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Activities of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council

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## 1. Activities of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council



### Representatives of the Kosovo prosecutorial and judicial system held a football match with representatives of the Italian judicial system

Pristina, May 6, 2019 - Representatives of the Prosecutorial Council and Judicial Council of Kosovo have developed a football match with representatives of the Italian judicial system, a match which took place at the "Fadil Vokrri" City Stadium in Pristina.

This recreational activity was held as a sign of successful cooperation and successful completion of the European Union Project to strengthen the efficiency, accountability and transparency of Kosovo's judicial and prosecutorial system.

The match ended in favor of the team of representatives of the prosecutorial and judicial system of Kosovo with a score of 4: 1.

After the end of this sporting activity, the leaders of both representatives expressed their satisfaction with the concrete effects achieved to strengthen the efficiency, accountability and transparency of the judicial and prosecutorial system, saying that in the future will be organized such sporting events with a relaxed character between Kosovo and European judicial and prosecutorial homologous systems.



### 12 new prosecutors are decreed

**Pristina, 7 May 2019** - In accordance with the proposal of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, the President of the Republic of Kosovo has decreed 12 new state prosecutors. In the presence of the Head of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni and Chief State Prosecutor Aleksandër Lumezi, 12 newly decreed prosecutors swore their oath in front of the President of the state, Hashim Thaci, pledging to perform the duty of the prosecutor with honor, responsibility and in accordance with the laws and Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo.

Based on the laws in force, the names of 12 candidates for prosecutors were sent to the President for decree, as they were subject to the election process, a process that was led by the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council.

Of the 12 newly decreed prosecutors, 6 of them will be engaged in the Basic Prosecution of Pristina, 2 in the Basic Prosecution of Gjakova, 2 in the Basic Prosecution of Peja, 1 in the Basic Prosecution of Ferizaj and 1 in the Basic Prosecution of Prizren.





### **The head of the KPC and that of the Kosovo Police are talking about coordinating prosecutorial system -police actions**

Pristina, May 7, 2019 - Kosovo Prosecutorial Council chairman, Bahri Hyseni, hosted a meeting with Kosovo Police Director Reshat Qalaj, discussing a series of issues of mutual interest.

Among the issues discussed were the issues of providing security according to the needs of the prosecutorial system, the advancement of the case management system, including the interconnection of electronic prosecution and police systems, as well as the arrangement of evidence found in evidence rooms in basic prosecutions.

The meetings and coordination of such issues between the Prosecutorial Council and the Kosovo Police, as well as many common issues will be the focus in the future, including the issue of coordinating the implementation of the elements related to the formation of the Task Force and the Monitoring Body for the implementation of the War Crimes Strategy, these issues that pose challenges that are facing the justice system in Kosovo.



### **The heads of the prosecutorial and judicial system meet with representatives of the High Council of Justice of Italy**

Pristina, May 7, 2019 - Chairman of the Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, together with the Chairman of the Judicial Council, Skender Çocaj, met with Vice President of the High Council of Justice of Italy, David Ermini, and the Ambassador of Italy in Kosovo, Cristoforo Piero Sardi.

The purpose of this meeting was to deepen the cooperation in light of future engagements and developments in the field of the prosecutorial and judicial system, and in this context, the chairman of the Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, said that the prosecutorial system of Kosovo has benefited greatly from the Twinning Project of the EU to strengthen the efficiency, accountability and transparency of the prosecutorial and judicial system, expressing great appreciation for the special contribution of the experts and representatives of the High Council of Justice of Italy and the Italian Embassy in Kosovo.

Further, the Chairman of the Judicial Council, Skender Cocaj, has also called for the achievement of EU standards in the field of justice in Kosovo, which is the primary goal of both the two Councils and international partners, expressing the conviction that in this way experiences and good practices in the daily work of Kosovo prosecutors will



be implemented, especially with regard to the priorities that European legislation creates.

