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Ovaj projekat finansira Evropska unija

"Building an Effective and Citizen-friendly Judiciary – IPA 2017"

Budget	5,95 million Euro
Donor	European Union
Duration	September 2018 to August 2021
Implementing partner	Secretariat of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of BiH

Project description:

The ambitious justice reform project "Building an Effective and Citizen-friendly Judiciary – IPA 2017" implemented by the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina stands in continuation of the European Union's support to the judiciary of BiH since 2004.

The project aims at fostering an independent, qualitative and efficient judiciary in accordance with European standards.

All project activities are focused on working with domestic judicial institutions, line ministries, chambers of commerce, non-governmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders with the aim of strengthening the rule of law in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In addressing EU reform recommendations for the judiciary, the project team is mandated by the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council to:

- Upgrade and develop the judicial IT system serving all courts and prosecutors' offices in BiH;
- Design new IT applications for court-users;
- Monitor the work of courts on war crime case processing and provide instructions for accelerated case handling;
- Stimulate efficient work reorganization and strategic planning in courts;
- Establish with courts modern 'efficiency measurement standards';
- Enable better monitoring of corruption cases in courts with particular emphasis on high level corruption cases;
- Engage financial experts in 10 prosecutor's offices in BiH to provide advisory services related to investigations in commercial and organised crime cases;
- Engage 5 economic experts to work on strengthening the capacity of courts in economic aspects of bankruptcy cases;

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- Boost alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, incl. arbitration, to reduce the case flow in courts and to better the investment climate in BiH;
- Promote in-court settlement for faster case resolution;
- Foster the transparency of the judiciary by increasing the number of publicly available court judgements;
- Strengthen the judicial media competence;
- Reach out to citizens, for instance by organising primary school visits to courts, lectures of judges and prosecutors in high schools as well as workshops with students.

The project's working methods:

Change management: Initiating organizational improvements within judicial institutions

Catalyse: Involving judicial office holders, other stakeholders and interested citizens through surveys, polls, social media, etc. to gather in- and outsider feedback to inspire the justice reform project

Competence transfer: Engaging economic experts for data analysis to build up competence of courts in bankruptcy cases and competence of prosecutors' offices in financial investigations

Dialogue: Establishing close dialogue and partnership with courts and prosecutors' offices as well as law enforcement agencies

Strategize: Improving strategic planning in courts

Tailor-made: Organizing professional trainings in cooperation with JPTCs and other targeted support for courts and prosecutors' offices

Peer learning: Using domestic experience and exchange of best European practices to advance justice reform and peer learning

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