities of the Kosovo Prosecutorial System.





### **The British project for strengthening the prosecutorial system is evaluated**

Pristina, 18 June 2019- the deputy Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Mr. Arben Ismajli, the General Director of the Secretariat and Director of the Prosecution Performance Evaluation Unit, hosted in the meeting the experts of the British Project “Strengthening the Judicial and Prosecutorial System in Kosovo” headed by the manager of this project, Mark Dikson.

At the beginning of this meeting, the deputy Chairman Ismajli thanked the representatives of the project for the support that are giving to the prosecutorial system of Kosovo, and evaluated the work being done through the project.

On the other hand, representatives of the British Project said that the cooperation with the KPC aims to increase the integrity of Kosovo Prosecutorial System and improve the efficiency and trust of the justice system in Kosovo.

The topic of this meeting was the framework in which to move forward in the fulfillment of the activities to be undertaken with regard to reforms.

It was also discussed about the formation of a working group, which will be led by Kosovo prosecutorial system, including elected Council members and the Secretariat management team, who will be assisted by British project members.



### **KPC organizes a seminar for prosecutors and public communication officers in the prosecutorial system**

Pristina, June 19, 2019 - The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) in cooperation with the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ) organized a two-day seminar on public relations, a seminar in which attended prosecutors and public relations officials of Kosovo prosecutorial system.

IRZ experts, Wolf Timan Baumert, Senior Prosecutor and Director of the Directorate for Economic Crime, and Wolfram Lumpe, an independent media expert at WDP-DPA, have dealt with methods of explaining the activities of prosecutions in the media, including the role of social media today.

The purpose of the seminar was the introduction of German standards and knowledge on coordinated actions of prosecutions with local media, professional treatment of certain situations, which challenge the institutional activity in front of the public, as well as the correct meaning of the role and the public communication mission.

Particular attention was also given to the content media information on time, respecting the procedural aspect, especially the presumption of innocence, then investigative procedures, court proceedings and information on completed trials as a result of the good work done with indictment.

In this context, the perception and credibility of prosecutorial institutions, as an experience conveyed by the German State in Kosovo, has been analyzed and debated for several days, presenting practical work, simulating the appearance of spokesmen in front of television cameras, analyzing events, obtaining basic knowledge for sharing



source news, planning and publishing the correct and accurate information as well as the practice of clear and transparent speaking to the public.

The German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation has supported the prosecutorial system of Kosovo in recent years, particularly for the building of professional capacities in the field of public communication and media.



**The Committee supports the request for budget review**

Pristina, June, 2019-The Committee for Budget, Finance and Personnel of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, chaired by the chairperson of this Committee, Prosecutor Deshure Jusaj, held the next meeting, in which besides the members of the committee, in which besides the members of the committee, participated the General Director of the SKPC, Mr. Lavdim Krasniqi.

The purpose of this meeting was to review the request for revision of the budget for 2019. The general Director of the KPC Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, before the members of the committee has presented and justified the request with the budget changes that should be included in the budget review for certain categories of expenditures.

After discussing the request for revision of the KPC budget, the Commission evaluated and supported the request with the necessary budget changes and as such has recommended it to proceed further according to the defined budget rules.



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

Pristina, June 20, 2019 - The Commission for Administration of Prosecutions held its next meeting, which was chaired by its Chair, Radica Milic.

The purpose of the meeting of the Commission for Administration of Prosecutions was to discuss the implementation of the SMIL project in all prosecutions of the country and, in particular, the challenges in its implementation in the Basic Prosecution of Mitrovica, whereupon the general conclusion prevailed that the registration of cases is realized according to the requests and this process is going according to the dynamics defined in the other prosecution offices, but there is a stumble in the implementation of SMIL by prosecutors of this prosecution.

Also members of this commission discussed the possibilities of support with additional Prosecutors of the Basic Prosecution of Mitrovica for a six-month period, whereby this meeting gave concrete recommendations for the engagement of Serb language trainers for SMILs.

At the end of the meeting, it was stated that the Prosecution Performance Review Unit will prepare an analysis of the overload with cases for prosecutors in this prosecution office and for a six-month period to support the Basic Prosecution of Mitrovica with one (1) prosecutor of the General department by the other prosecution offices, which have stabilized the case load, since in this prosecution only for the period January-May were received 2511 criminal reports with adult and minor offenders.



**The next meeting of the Joint Board "Justice 2020" is held**

Pristina, June 21, 2019 - The Joint Agenda "Justice 2020" held its next meeting, which was attended by the Deputy Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Arben Ismajli, Minister of Justice, Abelard Tahiri, Chairman of the Judicial Council of Kosovo, Skender Çoçaj, Director of Anti-Corruption Agency, Shaip Havolli and representatives of the US Embassy, EULEX and the European Union Office.