Likewise, the heads of the prosecutorial and judicial system stressed that concrete recommendations have been implemented, which have become part of secondary legislation, including the public communication strategy, which has reflected in enhancing efficiency, transparency and accountability, as well as exchange of experiences from the visits and trainings of prosecutors and administrative staff, realized through this project, have influenced us to have better results in our daily work.

On the other hand, the Vice President of the High Council of Justice of Italy, David Ermini, and the Ambassador of Italy in Kosovo, Piero Cristoforo Sardi, said that they are satisfied that the developments of this project have been positive and beneficial for the Kosovo justice system, expressing the pledge to start new projects and not only to continue, but also to deepen the cooperation so far.

The EU twinning project for strengthening the efficiency, accountability and transparency of the judicial and prosecutorial system in Kosovo has been implemented by implementing partners: the Italian Supreme Council of the Judiciary in cooperation with the Italian Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Justice of France.

This project has helped to increase the capacities of the members of councils, judges and prosecutors, administrative staff, SMIL, draft strategic documents and support equal opportunities for minorities, the disciplinary system and advance coordination of communication between KPC, and the KJC.





## Coordination of the implementation of the War Crimes Strategy in Kosovo is coordinated

Pristina, 8 May 2019 - At the initiative of the chairman of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, was held the coordinating meeting for the implementation of the Kosovo War Crimes Strategy, which was attended by the heads of the institutions of law enforcement and rule of law in Kosovo, as well as representatives of the EU Office and the United Kingdom Embassy in Kosovo..

On this occasion, the Chairman of the Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, initially emphasized the role, importance and purpose of the proper coordination of the War Crimes Strategy implementation process, proposing the functionality of two mechanisms - such as the Task Force, which after the establishment by KPC will deal with resource analysis elaboration and the War Crimes Strategy monitoring body to monitor and evaluate efficiency and effectiveness, such as assignment of members of these mechanisms. "The Prosecutorial Council will focus fully on providing the necessary services to the State Prosecutor, services that will serve the implementation of the War Crimes Strategy through undertaking specific measures that are detailed in specific objectives", has said Hyseni.



Meanwhile, Chief State Prosecutor Aleksander Lumezi has focused on issues of operationalization and quickest functioning of all mechanisms that will deal with the implementation of the War Crimes Strategy. "The State Prosecutor, in the exercise of legal duties and responsibilities, aims to investigate and prosecute all persons who committed war crimes in violation of international humanitarian law 1998-1999 in Kosovo, as well as the establishing justice for the victims. We will focus in particular on the investigation, detection and prosecution of the hierarchy of the former Yugoslav Army, former members of the Serbian MUP, Serbian paramilitary units, and other incriminated persons," said Chief Prosecutor Alexander Lumezi.

Also, in this context, Kosovo Judicial Council Chairperson Skender Cocaj emphasized that war crimes cases and their enlightenment require a special commitment and dedication in every aspect for their necessary treatment; therefore, the KJC will be in full coordination with each institution to achieve the objectives set out in this strategy.

The Minister of Justice Abelard Tahiri emphasized that despite the two decades of war; war crimes remain unresolved and cannot be forgotten, so they should seriously face them. "The state of Kosovo will continue to work until bringing the perpetrators to justice, who have persecuted, killed and tortured war victims, while their family members have experienced terrible anxieties," said Minister Tahiri.

Also, Kosovo Police Director Rashit Qalaj has expressed readiness to provide operational support to police investigative bodies in each segment where it has competence in order to achieve the defined strategic objectives.

Meanwhile, the Head of the War Crimes Department in SPRK, prosecutor Drita Hajdari, said that the target will be the prosecution of responsible persons and we will deal with the responsibility according to the chain of command, based on military rankings, number of victims, orders and their executives, demanding full access to the archives of documents related to the Kosovo war, which is currently limited.

