

COUNCIL OF EUROPE OFFICE IN PRISTINA

Since 1999, the Council of Europe Office in Pristina has supported Kosovo* by carrying out technical co-operation activities. This co-operation has focused on building the capacities of local institutions to implement Council of Europe standards in law, and in practice, ensuring the effective promotion of human rights, rule of law and democracy.

Accordingly, Council of Europe programmes have trained judges, lawyers and prosecutors on European Human Rights standards, supported effective civil society engagement, local self-government and independent media, promoted cultural diversity and anti-discrimination, provided expert support to legislative development, reinforced independent institutions such as the Ombudsperson Institution, the Constitutional Court or the Independent Media Commission. They also enhanced accessibility and inclusion in schools while strengthening the fight against economic crime, corruption, money laundering, cybercrime, violence against women and human trafficking.



Overview of Co-operation
activities in Kosovo*

KEY FIGURES

AS OF 1 JANUARY 2025



25 STAFF MEMBERS

- 7 Core Staff
- 18 Project Staff



KOSOVO*-SPECIFIC PROJECTS: 9

- 5 projects funded through voluntary contributions
- 3 actions as part of the EU/Council of Europe Horizontal Facility programme
- 1 EU/Council of Europe joint programme



REGIONAL PROJECTS: 11

2024 AT A GLANCE



IN FOCUS: EU / COUNCIL OF EUROPE JOINT PROGRAMME

- Strengthening justice
- Fight against corruption
- Combating discrimination
- Freedom of expression
- Expertise co-ordination mechanism



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Addressing violence against women through a national programme for the treatment of perpetrators

The Ministry of Justice established a victim-centred, gender-responsive and perpetrator-accountability approach, which teaches perpetrators to adopt non-violent behaviour in interpersonal relationships. It aims to prevent further violence and changing violent behavioural patterns.

Whistleblowers better protected

The Ministry of Justice equipped public officials with procedures and tools for effective investigation of whistleblowing reports, protection of whistleblowers from harmful acts and whistleblowers' right to judicial protection.



Enhanced human rights protection through a better application of the European Convention of Human Rights by the judiciary

90% of the Constitutional Court judgements refer to the Convention and case law of the European Court of Human Rights. Comprehensive improvement of the electronic case management system and upgrade of the entire IT infrastructure in the judicial system.

Good governance and Roma empowerment promoted at the local level

Systemic inclusion of the Roma community in the processes, decision-making, and public participation across 10 municipalities.



Better Protection against discrimination through better monitoring procedures

Development of the monitoring and reporting tool for Ombudsperson Institution and Office for Good Governance, enabling both institutions to collect data and draft annual reports on the implementation of the Law on Protecting from Discrimination.

Regional co-operation on the effective management of violent extremism in prisons enhanced

The penitentiary system developed a comprehensive framework, including pre and post release tools to improve the rehabilitation and reintegration of violent extremist prisoners (VEPs) and other vulnerable prisoners at risk of radicalisation.



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