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Judiciary at a glance in Bulgaria(2024 data)

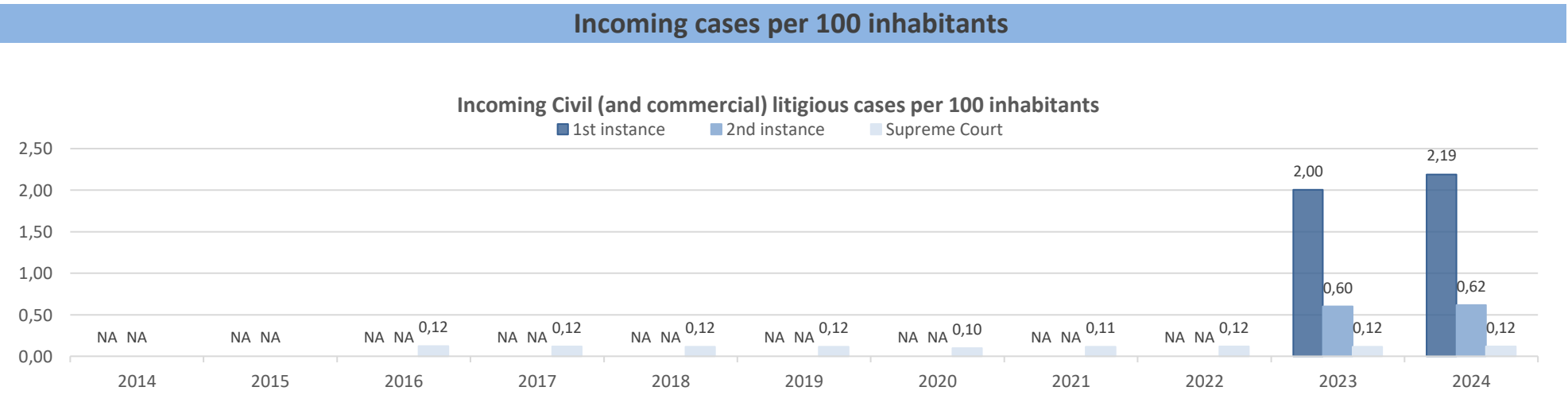
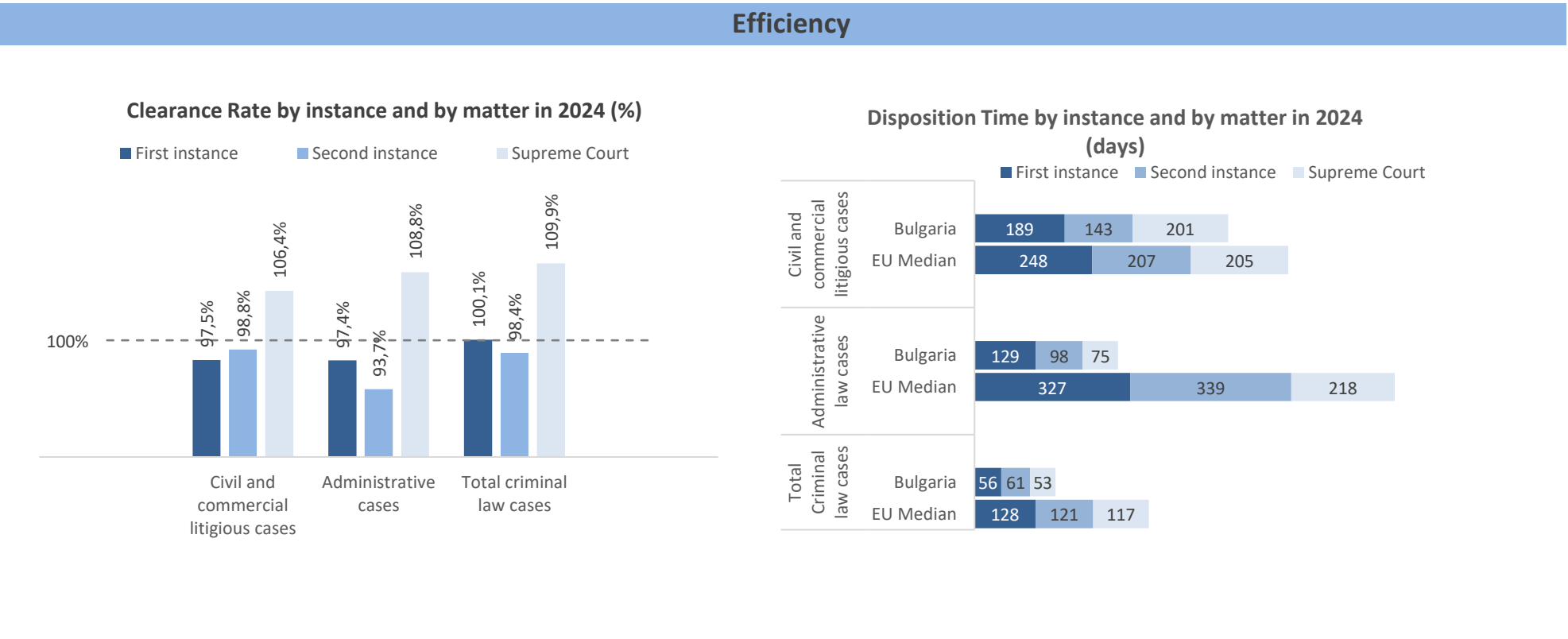
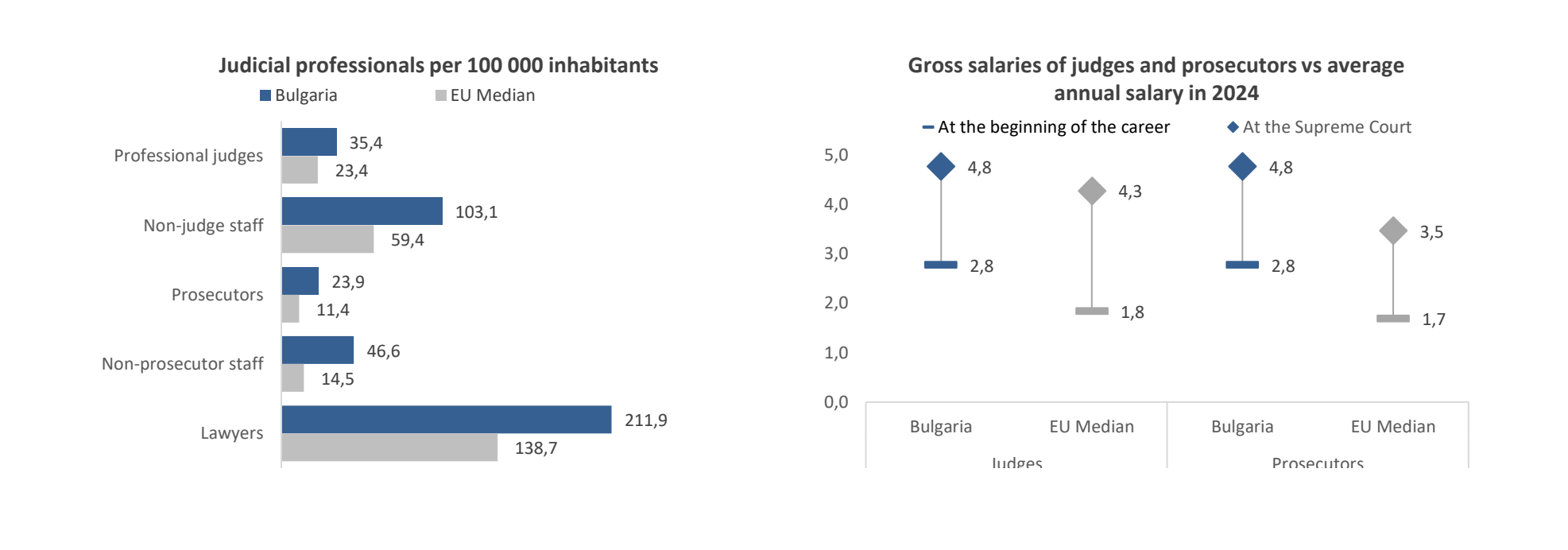
General data

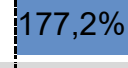
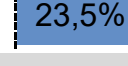
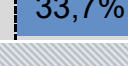
Population:6 437 360