At the end of the meeting, EU Office Representative Cezary Michalczuk expressed his agreement to support the implementation of this strategy by this European mechanism in terms of providing international legal aid to the criminal field, which Kosovo institutions should have in order to have good results in this process

War Crimes Strategy is the first such document in Kosovo to be overseen by the competent institutions, such as the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor, the Special Prosecution Office of the Republic of Kosovo, the Kosovo Police and the Ministry of Justice.





## Kosovo Prosecutorial Council dismisses one prosecutor and suspends another

*Pristina, May 10, 2019* - The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council held the 167th meeting, led by the Chairman Bahri Hysni, in which are considered and taken decisions on the foreseen points of the agenda.

One of the most important issues was the adoption of the establishment of two mechanisms, which are set out in the Strategy for War Crimes - Task Force for the processing of the resource analysis, to be composed of representatives from the Council, State Prosecutor and Kosovo Police, as well as the Monitoring Body for monitoring and evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of the implementation of this strategy, which will be composed of the Chairperson of the Council, the Chief State Prosecutor, a Kosovo Police Representative, the Ministry of Justice and the EU Office in Kosovo.

Also, the Council has decided to propose to the President of the country the dismissal from duty of the prosecutor Argon Matjani due to the serious violation of the official duties, a decision that came after the disciplinary proceedings were conducted by the respective commission.



The Council subsequently approved the request of the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor for suspension with pay for a prosecutor due to suspected violation of the official duty and obliged the relevant Commission to address these violations.

In this context, the Chairman of the Council, Bahri Hyseni, said that every decision of this institution is of great weight. Therefore, the Council and the State Prosecutor are carriers of increasing and strengthening the transparency, efficiency, accountability, integrity and dignity of Kosovo's prosecutorial system.

Also, members of the Council approved the request of the Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution Office in Gjakova, for which a decision was made to make the internal announcement for advancement of a prosecutor from the General Department to Juvenile Department, after retiring Xhavit Osmani.



### Prosecutorial Council dedicated to combating gender-based violence

Pristina, May 13, 2019 - The chairman of the Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Bahri Hyseni, met with representatives of Kosovo Women's Network (KWN), Adelina Berisha, Coordinator for Advocacy against Violence against Women and Klarista Fetahun, Coordinator of the "UN Woman" Project.

On this occasion, the Head of the Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, emphasized the need to strengthen cooperation with the Kosovo Women's Network in the framework of different annual initiatives and events organized by both sides, which would directly affect the advancing and strengthening the role of institutions in combating domestic violence and the violation of gender equality in Kosovo. *"Cooperation with the Kosovo Women's Network will continue in the future with the dynamics highlighted in the strategic acts, especially after legal changes, since the prosecutorial system will have a special commitment to combating any form of violence against women and cases of gender-based violence in Kosovo"* said the chairman Hyseni.

On the other hand, the KWN representative, Adelina Berisha, informed KPC Chairman, Bahri Hyseni, about the publication of a separate research, which was issued on the occasion of monitoring the institutional response to gender-based violence, with entitled "From Words to Offenses?", requesting the Council to send a prosecutor to the





exhibition "Improving Access to Women Services", which is expected to be held within this month to answer citizens' questions, such as and that this exhibition be opened at every prosecutor of the country.

This exhibition aims to promote the role of institutions in the protection of women's rights and reporting on gender-based violence.

Both sides agreed to work together on mutual issues, whereby regular inter-institutional reporting on violence against women and gender-based violence cases will be highlighted.



### **The British project "Strengthening the Justice System in Kosovo" introduces recommendations for advancing the prosecutorial system**

Pristina, May 14, 2019 - Head of the 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 this presentation was to publish the findings, recommendations and professional conclusions for the prosecutorial system, as well as to present a need for a different approach, whereby the orientations, approaches and methodologies of the initial phase of this project were discussed.



On this occasion, the Head of the Council, Bahri Hyseni, has emphasized that Kosovo's prosecutorial system is advancing in every segment of it, an improvement that is being achieved thanks to the support of international partners. *"We highly appreciate your support for the implementation of adequate mechanisms for assessing the performance, accountability, transparency, dignity and integrity of prosecutors, so that we have a daily work assessment and contribution of each prosecutor,"* said the chairman of the Council, Hyseni.