The topic of this meeting was the implementation of the measures set out in the Justice 2020 agenda, which are related to the findings of the European Commission Report for 2019 and those related to the implementation of the Law on Prevention of Conflict of Interest and Defense of the signalers.

Deputy Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Arben Ismajli, during this meeting, said that KPC welcomes the conclusion that progress is being made in the fight against high profile corruption, adding that in addition to the focus of the prosecutorial system for combating corruption high level; there has also been devotion to fighting corruption in general.

In the meeting were also discussed the need for a clearer coordination between the hierarchy of institutions dealing with investigating and combating corruption and organized crime, so that each institution exercises its full powers.



### **The meeting of the Working Group for the implementation of the specific tasks of the Strategic Plan 2019-2021 is held**

Pristina, 24 June 2019 - A working group for the implementation of the specific tasks deriving from the Strategic Plan 2019-2021, headed by Prosecutor Merita Bina-Rugova, held a meeting to review the steps foreseen for the fulfillment of this plan, which was attended by the members of this group, the Prosecutor at the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor, Agron Qalaj and the Manager of the Office for Verification and Prosecutorial Assessment, Besim Morina.

The purpose of the meeting was to analyze the concrete steps for fulfilling the specific tasks of the Strategic Plan 2019-2021 of the prosecutorial system, consultation of implementing details with representatives of relevant mechanisms, who are obliged to implement the foreseen objectives and discussion on drafting of the respective report, which will be presented to the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council.

On this occasion, members of this working group assessed that the implementation of these specific job duties will impact on the empowerment of a stable prosecutorial system through a clear framework of work related to the implementation of the constitutional and legal mandate of the prosecutorial system, relying on best international practices.

The working group will continue to work further on the implementation of the specific tasks deriving from the three-year objectives of this plan by preparing periodic reports and presenting the parameters of its concrete implementation.



**The drafting process of the Draft Regulation on the appointment of the Chief State Prosecutor and the Chief Prosecutors of the Prosecution offices is discussed**

Pristina, June 26, 2019 - The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) chairman, Bahri Hyseni, hosted in the meeting the experts of the British project "Strengthening Judicial and Prosecutorial System of Kosovo", headed by manager Mark Dickson,.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the comments proposed by British experts, which were offered for their integration in the general text of the Draft Regulation on the appointment of the Chief State Prosecutor and Chief Prosecutors of Prosecutions Office, which is of particular importance for the functioning and management of the State Prosecutor's operating system.

Head of the Council, Bahri Hyseni, thanked the representatives of the British project for providing capacity building support to the prosecutorial system, especially in terms of drafting sub-legal acts and implementing high standards and standards in drafting, especially in the Draft Regulation on the appointment of the Chief State Prosecutor and the Chief Prosecutors of the country's prosecution offices.

Consequently, Chairman Hyseni informed British experts that in the course of the engagements for drafting this regulation, it was discussed about the drafting of the vacancy announcement procedures for Chief State Prosecutor and chief prosecutors of the prosecution offices, as well as for the candidates' complaints procedures in the future.

Both sides have estimated that the cooperation of the Prosecutorial Council with international partners, such as British experts, directly affects the improvement of the efficiency and effectiveness of Kosovo's prosecutorial system.





### Study visit of KPC representatives to Norwegian prosecution offices

Pristina, 26 June 2019 - The Deputy Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Arben Ismajli, the Chairperson of the Committee on Normative Issues at KPC, Zejnullah Gashi and the General Director of the Prosecutorial Council Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, are staying in Oslo, Norway in the framework of exchanging experiences of prosecutions and courts, as well as the services provided to them by the respective administrations.

In the meetings held in the Norwegian higher judicial institutions are also attending the Head of the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC) Skënder Çoçaj, Director of the Academy of Justice, Valon Kurtaj, UNDP Project Manager, Ardian Latifaj and other representative of the Kosovo justice system.

The purpose of the visit is to observe good practices in the field of case management and administration of prosecutions and courts, as well as discussion on issues of prosecutorial service and Norwegian courts in terms of providing guidance, independence and ethics of the prosecutorial and judicial system, selection and appointment of prosecutors, judicial education and adequate training, integrity, accountability and transparency, recruitment, performance appraisal and promotion of prosecutors and judges.

The Kosovo representatives were welcomed by the senior authorities of the Norwegian prosecutorial and judicial system, thanked for the reception and presentation of Norwegian values and standards of justice, which will create a clear picture of improving efficiency, accountability, increasing transparency and overall professional and administrative capacities in prosecution offices and courts of Kosovo.

This visit was supported by the UNDP Kosovo Program in cooperation with the Government of the Kingdom of Norway.



### **Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and the Center for International Legal Cooperation**

Pristina, 27 June 2019 - The Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Bahri Hyseni, hosted in a meeting the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kosovo, Gerrie Willems, and the Director of the Center for International Legal Cooperation (CILC), Willem van Nieuwkerk .