GDP per capita:16 102 €

Average annual salary:14 264 €

Professionals



Synthesis table for the main indicators for:														Bulgaria			
Economic and demographic data	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Trend 2014-2024	Variations				
													2014-2024	2023-2024			
Population	7 202 198	7 153 784	7 101 859	7 050 034	7 000 039	6 951 482	6 916 548	6 838 937	6 447 710	6 445 481	6 437 360			-10,6%		-0,1%	
GDP per capita	5 808	6 152	6 645	7 099	7 855	8 779	8 845	9 868	13 271	14 580	16 102			177,2%		10,4%	
Exchange rate (local currency needed to obtain 1€)	1,96	1,96	1,96	1,96	1,96	1,96	1,96	1,96	1,96	1,96	1,96			0,0%		0,0%	
Average annual salary							8 509	9 514	10 861	12 518	14 264					13,9%	
Resources per 100 000 inh.	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Trend 2014-2024	2014-2024	2023-2024			
Professional judges	30,82	31,10	31,75	31,70	31,76	31,86	31,58	32,05	33,93	34,66	35,42			14,9%		2,2%	
Non-judge staff	83,50	85,87	86,93	88,11	89,46	90,96	91,51	94,68	102,16	102,49	103,15			23,5%		0,6%	
Public prosecutors							21,98	22,33	23,92	24,03	23,89					-0,6%	
Non-prosecutors staff							43,68	42,21	45,85	47,80	46,57					-2,6%	
Lawyers	176,28	181,90	190,09	194,61	194,86	199,67	201,89	198,93	209,18	209,96	211,90			20,2%		0,9%	
Mediators	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		NA			NA	
First instance incoming cases per 100 inhab.	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Trend 2014-2024	2014-2024	2023-2024			
Civil and commercial litigious cases	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2,00	2,19		NA		9,2%		
Administrative law cases	0,34	0,37	0,35	0,44	0,44	0,50	0,42	0,42	0,44	0,45	0,45			32,2%		0,2%	
Total criminal law cases							1,88	1,92	1,93	2,04	2,01					-1,3%	
First instance performance indicators (Clearance Rate)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Trend 2014-2024	2014-2024 (percentage points)	2023-2024 (percentage points)			
CR civil and commercial litigious cases	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	102%	97%		NA		-4,58		
CR administrative law cases	101%	99%	104%	95%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	101%	97%			-3,40		-3,55	
CR total criminal law cases							98%	100%	102%	101%	100%					-0,82	
First instance performance indicators (Disposition Time)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Trend 2014-2024	2014-2024	2023-2024			
DT civil and commercial litigious cases (days)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	186	189		NA		1,6%		
DT administrative law cases (days)	124	122	108	116	112	107	124	125	129	121	129			4,7%		7,2%	
DT total criminal law cases (days)							66	65	61	55	56					2,0%	
First instance pending cases per 100 inhab. on 31 dec.	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Trend 2014-2024	2014-2024	2023-2024			
Civil and commercial litigious cases	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,04	1,11		NA		6,0%		
Administrative law cases	0,12	0,12	0,11	0,13	0,14	0,14	0,14	0,14	0,16	0,15	0,16			33,7%		3,6%	
Total criminal law cases							0,34	0,34	0,33	0,31	0,31					-0,2%	
Second instance performance indicators (Clearance Rate)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Trend 2014-2024	2014-2024 (percentage points)	2023-2024 (percentage points)			
CR civil and commercial litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	102%	99%				-3,28		
CR administrative law cases				101%	101%	101%	100%	100%	102%	97%	94%				-3,17		
CR total criminal law cases							99%	99%	100%	102%	98%				-3,34		
Second instance performance indicators (Disposition Time)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Trend 2014-2024	2014-2024	2023-2024			
DT civil and commercial litigious cases (days)				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	138	143				3,7%		
DT administrative law cases (days)				62	59	57	64	61	57	69	98				41,6%		
DT total criminal law cases (days)							56	63	66	55	61				10,4%		
Supreme court performance indicators (Clearance Rate)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Trend 2014-2024	2014-2024 (percentage points)	2023-2024 (percentage points)			
CR civil and commercial litigious cases				101%	96%	98%	103%	89%	98%	98%	106%				8,80		
CR administrative law cases				105%	100%	114%	110%	100%	96%	104%	109%				5,24		
CR total criminal law cases							103%	97%	103%	97%	110%				12,68		
Supreme court performance indicators (Disposition Time)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Trend 2014-2024	2014-2024	2023-2024			
DT civil and commercial litigious cases (days)				161	184	190	205	247	237	249	201				-19,1%		
DT administrative law cases (days)				143	141	84	83	103	127	102	75				-26,9%		
DT total criminal law cases (days)							91	98	90	93	53				-42,4%		

1. Judicial organisation in Bulgaria (2024 data)

In Bulgaria in 2024, the number of courts considered as legal entities is 180. Namely, there are 147 courts of general jurisdiction and 33 specialised courts.

Among the 147 legal entities of general jurisdiction, 113 District courts act as main first instance courts. They have jurisdiction over all cases except those which are statutorily assigned to another court. They deal with civil, criminal and administrative-criminal cases. The decisions of the district courts are subject to appeal before the respective Regional court.

The 28 Provincial/Regional Courts act as courts of first and second instance. As courts of first instance, they examine a precisely defined categories of cases involving significant sums or substantial societal interest. When acting as a second (appellate) instance, they re-examine decisions taken by the District courts. It is worth noting that there are more incoming second instance cases than first instance cases before the Regional courts. At second instance, besides the Regional courts, there are also 5 Courts of appeal.

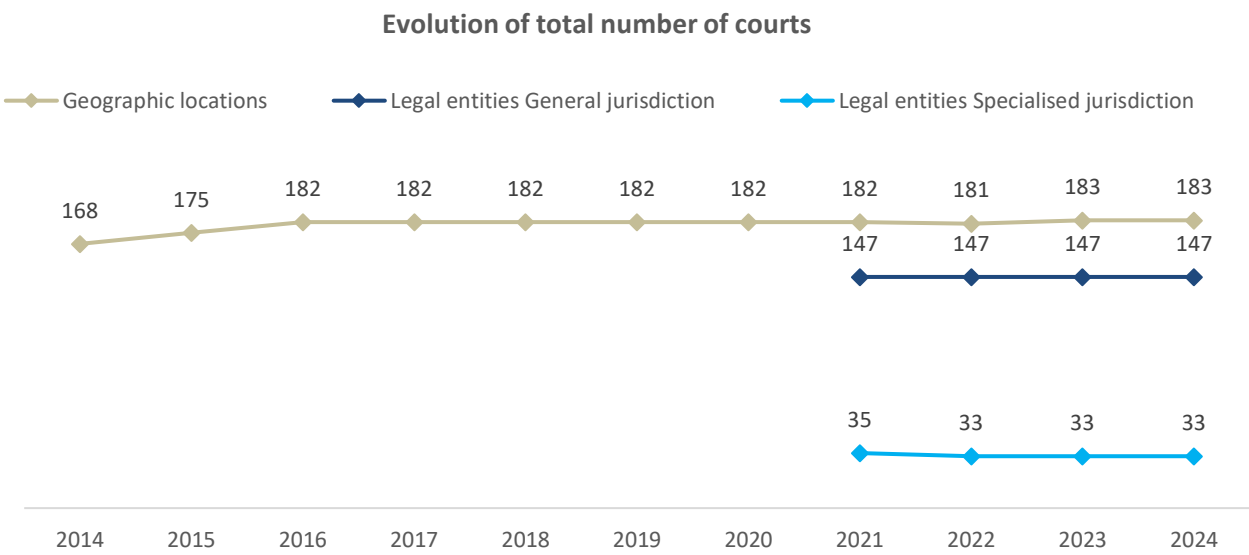
The Supreme Cassation Court is the highest instance court of general jurisdiction.

Among the 33 specialised courts, 31 are competent at first instance – 28 administrative courts and 3 military courts, while 2 are higher instance courts - the Supreme Administrative court and the Military court of appeal.

In terms of geographic locations, there are 181 courts among which 145 are of first instance. Indeed, the Sofia Appellate Court, Sofia City Court and Sofia District Court are housed in two court buildings each, where sessions are held.

Evolution of total number of courts

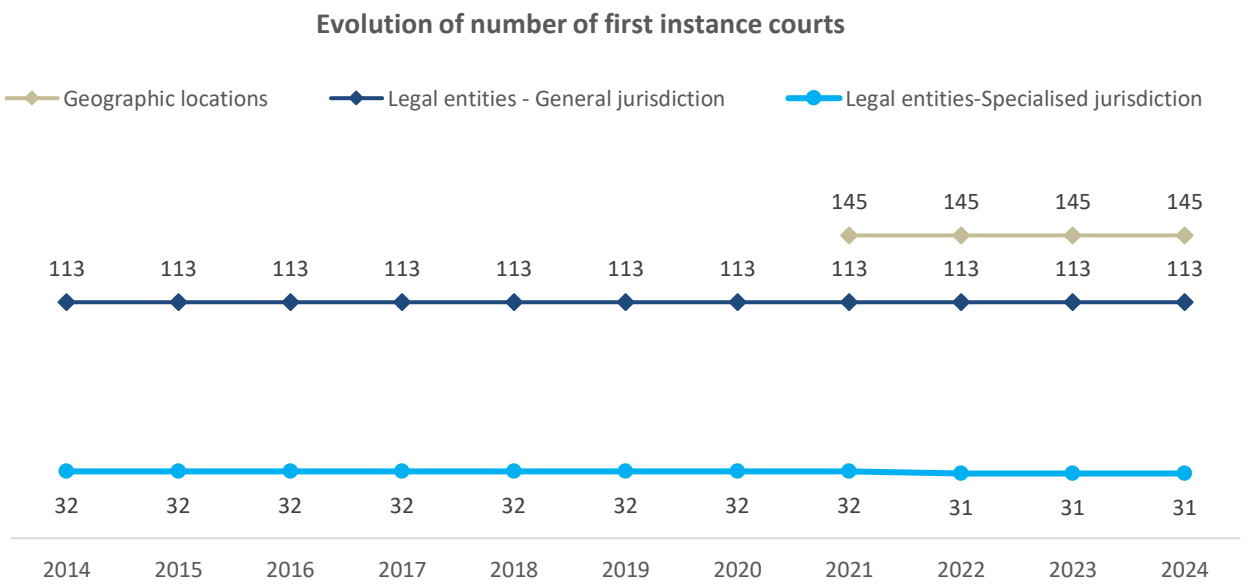
Total number of courts	Geographic locations	Legal entities	
		General jurisdiction	Specialised jurisdiction
2014	168		
2015	175		
2016	182		
2017	182		
2018	182		
2019	182		
2020	182		
2021	182	147	35
2022	181	147	33
2023	183	147	33
2024	183	147	33



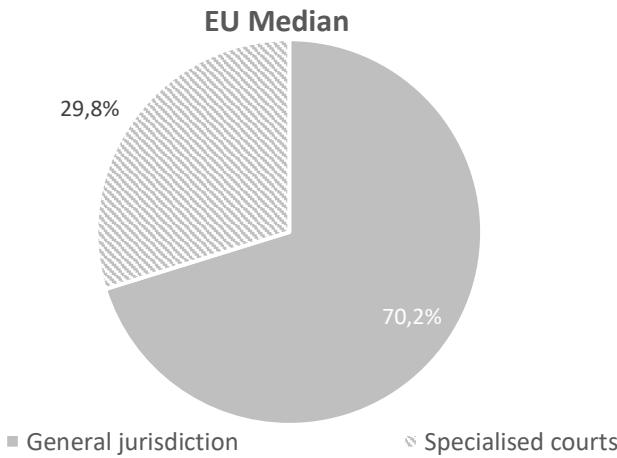
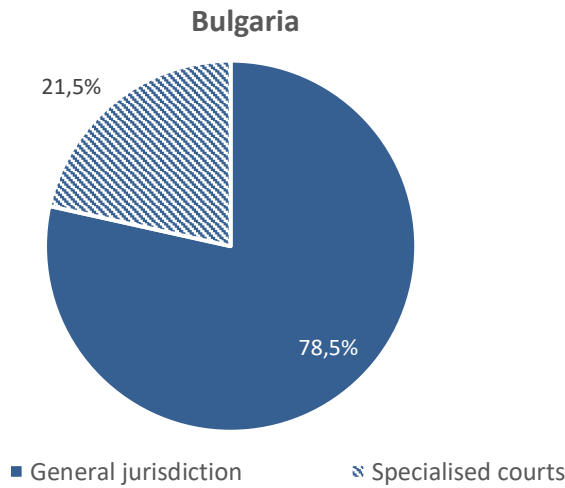
It is worth recalling that in 2022, the Specialised Criminal Court of Republic of Bulgaria and Specialised Criminal Court of Appeal were abolished and their respective prosecutor's offices were closed. Accordingly, the number of specialised courts decreased from 35 to 33.