On the other hand, the General Director of the Council Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, said that the findings and recommendations are in full harmony with the plan and the visions of the Council and the State Prosecutor, so we expect to work together in the future on the agenda of the Council priorities and address them in the most just way to find the best methodology in support of the Council, the Committees and the State Prosecutor.

After numerous discussions, the Council's representatives and the British Project Implementation Team agreed to support in the future the capacity building of an efficient, effective and with integrity administration of the prosecutorial system through the exchange of experiences with European countries.



### Challenges of seizure and confiscation of illegal property are discussed

Pristina, May 15, 2019 - The Prosecutorial Council and the Kosovo Judicial Council are holding a round table on "Legal Framework on Procedures and the System of Seizure and Confiscation of Illegally Acquired Assets".

This table is being attended by the Chairperson of the KPC and the KJC, the Chief State Prosecutor, the President of the Supreme Court, the Presidents of the Courts and Chief Prosecutors of Prosecutions.

The purpose of the roundtable is to discuss the current challenges to the implementation of the legal framework for the seizure and confiscation of illegally acquired assets.

At this important roundtable, prosecutorial and judicial system leaders are discussing challenges in the area of seizure and confiscation of illegal property, as well as ideas for advancing procedures related to this issue.

During the discussions so far it has been estimated that the seizure and confiscation of the illegally acquired property has been and remains a continuous challenge for the prosecutorial and judicial system, so it is necessary that after the analysis of the work of





the existing mechanisms to make the respective changes in direction of their advancement.

Within the framework of this roundtable it was also emphasized that major improvements have been made in terms of legal infrastructure, but it is necessary to increase the level of its implementation within the mechanisms expected to be advanced as part of the strategic policies of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and Judicial Council.



### **KPS and GLPS signed a memorandum of cooperation**

Pristina 20 may 2019- Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) and Group for Legal and Political Studies (GLPS) signed a memorandum of cooperation.

Memorandum of cooperation, signed by the chairman of the KPC, Mr. Bahri Hyseni and the Executive Director of the GLPS Arberesha Loxha, aims to establish a basis for cooperation between KPC and GLPS for the implementation of the Project “Monitoring the Judicial and Prosecutorial System in Kosovo”.

KPC through this memorandum will enable the GLSP monitors to follow and monitor all the meetings of the KPC and provide access to the public documents in accordance with the Law on Access to Public documents.



While, GSLP will guarantee that any information taken in the prosecutorial system will be handled in accordance with the applicable law, which determines access to public documents and in the sensitive information of the prosecutorial character.



### **Access and facilitation of the implementation of public communication, topic of discussion between KPC and AJK**

Pristina, 20 May 2019 - The chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, hosted in the meeting the representatives of the Association of Journalists of Kosovo, led by the Chairwoman Gentiana Begolli.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide mutual information, clarification and presentation of opportunities for strengthening the role, mission and cooperation of the Prosecutorial Council and Association of Journalists of Kosovo, as well as monitoring and giving recommendations for best functionalization and implementation of the Regulation on the Public Communication Service in the Kosovo Prosecutorial System, which has been recently approved by the KPC.

In this context, KPC Chairman, Bahri Hyseni, has informed in detail the representatives of AJK on the efforts being made in terms of creating the conditions for an adequate public communication. According to him, cooperation is the only way to overcome the



common difficulties and challenges we face, and to achieve the institutional objectives for the citizen's right to information and to promote transparency and public communication.

On the other hand, the Chairwoman of the Association of Journalists of Kosovo, Gentiana Begolli, emphasized that AJK closely follows and analyzes mutual issues, in which case for the subordinate regulation of the field of public communication in the prosecutorial system will be found professional form to provide observations and input regarding the approach and aspects that facilitate the implementation of this important regulation.

