



EU4Justice Phase II

“Support to Judicial Professionalism and the Fight against Organised Crime and Corruption in Bosnia and Herzegovina”

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Project EU4JUSTICE Phase II **“Support to Judicial Professionalism and the Fight against Organised Crime and Corruption in BiH”** is funded by the European Union through an Instrument for PreAccession Assistance (IPA) special measure and implemented by Expertise France (EF) in cooperation with the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ) and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP). The general objective of the Project is to further align the justice system of BiH with European standards and the EU Acquis through strengthening the rule of law, notably by

enhancing the independence, quality, effectiveness, accountability, and efficiency in the justice sector and its results in the fight against organised crime and corruption.

The specific objectives of the action are:

- The HJPC and the Ministry of Justice of BiH (MoJ BiH) effectively monitor the justice sector;
- Judicial Office Holders (JOHs) are better trained, controlled and advised on integrity;
- Efficiency, transparency, and security of the judiciary are improved;
- Organised crime and corruption cases are processed more effectively by the judiciary.

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COMPONENT 1:

Strengthen the monitoring and evaluation capacities of the judiciary

COMPONENT 2:

Strengthen the integrity capacities of the HJPC

COMPONENT 3:

Strengthen the HJPC's capacities in the areas relevant for the execution of its core competences

COMPONENT 4:

Support the coordination and cooperation within the criminal justice chain in tackling organised crime and corruption

KEY ACHIEVED RESULTS

Drafting and adoption of the HJPC Reform Program for 2024-2026 supported

Draft Justice Sector Reform Strategy (JSRS) and monitoring mechanism assessed

Expert recommendations for improving integrity training schemes provided

Drafting and adoption of the new Rulebook on asset declarations, including their verification, and the accompanying form supported

Comparative analysis of European best practices in appointment procedures of JOHs provided

Recommendations and Implementation Plan for improving the electronic database for written examinations for judicial office candidates provided

3 regional workshops on security in the judiciary held

Ad hoc expert legal opinion on high-level OC&C cases provided

FORESEEN RESULTS

Drafting and adoption of the Action Plan for the Reform Program supported

Monitoring and evaluation system for the Reform Program in place

Mechanism for monitoring HJPC's policies on ethics and integrity, OC&C and similar improved

Donor Coordination Mechanism in place

Around 1500 JOHs trained on the use of the new asset declaration forms

Drafting of annual Work Plans of JPTCs supported

Induction training material with new modules with practical examples on integrity developed

Training for 10 JPTC staff members delivered

MoUs on data exchange between HJPC BiH and relevant institutions in place

Recommendations for improving the structured interview phase in appointment procedures provided

Manual for HJPC members participating in interview panels developed

HJPC's decisions on appointments of JOHs improved

Criteria for performance appraisal of JOHs with focus on quality adopted and in force

Strategy and Action Plan for security of the judiciary in place

Guidelines and training on trial management and criminal case preparation provided

Guidelines and training on plea bargaining, prosecution and sentencing for OC&C, with a comparative analysis provided

Analysis of case law database and recommendations for including high-level OC&C provided

Analysis of the current asset seizure system, TNA and recommendations for improving financial investigations and asset seizure provided

Case-based guidebook on practical cooperation on asset seizure developed

Trainings on asset recovery, cryptocurrency and MLA delivered

Joint training of judges, prosecutors and LEAs to enhance cooperation delivered

Analysis of cooperation with relevant EU agencies provided

Guidelines and workshop on cooperation with relevant agencies on MLA developed

Analysis of prosecutors-police cooperation with recommendations provided

Recommendations and guidelines for backlog reduction developed