Evolution of number of first instance courts

First instance courts	Geographic locations	Legal entities	
		General jurisdiction	Specialised jurisdiction
2014		113	32
2015		113	32
2016		113	32
2017		113	32
2018		113	32
2019		113	32
2020		113	32
2021	145	113	32
2022	145	113	31
2023	145	113	31
2024	145	113	31



Distribution of first instance general jurisdiction and specialised courts



The distribution between first instance general jurisdiction courts and first instance specialised courts in Bulgaria is 78,5% - 21,5%, the distribution tendency in EU being 70,2% - 29,8%.

Specialised Courts

Specialised courts	First instance	Higher instance
Total	31	2
Commercial courts (excluded insolvency courts)	NAP	NAP
Insolvency courts	NAP	NAP
Labour courts	NAP	NAP
Family courts	NAP	NAP
Rent and tenancies courts	NAP	NAP
Enforcement of criminal sanctions courts	NAP	NAP
Fight against terrorism, organised crime and corruption	NAP	NAP
Internet related disputes	NAP	NAP
Administrative courts	28	1
Insurance and / or social welfare courts	NAP	NAP
Military courts	3	1
Juvenile courts	NAP	NAP
Other specialised courts	NAP	NAP

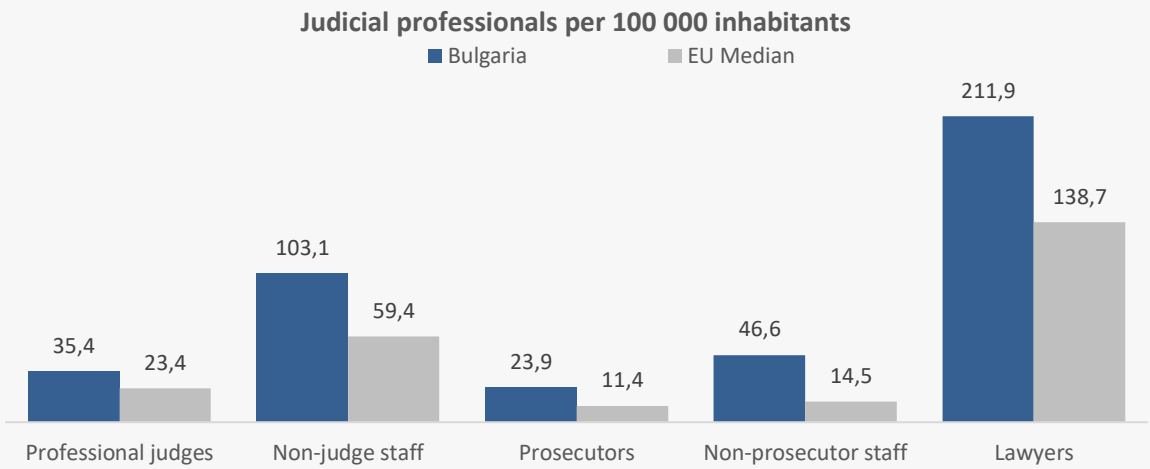
In 2024, the 33 specialised courts encompass 28 first instance administrative courts, 3 military courts, the Supreme Administrative Court and the Military Court of Appeal.

2. Professionals of justice in Bulgaria (2024 data)

Judicial professionals (summary)

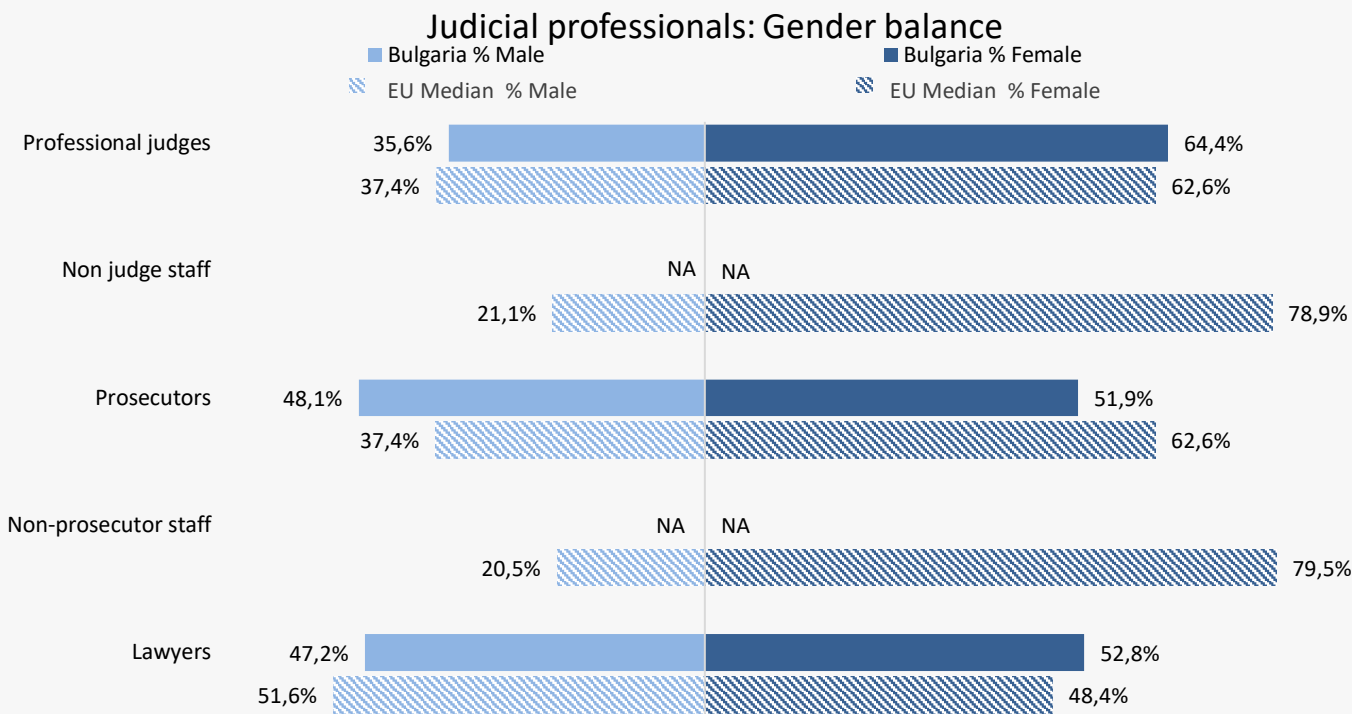
Judicial professionals in absolute number and per 100 000 inhabitants

	Absolute number	Per 100 000 inhabitants	EU Median
Professional judges	2 280	35,4	23,4
Non-judge staff	6 640	103,1	59,4
Prosecutors	1 538	23,9	11,4
Non-prosecutor staff	2 998	46,6	14,5
Lawyers	13 641	211,9	138,7



Judicial professionals: Gender balance

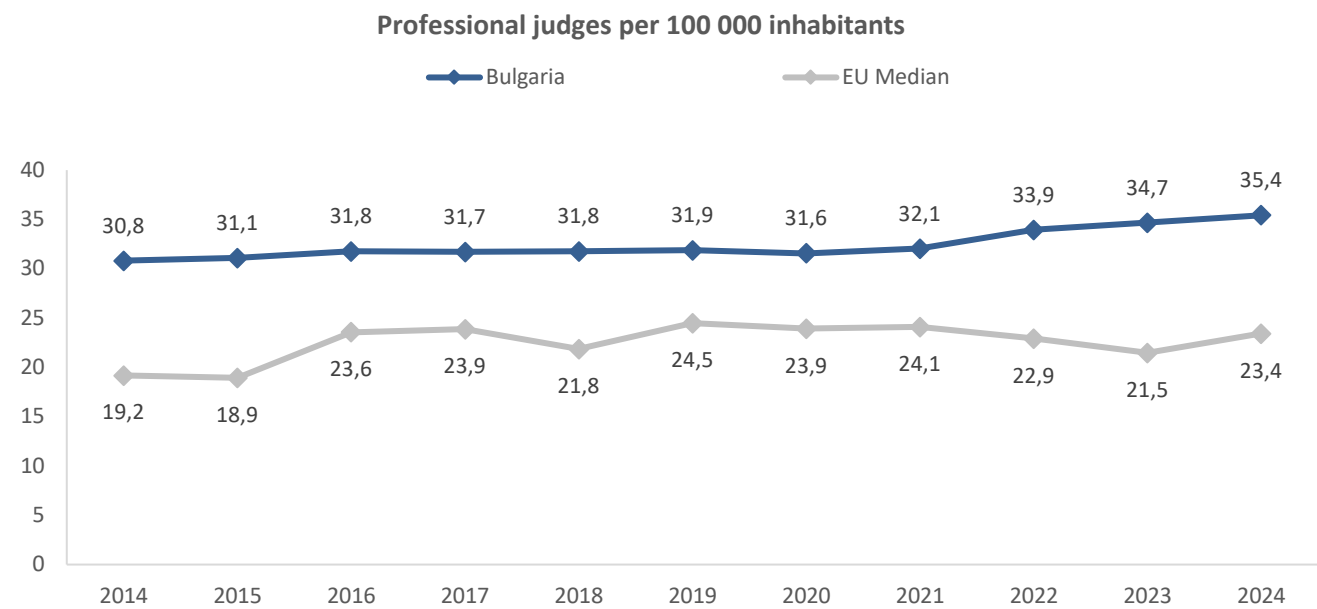
	% Male	% Female
Professional judges	35,6%	64,4%
Non judge staff	NA	NA
Prosecutors	48,1%	51,9%
Non-prosecutor staff	NA	NA
Lawyers	47,2%	52,8%