Also, KPC Chairman, Bahri Hyseni, has proposed that AJK and the media to monitor the implementation of this regulation, and after a month we can hold an open meeting for media in the presence of AJK representatives to once again expressed the transparency and, of course, outright recommendations could be made from this event, which we will then integrate in the field of public communication in the future.

With this concrete proposal of the KPC chairman were agreed the AGK representatives who will notify their representatives and will participate after a month in the meeting, which will come with concrete professional recommendations to help the practical implementation of efficiency, accountability and public transparency in the prosecutorial system of Kosovo.





### The work on amending the Regulation on Disciplinary Procedure of Prosecutors continues

Pristina, May 21, 2019 - The Committee on Normative Issues, chaired by its chairman, Zejnullah Gashi, held the next meeting, attended by the Chair of the Working Group for drafting sub-legal acts based on the Law on Disciplinary Responsibility of judges and prosecutors, Arben Ismajli, Chairman of the Committee on Normative Issues of the Kosovo Judicial Council, Armend Berisha, representative of the US Embassy and General Director of the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council. The purpose of this meeting was to amend and harmonize the Regulation on the Disciplinary Procedure of Prosecutors with the Law on Disciplinary Responsibility of Judges and Prosecutors.

During this meeting, a part of the aforementioned regulation was discussed and amended, always aligning with the Law on Disciplinary Responsibility of Judges and Prosecutors.

All changes made during the meeting are in full coordination and agreement with the representatives of KPC, KJC and US Embassy.



### **Regular meeting of the Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee is held**

Pristina, 20 May 2019- The budget, Finance and Personnel Committee of the Prosecutorial Council, chaired by its Chairwoman Deshira Jusaj, held the next meeting, attended by the members of this committee and the General Director of SKPK, Lavdim Krasniqi.

The members of the committee reviewed and discussed the Financial Report for the period January-March 2019, which reflects budget expenditures as planned for all budget programs, specifically for each economic category of the Council's budget.

According to the agenda of the meeting, the Committee on Budget, Finance and Personnel has reviewed the requirements for increasing the number of staff for 2020-2022, whereby the special needs in the human resources area have been addressed and identified for the whole prosecutorial system, based on the strategic objectives and legal functions of the Council and State Prosecutor.

At the end of this meeting were discussed the capital projects for 2020-2022, with special focus on the new projects planned for this three-year period. According to discussions



and recommendations from the Committee, remains to prepare draft budget requests for 2020 and early estimates for 2021-2022.



### Coordinating meeting with administrators of the prosecution offices is held

Pristina, May 22, 2019 - The General Director of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, held a meeting with the administrators of the prosecution offices with whom he talked about a number of issues related to the daily activities of the prosecution offices.

In this case it is discussed about the works that are being carried out in the prosecution offices and for the planned works to be realized by the end of this month.

Also during this meeting was discussed about the presentation of different requirements according forms and a series of other issues, which relate to staffing and workflow in the electronic case management project- SMIL.

Among other things, the topic of discussion during this meeting was also issues related to finances and the needs of providing various services, such as expert fees and other expenses.





This meeting was organized in the framework of oversight and coordination by the KPC Secretariat for Prosecution offices of all levels. The meeting was attended by the heads of departments and the staff of the office of the General Director of the KPC Secretariat.



**Hyseni: At this beginning of the year there is a progress on dealing with targeted cases**

Pristina, May 23 2019- The chairman of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Mr. Bahri Hyseni, has participated in the publication of the Court Monitoring Report for 2018 prepared by BIRN and "Internews Kosova".

Regarding the findings of this report, chairman Hyseni, said that they were prepared based on the reflection of the reality, so the individual cases presented in this report shows that we need to change.

The KPC Chair, Mr. Bahri Hyseni, further said that although there are significant work outcomes, the foreseen results still lack the objectives of the Kosovo prosecutorial system, adding that progress has been made but is not the desired one.



Following, the KPC leader underlined that one of the objectives of the prosecutorial system of Kosovo is the quickest conclusion of the targeted cases, whereas the beginning of 2019 is highly evaluated because there is progress in these cases.