During this meeting, KPC Chairman and CILC Director signed a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at promoting an independent and impartial criminal prosecution system through advancing media cooperation and increasing administrative capacity and efficiency of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council.

KPC Chairman Bahri Hyseni thanked the Netherlands Ambassador and the Director of the Center for International Legal Cooperation for the continued engagement and assistance given to the Prosecutorial Council in strengthening the mechanisms that contribute to the advancement of integrity, professionalism, transparency and independence of the prosecutorial system.

A Memorandum of Understanding signed between KPC and CILC will start implementing from 1 September 2019 and will last for a period of twenty months within the framework of the project "Support to an Independent, Professional and Impartial Prosecutorial System" of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kosovo.



### **Coordination of the former ODP staff transfer to the Prosecutorial Council administration**

Pristina, June 28, 2019 - The Chairman of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Bahri Hyseni, together with the General Director of the Council Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, held an informative meeting with officials of the former Office of the Disciplinary Prosecutor (ODC) .

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information on the concrete actions for the implementation of the necessary procedures for the transfer of former officials of the Office of the Disciplinary Office and their correct information on the responsibilities and duties that will be incumbent upon them, deriving from the Law on Disciplinary Responsibilities of prosecutors.

Chairman of the Council, Bahri Hyseni, informed the former ODC staff about the actions that have taken place on their transfer, as well as the team goals they will have within their competencies and mutual responsibilities.

The former ODC staff will start work since 1 July 2019 within the prosecutorial system administration.



### **Reconciliation is reached to address the requests and postponement of the start of the strike of the Union of Judiciary of Kosovo**

Pristina, June 28, 2019 - The chairman of two councils: Bahri Hyseni and Skender Çoçaj, together with the Minister of Justice, Abelard Tahiri, welcomed in the meeting the representatives of the Kosovo Judicial Union.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the requests of the Union of Judiciary addressed to both the Councils and the Minister of Justice, these requests, which relate to the administration status of courts and prosecution offices.

The parties agreed to: work jointly with trade union representatives for drafting the job placement document under the new Law on Salaries, to complete the process of restoration of administrative and technical staff to civil servants, and to make efforts to realization of the additional payment of 50 euros from 1 January 2019, as it has been done so far.

Upon reaching compliance with these points, representatives of the Kosovo Judicial Union confirmed that the strike announced on Monday, July 1, 2019 will remain suspended until October 1, 2019.



## Secretariat of the KPC

Within the administrative responsibilities and support for the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, the Office of the Chief Prosecutor and all prosecutions, the General Director of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, has held various meetings in order to strengthen empowering and enhancing the administration of the prosecutorial system to increase efficiency and effectiveness at work.

The Legal Office has analyzed and provided legal opinions on all acts drafted by the units of the Secretariat of the Council and supported its committees and other bodies in drafting sub-legal acts and other documents.

The Public Communications Office has followed the activities of the Chairperson of the Council, the General Director of the Secretariat, various committees and other units of the prosecutorial system, and presented their work through the means of public information.

During this month, the OPC has prepared 27 material for the public of various formats such as communiqués, statements, explanations, feedbacks and so on. Also, this office has met the demands of media and NGOs regarding their interest in getting acquainted with the work, activities and processes developed, which are being developed and are expected to take place in the prosecutorial system.

The Internal Audit Unit based on the annual plan started regular audit at the Special Prosecution Office of Kosovo, while the Division of Procurement, following the development of all legal procedures, has signed two contracts for the realization of the needs of the prosecutorial system.

During June, the recruitment process of a Official for Victim Protection and Administrator of Basic Prosecution in Ferizaj was completed.

A Budget Request for 2020 and early estimates 2021-2022 of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council were prepared and sent. Whereas on the basis of expenditure analysis and the needs assessment of the prosecutorial system, a budget request for budget revision for 2019 has been prepared and sent.

The Department of Information Technology has developed and implemented the electronic human resource management system at the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and has prepared a document that reflects all the criteria for the distribution of cases to prosecutors automatically from the Case Management System.



## Prosecution Performance Review Unit of KPC

The Prosecution Performance Review Unit has defined the ZMAPP / PPRU Priority Plan for the second half of 2019, as defined by the Strategic Plan, the Annual Work Plan of the KPC and the Annual Work Plan of the SP, as well as compiled an analytical report on the number of criminal reports filed / closed with an official record for 2018. Statistical data have been collected on the state of the cases by type of records for May, as well as their harmonization with the data of each prosecutor and by the KriMKorr Application has generated statistical data on the state of cases with characteristic offenses for May, as well as their harmonization with the data reported by the prosecutor for June.

The Training Office in cooperation with other institutions has organized training for prosecutors and administrative staff of the prosecutorial system of Kosovo.