Professional judges

Evolution of the number of professional judges since 2014 (Q46)

Number of professional judges	Absolute Number	Per 100 000 inhabitants	
	Bulgaria	Bulgaria	EU Median
2014	2 220	30,8	19,2
2015	2 225	31,1	18,9
2016	2 255	31,8	23,6
2017	2 235	31,7	23,9
2018	2 223	31,8	21,8
2019	2 215	31,9	24,5
2020	2 184	31,6	23,9
2021	2 192	32,1	24,1
2022	2 188	33,9	22,9
2023	2 234	34,7	21,5
2024	2 280	35,4	23,4

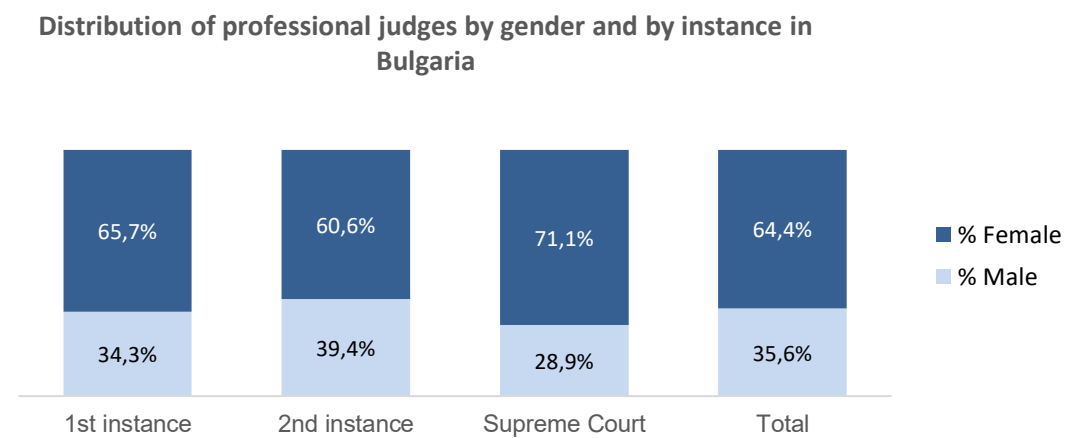
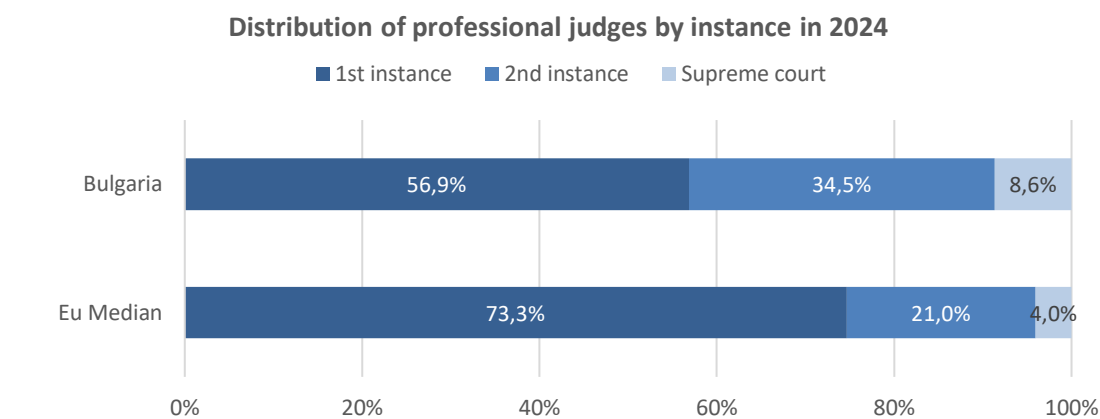


According to 2024 data, the total number of professional judges sitting in courts (all instances) in Bulgaria is 2 280, which is 2,1% more than in previous cycle.

More precisely, in Bulgaria, there are 35,4 professional judges per 100 000 inhabitants (this figure is above the EU median of 23,4 judges per 100 000 inhabitants)

Absolute number of professional judges by instance and gender

Professional judges 2024	Total	Distribution by instance	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
1st instance	1 297	56,9%	445	852	34,3%	65,7%
2nd instance	786	34,5%	310	476	39,4%	60,6%
Supreme Court	197	8,6%	57	140	28,9%	71,1%
Total	2 280		812	1 468	35,6%	64,4%



In this cycle, the total number of female professional judges (all instances) is 1 468, which represents 64,4% of the total number of judges.

The total number of judges is distributed among the different judicial instances in the following way: 1 297 are sitting in the first instance courts (of whom 852 are female); 786 are sitting in the second instance courts (of whom 476 are female) and 197 are sitting at the Supreme Court (of whom 140 are female).

Compared with the EU distribution of professional judges per instance, first instance judges are the most numerous, but they are less prevalent than in the EU. Conversely, the percentage of second instance judges is significantly higher than in the EU. At the Supreme Court level, there are more judges in Bulgaria compared with the EU median.

As regards the distribution of the number of judges among the different judicial instances, Bulgaria presents some peculiarities which should be mentioned. The number of first instance professional judges encompasses the judges of the first instance courts as follows - 113 district, 28 administrative, 3 military-district. Are counted as second instance judges, judges of the 28 regional/provincial, 5 appellate and the Military Court of Appeal. It is worth recalling here that the Regional courts have mixed competences as first and second instance for certain categories of cases, but given their predominant competences, they are categorized as courts of second instance. At third instance there are judges of the Supreme Court of Cassation and the Supreme Administrative Court.

As regards the distribution Male/Female, it has to be specified that female judges represent more than 60% at all three instances. Moreover, at the Supreme Court level, female judges constitute 71%.

Absolute number of professional judges by instance and matter

Professional judges 2024	Total	Civil and commercial	Criminal	Administrative	Other
1st instance	1 297	NA	NA	287	8
2nd instance	786	456	256	NAP	6
Supreme Court	197	62	30	104	NAP
Total	2 280	NA	NA	391	14

In Bulgaria, the distribution of judges by categories of cases is possible for administrative and other matters. For civil and criminal matters, this distribution can be carried out only at second and third instance, while this is not possible in respect of the 1297 first instance judges.

It should be mentioned that the total number of 786 second instance judges includes 68 junior judges for whom no information regarding specialisation is available.

Besides, regarding the Supreme Court of Cassation, the total number of 197 judges also encompasses the president of the court, for whom no information is available regarding specialisation.

The category "other" refers to military judges.

Distribution of professional judges by instance and matter

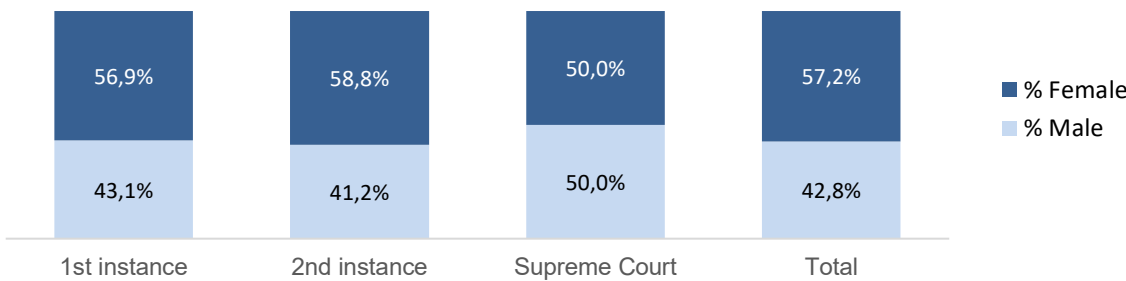
Distribution of Professional judges by instance and matter 2024	Civil and commercial	Criminal	Administrative	Other
1st instance	NA	NA	22,1%	0,6%
2nd instance	58,0%	32,6%	NAP	0,8%
Supreme Court	31,5%	15,2%	52,8%	NAP
Total	NA	NA	17,1%	0,6%

Court presidents

Absolute number of court presidents by instance and gender

Court presidents 2024	Total	Distribution by instance	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
1st instance	144	80,0%	62	82	43,1%	56,9%
2nd instance	34	18,9%	14	20	41,2%	58,8%
Supreme Court	2	1,1%	1	1	50,0%	50,0%
Total	180		77	103	42,8%	57,2%