As for the confiscation, chairman Hyseni said that the results are very small, if the amount of seizures is compared and what has been seized but is being worked out jointly with the Kosovo Judicial Council to achieve the best results in this regard.

Regarding the performance evaluation of prosecutors, chairman Hyseni said: "We are finalizing the Regulation on Discipline, a regulation that guarantees that we will have a different situation. In this regard, we have had concrete actions against prosecutors who have had insufficient performance assessment".

Chairman Hyseni agreed with the report's assessment of the problems raised in the claims for legality protection, saying legal changes should be made in order to avoid appearing problems.

At the end of his speech on this report, which contains recommendations, the chairman Hyseni said that the recommendations of this report on the prosecutorial system are feasible.



### **Workshop for drafting the Regulation on appointment of Chief Prosecutors is held**

Pristina, May 24, 2019 - The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) has held a workshop in the framework of drafting the Regulation on the appointment of the Chief State Prosecutor and Chief Prosecutors of all Prosecutions of the country, based on the current legal framework.

The workshop participants discussed the main issues of drafting this regulation, where it was assessed that the drafting of this important act for the appointment of the Chief State Prosecutor and the Chief Prosecutors of the respective Prosecution Offices positively affects the facilitation of administrative procedures in the Prosecutorial Council efforts to establish effective selection and selection standards, and on the principle of equality, meritocracy and public transparency.

The sessions of this workshop were attended by the Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, Chief State Prosecutor, Aleksandër Lumezi, KPC





members, General Director of KPC Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, representatives of the US Embassy, the United Kingdom and the EU Office in Kosovo.

This workshop was supported by the Embassy of the United States of America.



### **The regulation on Disciplinary Procedure of Prosecutors is proposed for approval**

Pristina, May 28, 2019 - The Committee on Normative Issues, which was chaired by its chairman, Zejnullah Gashi, held the next meeting, attended by the Chair of the Working Group for drafting sub-legal acts based on the Law on Disciplinary Responsibility of judges and prosecutors, Arben Ismajli, representatives from the US Embassy, the EU Office in Kosovo and UNDP.

The purpose of this meeting was the final drafting of the Regulation on the Disciplinary Procedure of Prosecutors.





Following the amendments proposed by the participants of this meeting, the Commission decided to recommend this Regulation to the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council for approval at the next meeting.

This regulation is drafted as a result of legislative changes in the field of disciplining of prosecutors.



### Workshop is being held for drafting the Regulation on the performance evaluation of prosecutors

Pristina, May 30 2019- Kosovo Prosecutorial Council in cooperation with US embassy has organized a three day workshop for drafting the Regulation on the performance evaluation of Prosecutors.

In the both sessions of this workshop attended members of the KPC, Chief Prosecutors of the basic prosecution offices, leaders and administrative staff of KPC and representatives of the US embassy, which supported this workshop.

On this occasion, it was presented the concept of advancing the performance evaluation system of prosecutors, continuing the drafting article-by-article with concrete discussions and performance appraisal forms.

At the end of the workshop, concrete future actions were defined on the finalization of this important draft for the prosecutor's evaluation procedures as well as the mitigating approach to its successful conclusion.



### **The implementation progress of the Project for Case Management for Courts and Prosecution offices is assessed (SMIL)**

Pristina, May 29 2019- The chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Mr. Bahri Hyseni and the Chairman of the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC), Mr. Skender Çoçaj, hosted in a joint meeting the General Director for European Affairs at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Niels Engelchion and the Norwegian Ambassador in Kosovo, Mr. per Strand Sjaastad.

The purpose of the meeting was the presentation of achievements after a successful completion of the main phase of the Project for Case Management for Courts and Prosecution offices (SMIL) and the beginning of the consolidated phase.

On this occasion both heads of the justice system thanked two Norwegian senior officials for the support and generous funding of the Project for Case Management for Courts and Prosecution offices (SMIL).

