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EU support to BiH's justice reforms

Budget	5.8 million Euro (EU - EUR 3.3 million, BiH – EUR 2.5 million)
Donator	European Union
Co-financier	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Duration	February 2022 to July 2023
Implementing partner	High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of BiH

Project description:

The EU support to BiH's justice reforms – IPA 2019 project implemented by High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of BiH is the continuation of the EU support to the judiciary of BiH.

The project aims at improving integrity, accountability, credibility, transparency, efficiency and quality of the BiH justice system and aligning it with the EU acquis and the applicable European standards.

All project activities are focused on cooperation with domestic judicial institutions, line ministries, nongovernmental organisations, academic and business community, law enforcement agencies, chambers of commerce and other relevant partners with aim of implementing justice reforms in BiH.

In addressing the EU reform recommendations for the judiciary, the project team has been tasked by the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council with:

- Strengthening the integrity of judicial office holders;
- Monitoring and analysis of integrity plans in judicial institutions and their implementation;
- Formalisation and improvement of case law harmonisation mechanisms and improvement of public access to court decisions;
- Providing continuous support to the case law departments of the highest courts;
- Institutional capacity building of the HJPC BiH as the regulatory body in fighting corruption and organised crime;
- Management capacity building of the courts through strategic planning;
- Improving judicial response to corruption and organised crime;
- Improving communication between judges and prosecutors;
- Establishing capacities to support prosecutor's offices in conducting financial investigations in economic crime and other related cases;
- Institutional advocacy for the strategic improvement of the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and raising the awareness of the judicial community and the public about the benefits of ADR;
- Consolidation of judicial information and communication services in order to ensure its self-sustainability;
- Drafting the BiH Judicial Information System Mid-Term Development Strategy;
- Certification of the BiH Judicial Information System according to ISO 20.000 and ISO 27.001 standards;



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- Continuous promotion of project results.

Expected project results:

- ✓ Through the changes initiated within the HJPC BiH, the Integrity Department of the HJPC Secretariat will be strengthened so as to enable the preparations for regular integrity checks of judicial office holders, thus improving public scrutiny and citizens' trust in judicial institutions;
- ✓ Improved public access to judicial decisions, continued harmonisation of case law and continued support to the case law departments of the highest courts that will contribute to increasing the transparency of judicial institutions and legal certainty;
- ✓ Strengthened the regulatory role of the HJPC in the fight against organised crime and corruption, and inter-institutional cooperation in this area;
- ✓ Improved work of courts through the strategic planning process;
- ✓ Established open and continuous communication with other projects aimed at improving the courts and prosecutor's offices management that will contribute to the creation of a joint platform for action, and lead to a synchronised action and ultimately better results;
- ✓ Contribution to the fight against corruption, organised and economic crime in BiH through the engagement of financial experts working with economic crime and corruption cases, financial investigations, and as trainers at specialist trainings for prosecutors and law enforcement agencies;
- ✓ Increased awareness of the judicial community and the public regarding the benefits of ADR;
- ✓ Improved and consolidated Judicial Information System as a prerequisite for its self-sustainability;
- ✓ Developed and adopted the BiH Judicial Information System Mid-Term Development Strategy that will ensure the functioning of the ICT Department in line with the best European practices;
- ✓ Initiated the certification procedure of the Judicial Information System according to ISO 20.001 and 27.000 standards that will significantly contribute to the protection of judicial data, accountability and transparency of the HJPC, and thus the independence of the entire judicial system.
- ✓ All project results disseminated to the public.

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