Distribution of court presidents by gender and by instance in Bulgaria

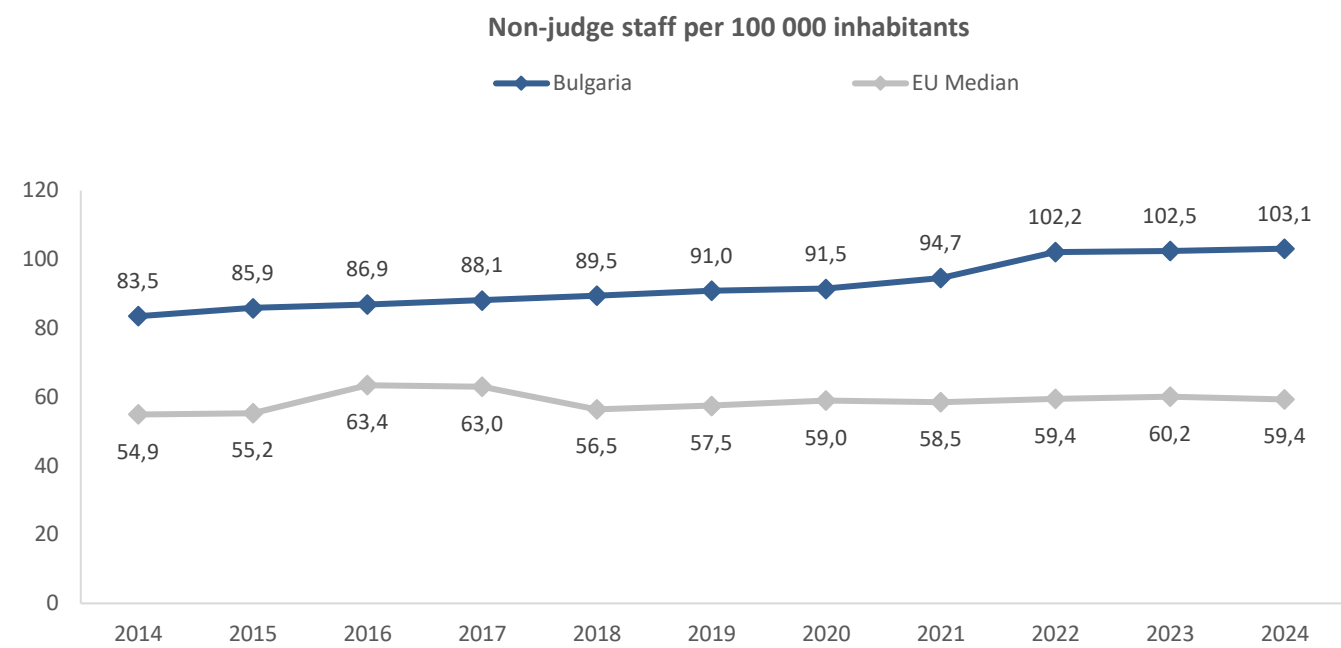


In this cycle, the total number of female court presidents (all instances) is 103, which represents 57,2% of the total number of court presidents.

The total number of court presidents is distributed among the different judicial instances in the following way: 144 are sitting in first instance courts (of whom 82 are female); 34 are sitting in second instance courts (of whom 20 are female) and 2 are sitting in Supreme Courts (of whom 1 is female).

Non-judge staff

Number of non-judge staff	Absolute Number	Per 100 000 inhabitants	
	Bulgaria	Bulgaria	EU Median
2014	6 014	83,5	54,9
2015	6 143	85,9	55,2
2016	6 174	86,9	63,4
2017	6 212	88,1	63,0
2018	6 262	89,5	56,5
2019	6 323	91,0	57,5
2020	6 329	91,5	59,0
2021	6 475	94,7	58,5
2022	6 587	102,2	59,4
2023	6 606	102,5	60,2
2024	6 640	103,1	59,4



In 2024, Bulgaria has 6 640 non-judge staff. The distribution by gender cannot be carried out. The total number of non-judge staff in comparison with the previous cycle reveals an increase of 0,5%.

In 2024, the number of non-judge staff per 100 000 inhabitants has increased (from 102,5 in 2023 to 103,1 in 2024).

During the same period, the number of judges per 100 000 inhabitants evolved from 34,7 judges per 100 000 inhabitants in 2023 to 35,4 in 2024.

Number of non-judge staff by category in 2024

	Absolute number	in %
Total	6 640	
Rechtspfleger	NAP	NAP
Non-judge staff assisting the judge	4 960	74,7%
Staff in charge of administrative tasks	1 010	15,2%
Technical staff	629	9,5%
Other	41	0,6%

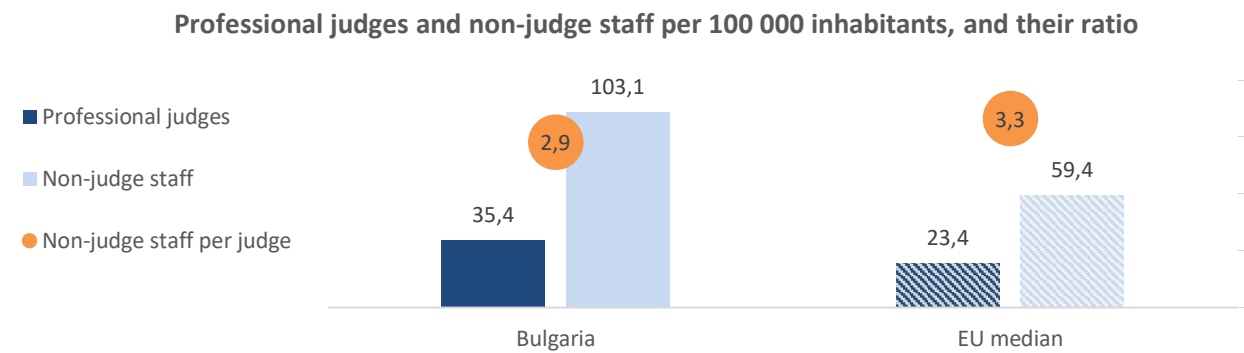
The category “other” encompasses the number of non-judge staff employees working in the recreational field.

The Judicial Administration Commission does not keep statistics of those who are trained, as well as of trainee judges. There are junior judges in the courts in the country, for whom Judicial Administration Commission has no relation, no data. Accordingly, the total number of judicial employees in the courts does not include trainee judges.

The Judges’ College of the Supreme Judicial Council does not maintain data on the gender distribution of non-judge staff in the courts.

Ratio between professional judges and non-judge staff

Per 100 000 inhabitants	Bulgaria	EU median
Professional judges	35,4	23,4
Non-judge staff	103,1	59,4
Non-judge staff per judge	2,9	3,3

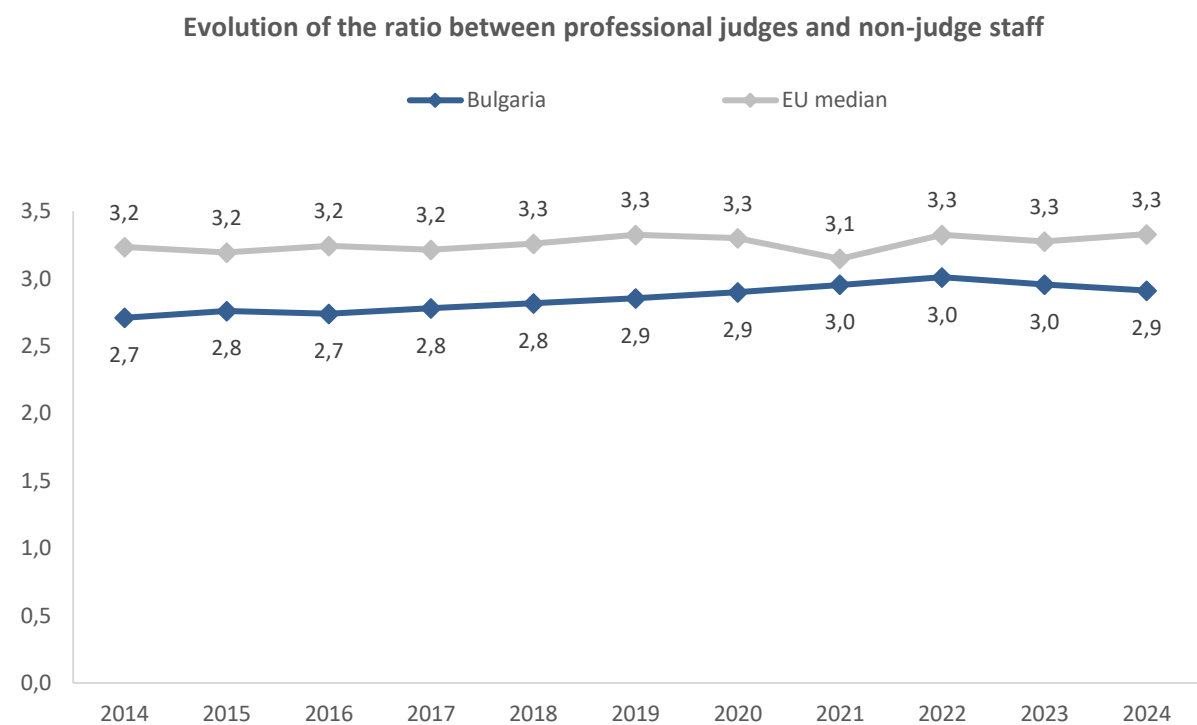


In Bulgaria, there are 35,4 professional judges per 100 000 inhabitants (this figure is above the EU median of 23,4 judges per 100 000 inhabitants) and about 2,9 non-judge staff per judge.

There is no significant difference compared with previous cycle when this ratio was at 3,0 non-judge staff per judge.

Evolution of the ratio between professional judges and non-judge staff

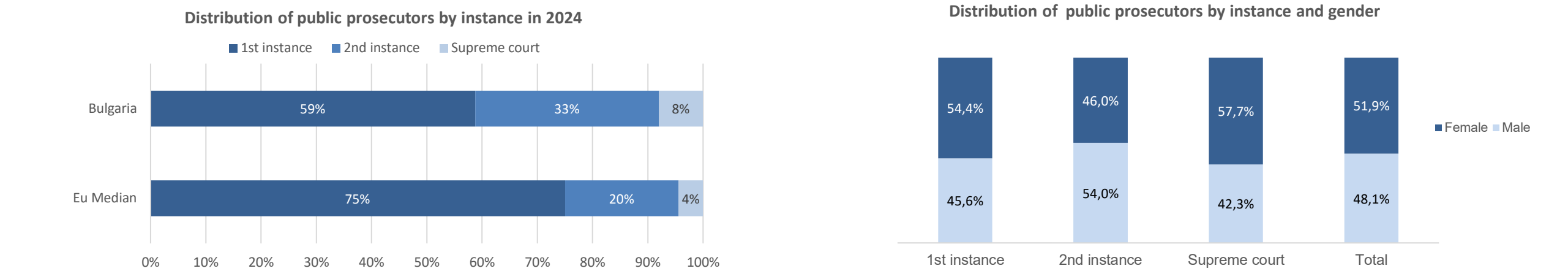
Cycle	Judges per 100 000 inh.	Non-judge staff per 100 000 inh.	Ratio between professional judges and non-judge staff	
	Bulgaria	Bulgaria	Bulgaria	EU median
2014	30,8	83,5	2,7	3,2
2015	31,1	85,9	2,8	3,2
2016	31,8	86,9	2,7	3,2
2017	31,7	88,1	2,8	3,2
2018	31,8	89,5	2,8	3,3
2019	31,9	91,0	2,9	3,3
2020	31,6	91,5	2,9	3,3
2021	32,1	94,7	3,0	3,1
2022	33,9	102,2	3,0	3,3
2023	34,7	102,5	3,0	3,3
2024	35,4	103,1	2,9	3,3



Public prosecutors

Absolute number of public prosecutors by instance and gender

2024	Total	Distribution by instance	Male	Female	Male	Female
1st instance	904	58,8%	412	492	45,6%	54,4%
2nd instance	511	33,2%	276	235	54,0%	46,0%
Supreme court	123	8,0%	52	71	42,3%	57,7%
Total	1 538		740	798	48,1%	51,9%



In this cycle, the total number of female prosecutors (all instances) is 798, which represents 51,9% of the total number of prosecutors.