The chairman of the KPC, Mr. Bahri Hyseni, emphasized that the project TIK-SMIL is special for the prosecutorial system, because the digitalization of the work is a great achievement.



Also in this meeting were presented the first positive effects of the use of SMIL in the improvement of the efficiency, accountability, rising transparency and capacities, and raising the accuracy of information in the courts and prosecution offices of Kosovo.

On the other hand, the representatives of the Norway assessed the work and achievements of the both Councils and expressed their readiness to continue supporting this project as a project of special importance for all the judicial system in our country.

Taking into consideration the responsibility of the implementation of this project, both Councils pledged in front of the donor to fulfill all the obligations of the consolidated phase, in order to realize the project successfully, as well as agreed to continue the deepening of mutual cooperation.





### **Workshop for the coordination of offices and public communication officers in the prosecutorial system is held**

Pristina, May 31, 2019 - Coordination of offices and public communication officers in the prosecutorial system was the focus of the two-day session of the workshop organized by the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council in cooperation with UNDP, attended by public communication officers.

Among the topics discussed in this workshop led by UNDP Public Relations and Communication Consultant in the KPC, Fadil Miftari, was the importance of the functioning of internal communication for the benefit of external communication efficiency and interactive communication modes within the system with managers.

It was also discussed the importance of coordination for the implementation of the Public Communication Strategy and the implementation of sub-legal acts, such as the Regulation on the Public Communication Service in the Prosecutorial System, and the role and importance of offices and public communication officers in the prosecutorial system, taking concrete examples from the practices of the Guide for Public Communication Officers.

Meanwhile, during the sessions of this workshop, a number of challenges have been identified and a number of good communication practices with the media have been



discussed, which directly affect the strengthening of public communication and the strengthening of the image of the Kosovo prosecutorial system offices.

Particular was the practical handling of standardization of public communications in written forms, such as the standard of a communication, declaration, notification and 24-hour report, demonstrating professional models of written communication.

The Prosecutorial Council and UNDP are committed to strengthening and developing public communication in the prosecutorial system, so in this regard will organize other workshops in the future.



## 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 with local and international partners in order to strengthen empowering and enhancing the administration of the prosecutorial system to increase efficiency and effectiveness at work.

The SKPC 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, as well as legal representation of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council at the Basic Court in Prishtina.

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, through which 20 prepared communiques presented their work through the means of public information, to the citizens. 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 completed the audit of the General Services Division during this month.

In order to increase the efficiency of work with the aim of achieving legal objectives and obligations, during April, in the prosecutorial system of Kosovo have started work 4 new staff of administrative staff in different positions.

The Procurement Division, after the development of all legal procedures, has signed four contracts for the realization of the needs of the prosecutorial system.

The Department of Information Technology has implemented a system for information management of cases in the Basic Prosecution Office of Mitrovica.

In cooperation with the American University (AUK) in all Prosecutions of the Republic of Kosovo, training on cyber security was held, and a plan for registration of old cases, which are at work in SMIL.



## Prosecution Performance Review Unit of the KPC

Prosecution Performance Review Unit (PPRU) has drafted the Report of the Inter-Institutional tracking Mechanism January-March 2019 and the Work Report of the State Prosecutor for the First Quarter of 2019.

The PPRU has built a separate module in the application, through which harmonization of monthly reports of prosecutions and the Statistics Office will be done. It has also prepared a special report on the imposition of measures on the density of children as well as children witnesses in criminal offenses in order to fulfill the obligations to the Decision (No. 06/199) of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo for the approval of indicators justice for children.

It has prepared statistical data on the work of 13 prosecutors who have undergone the performance appraisal process and has prepared 11 information and statistical data on different criminal offenses for different periods of time according to the requirements of the Ministry of European Integration, media, NGOs and the academic world.

PPRU through the Training Office and in cooperation with local and international partners have organized various trainings for prosecutors and administrative staff in order to increase professional and efficiency at work.