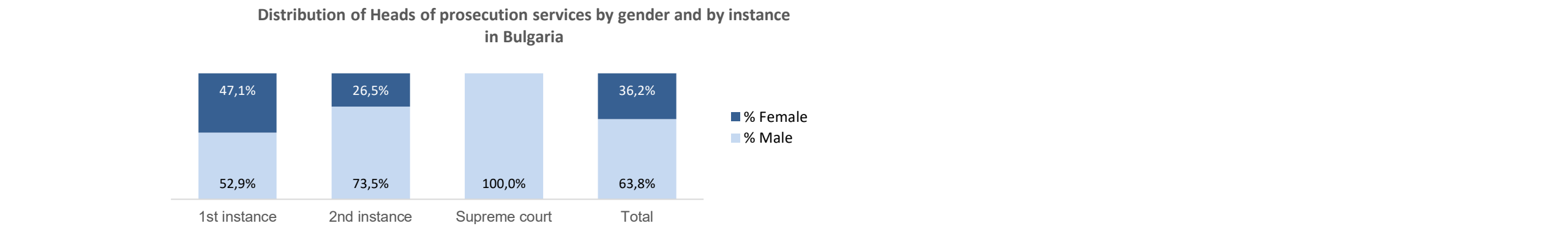
The total number of prosecutors is distributed among the different judicial instances in the following way: 904 in first instance (of whom 492 are female); 511 are in second instance (of whom 235 are female) and 123 in final instance (of whom 71 are female).

As regards the distribution male/female, it has to be specified that female public prosecutors do not constitute the majority only at second instance.

Heads of prosecution services

Absolute number of heads of prosecution services by instance and gender

Heads of prosecution services 2024	Total	Distribution by instance	Male	Female	% Male	% Female
1st instance	34	49,3%	18	16	52,9%	47,1%
2nd instance	34	49,3%	25	9	73,5%	26,5%
Supreme court	1	1,4%	1	0	100,0%	0,0%
Total	69		44	25	63,8%	36,2%



In this cycle, the total number of female heads of prosecution services (all instances) is 25, which represents 36,2% of the total number of heads of prosecution services.

The total number of heads of prosecution services is distributed among the different judicial instances in the following way: 34 at first instance level (of whom 16 are female); 34 at second instance level (of whom 9 are female) and one at the highest instance level who is male.

Non-prosecutor staff

Non-prosecutor staff	Total	Male	Female
2021	2 887	NA	NA
2022	2 956	NA	NA
2023	3 081	NA	NA
2024	2 998	NA	NA

The Prosecutors' College of the Supreme Judicial Council does not maintain data on the gender distribution of the prosecutor's office clerks (non-prosecutor staff) in the prosecutor's offices.

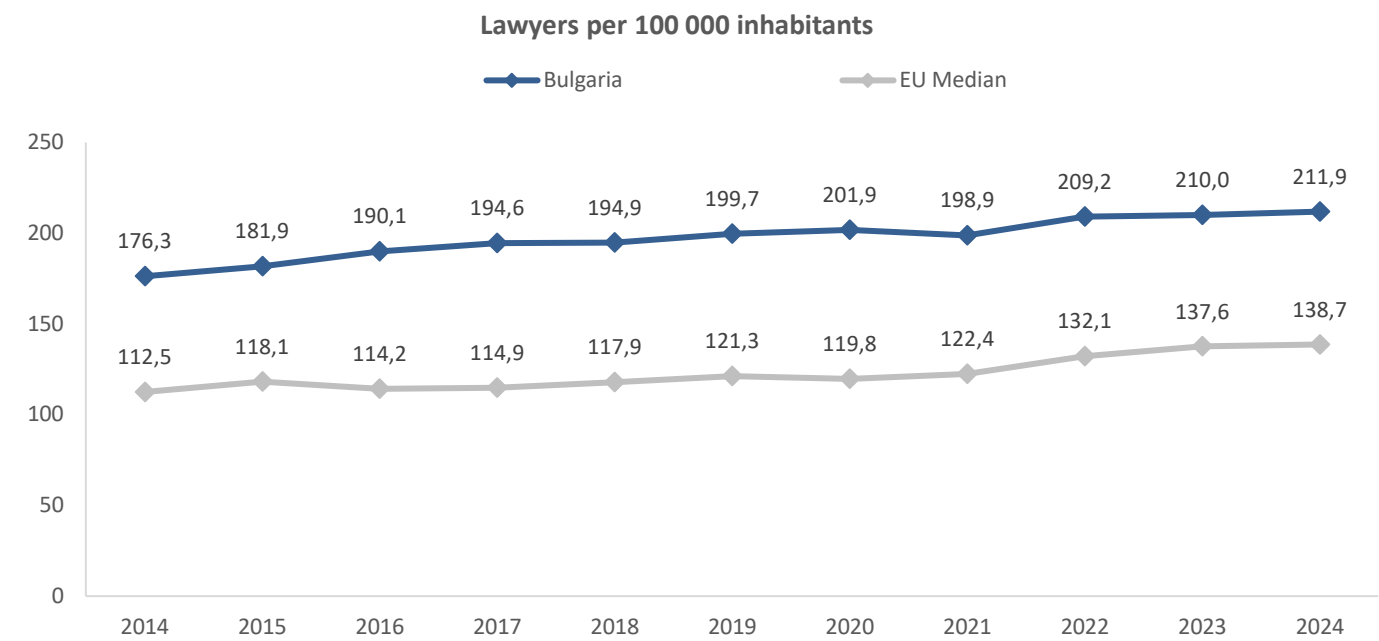
Ratio between non-prosecutor staff and public prosecutors



In 2024, in Bulgaria, the ratio between non-prosecutor staff and prosecutors of 1,9 was quite above the EU median of 1,1

Lawyers

Lawyers	Absolute Number	Per 100 000 inhabitants	
	Bulgaria	Bulgaria	EU Median
2014	12 696	176,3	112,5
2015	13 013	181,9	118,1
2016	13 500	190,1	114,2
2017	13 720	194,6	114,9
2018	13 640	194,9	117,9
2019	13 880	199,7	121,3
2020	13 964	201,9	119,8
2021	13 605	198,9	122,4
2022	13 487	209,2	132,1
2023	13 533	210,0	137,6
2024	13 641	211,9	138,7

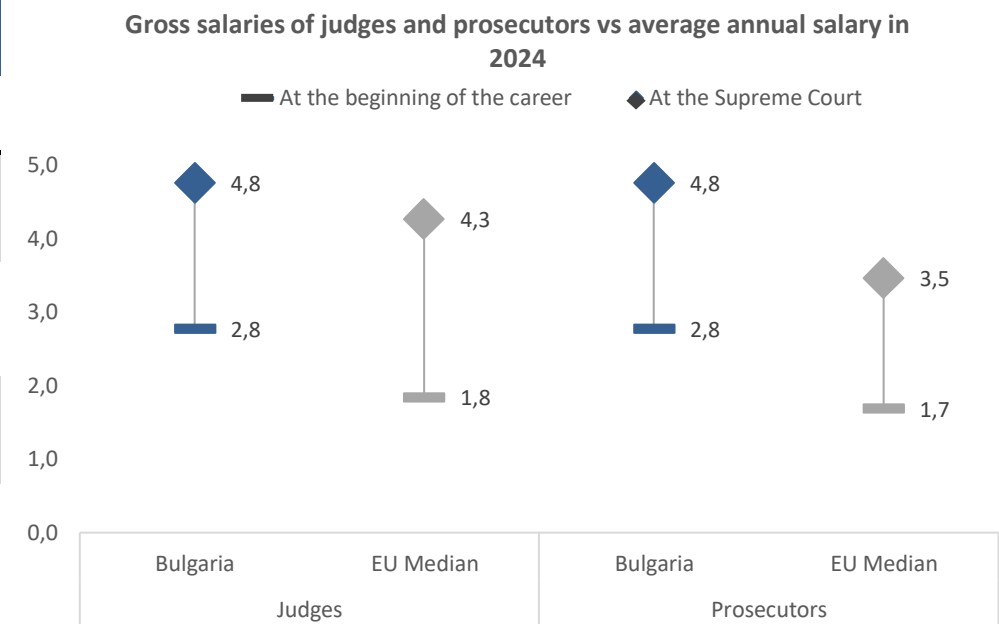


In 2024, there are 13 641 lawyers, which is 0,8% more than in 2023.
There are 7 197 female lawyers which is 53% of the total.

Bulgaria has 211,9 lawyers per 100 000 inhabitants, which is above the EU median of 138,7 lawyers per 100 000 inhabitants.

Salaries of professional judges and prosecutors at beginning of a career and at the highest instance

Salaries of professional judges and prosecutors	Average gross annual salary in €	Average net annual salary in €	Ratio with national average annual gross salary	
	Bulgaria	Bulgaria	Bulgaria	EU median
First instance professional judge at the beginning of his/her career	39 580€	35 622€	2,8	1,8
Judge of the Supreme Court or the Highest Appellate Court	67 914€	61 122€	4,8	4,3
Public prosecutor at the beginning of his/her career	39 580€	35 622€	2,8	1,7
Public prosecutor of the Supreme Court or the Highest Appellate Instance	67 914€	61 122€	4,8	3,5



In the European Union, the absolute gross salary of a judge at the beginning of career ranges from a minimum of 24 043€ to a maximum of 153 676€.

According to 2024 data, the absolute gross salary of a judge at the beginning of his/her career in Bulgaria is 39 580€, which is rather below the EU median of 61 347€ (-35% below).

Compared with the annual average salary in the country, the salary of a judge at the beginning of his/her career is 2,8 times higher (the EU median is 1,8).

At the highest level, the range of the EU absolute gross salary of a judge is from 54 719€ to 298 911€. Bulgaria's absolute gross salaries for judges at the highest level is -44% below the EU median of 121 591€

For the public prosecutors, the range for the absolute gross salary at the beginning of career is from a minimum of 24 043€ to a maximum of 106 135€.

In 2024, the absolute gross salary of a public prosecutor at the beginning of his/her career in Bulgaria of 39 580€ is rather below the EU median of 52 969€. (-25% below)

Compared with the annual average salary in the country, the salary of a public prosecutors at the beginning of his/her career is 2,8 times higher (the EU median is 1,7).

At the highest level, the minimum absolute gross salary of prosecutors in the European Union is 51 013€ and the maximum is 254 088€. Bulgaria's absolute gross salaries of prosecutors at the highest level is -28% below the EU median of 94 385€

The gross salary of a Supreme court judge is formed as the sum of the basic monthly salary for the position of "supreme judge or prosecutor" (BMSP) + Rank + Additional remuneration for time served. The rank and BMSP are determined according to the Classifier of positions in the administration of courts and prosecutors' offices, which are approved by decisions of the Judges' and the Prosecutors' College of the Supreme Judicial Council, respectively. The additional remuneration for time served which is determined as 2% of (BMSP+Rank) is added for each year of service in the judicial system.

3. System of compensating users in Bulgaria (2024 data)

System for compensating users

2024	Number of requests for compensation	Number of compensations granted	Total amount of compensations granted (in €)
Total	1 285	577	3 087 968 €
Excessive length of proceedings	828	346	714 184 €
Non-execution of court decisions	0	0	0 €
Wrongful arrest/detention	13	1	5 502 €
Wrongful conviction	399	228	2 241 839 €
Other	45	2	126 443 €

Year	Number of requests for compensation	Number of compensations granted	Total amount of compensations granted (in €)
2022	NA	NA	NA
2023	NA	NA	NA
2024	1 285	577	3 087 968 €

In the Republic of Bulgaria, there are two mechanisms for indemnification for damages.

1) The proceedings under the State and Municipalities Liability for Damages Act (SMLDA) which article 2 also regulates the liability of human rights bodies, including the prosecution service, whereby the state is liable for damage caused to citizens by the investigating authorities, the prosecution service or the court in the following cases: all cases of deprivation of liberty in violation of Article 5, § 1 of the ECHR; violation of rights protected by Article 5, § 2-4 of the Convention; charges for a crime if the person is found not guilty or if the criminal proceedings are dropped or the act has been amnestied; imposition of a penalty under the Criminal Code or an administrative penalty where the person is acquitted or the administrative penalty is annulled; application by the court of an administrative measure where its decision is annulled as unlawful; enforcement of a penalty imposed in excess of the specified term or amount; unlawful use of special intelligence means; an established violation committed by a pre-trial body through the disclosure of investigation materials in violation of the presumption of innocence or in a public statement in which the accused is presented as guilty; established violation of the rights of third parties under Section IX of Chapter Fourteen of the Criminal Procedure Code.

Claims under Article 2, paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be examined by the courts in accordance with the procedure established in the Civil Procedure Code.

Article 2b of SMLDA regulates the liability of the judicial authorities for violation of the right to have a case examined and decided within a reasonable time, in accordance with Article 6, §1 of the Convention. The courts shall determine the amount of compensation to be awarded on an equitable basis.

2) The second legal indemnification mechanism is based on Chapter 3 “a” of the Judicial System Act that provides for the examination of applications by citizens and legal entities against acts, actions or omissions of the judicial authorities that violate their right to have their case examined and decided within a reasonable time. Compensation for concluded or terminated proceedings shall be determined and paid in accordance with the practice of the ECtHR in an amount not exceeding BGN 10,000. Applications under paragraph 1 shall be submitted within six months of the conclusion of the relevant proceedings with a final act through the Inspectorate to the Supreme Judicial Council to the Minister of Justice. The Minister of Justice or a person authorised by him shall determine the amount of compensation (provided from the state budget) in accordance with the practice of the ECHR and shall propose the conclusion of an agreement with the applicant. A decision on the application shall be taken within six months of its receipt. Persons who have received compensation under this chapter may not seek compensation on the same grounds through the courts.

The table above presents data from both mechanisms.

4. Performance of courts in Bulgaria (2024 data)

• Efficiency indicators

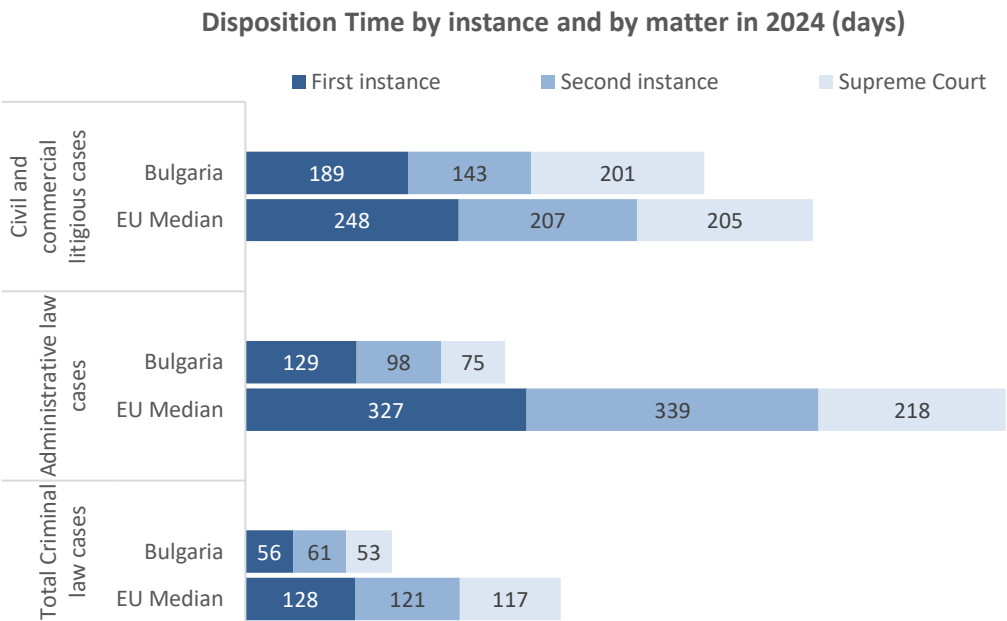
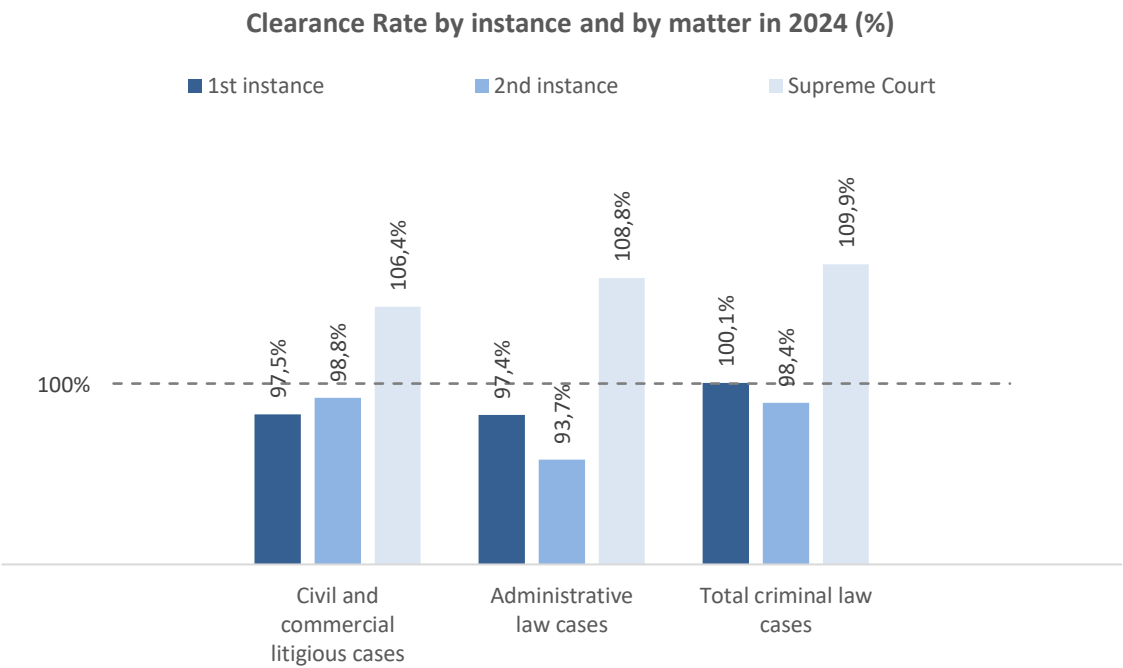
- Clearance Rate (CR) and Disposition Time (DT)

The Clearance Rate shows the capacity of a judicial system to deal with the incoming cases. A Clearance Rate of 100% and higher does not generate backlog.

The Disposition Time determines the estimated number of days necessary for a pending case to be solved in a court.

Overall efficiency by instance and by case matter

Overall efficiency by instance and by case matter		Civil and commercial litigious cases		Administrative law cases		Total criminal law cases	
		Bulgaria	EU Median	Bulgaria	EU Median	Bulgaria	EU Median
Clearance Rate (%)	1st instance	97,5%	97,8%	97,4%	96,5%	100,1%	98,8%
	2nd instance	98,8%	100,8%	93,7%	98,4%	98,4%	99,5%
	Supreme Court	106,4%	104,1%	108,8%	108,5%	109,9%	98,3%
Disposition Time (days)	1st instance	189	248	129	327	56	128
	2nd instance	143	207	98	339	61	121
	Supreme Court	201	205	75	218	53	117



In 2024, judicial proceedings in Bulgaria appear to be the shortest in the field of criminal law, in line with the EU trend. By contrast, civil proceedings prove to be the longest, which differs from the situation in the EU, where administrative proceedings are the least efficient.

It is important to highlight that in all matters and all instances, the Disposition time indicator is below the respective EU medians, the discrepancy being very often significant.

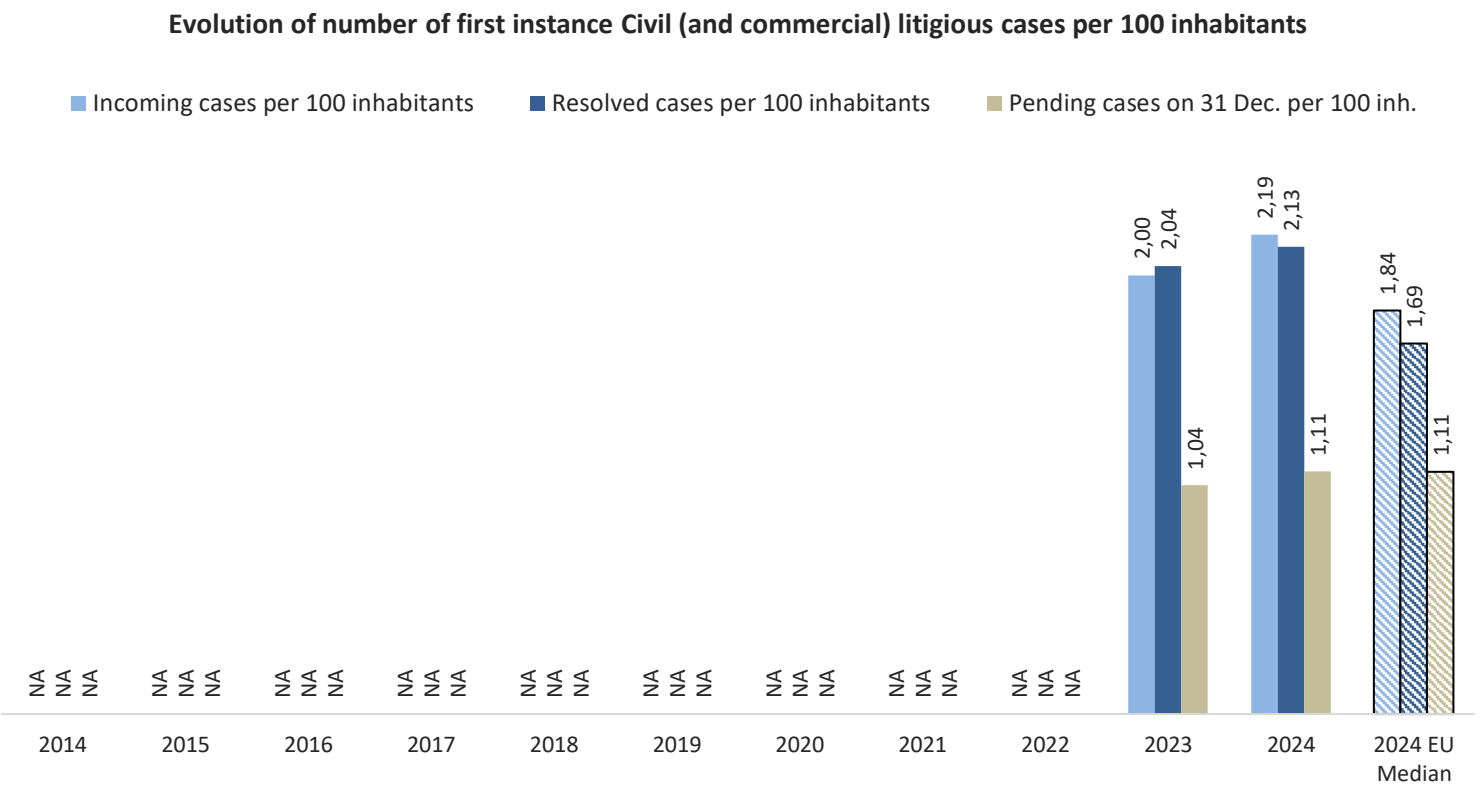
As to the Clearance rate indicator, it appears problematic only with regard to second instance administrative cases, but despite the 94%, the Disposition time remains very low for this case category (only 98 days, the EU median being of 339 days). As a matter of fact, the highest ratio of pending cases to the cases subject to consideration, as well as the ratio of pending cases at the end of the year to the total number of pending cases from the courts, are demonstrated by Administrative Court-Haskovo with 37% and 6% respectively, Administrative Court-Lovech (34% and 4%), Administrative Court-Ruse (32% and 5%), Administrative Court-Blagoevgrad (25% and 7%). After reviewing the data from these courts in the annual reports for 2024, it was found that their pendency is due to the fact that for the large part of the appeal cases, the proceedings have been suspended to wait for the CJEU decision on a preliminary ruling and because most of the cases were submitted in the last quarter of 2024.

The Supreme courts (cassation and administrative) register a Clearance rate above 105% in all three legal fields.

First instance Civil (and commercial) litigious cases

◦ Incoming, resolved and pending cases

First instance Civil (and commercial) litigious cases	Incoming cases per 100 inhabitants	Resolved cases per 100 inhabitants	Pending cases on 31 Dec. per 100 inh.
2014	NA	NA	NA
2015	NA	NA	NA
2016	NA	NA	NA
2017	NA	NA	NA
2018	NA	NA	NA
2019	NA	NA	NA
2020	NA	NA	NA
2021	NA	NA	NA
2022	NA	NA	NA
2023	2,00	2,04	1,04
2024	2,19	2,13	1,11
2024 EU Median	1,84	1,69	1,11



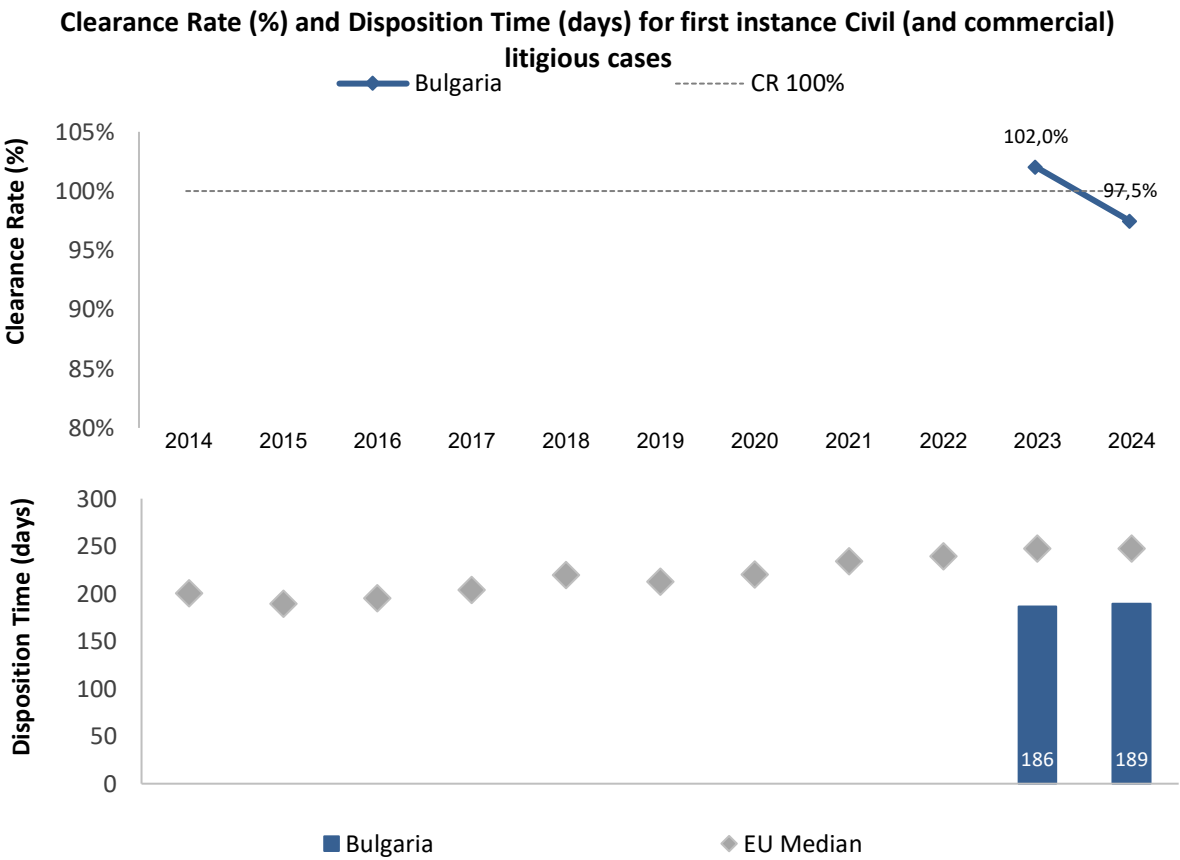
The number of incoming cases in 2024 in Bulgaria (2,19 per 100 inhabitants) is slightly above the EU median (1,84 per 100 inhabitants).

Similarly, the number of resolved cases in 2024 in Bulgaria (2,13 per 100 inhabitants) is somewhat above the EU median (1,69 per 100 inhabitants).

The number of pending cases at the end of 2024 in Bulgaria (1,11 per 100 inhabitants) constitutes the EU median.

◦ Clearance Rate and Disposition Time

First instance Civil (and commercial) litigious cases	Clearance Rate (%)		Disposition Time (days)	
	Bulgaria	EU Median	Bulgaria	EU Median
2014	NA	101,8%	NA	201
2015	NA	102,3%	NA	190
2016	NA	102,0%	NA	196
2017	NA	101,3%	NA	204
2018	NA	101,2%	NA	220
2019	NA	99,9%	NA	213
2020	NA	98,5%	NA	221
2021	NA	102,5%	NA	234
2022	NA	100,5%	NA	239
2023	102,0%	96,6%	186	247
2024	97,5%	97,8%	189	248



With a Clearance Rate calculated at 97,5% in 2024 Bulgaria seems to be able to deal with its first instance civil (and commercial) litigious cases.

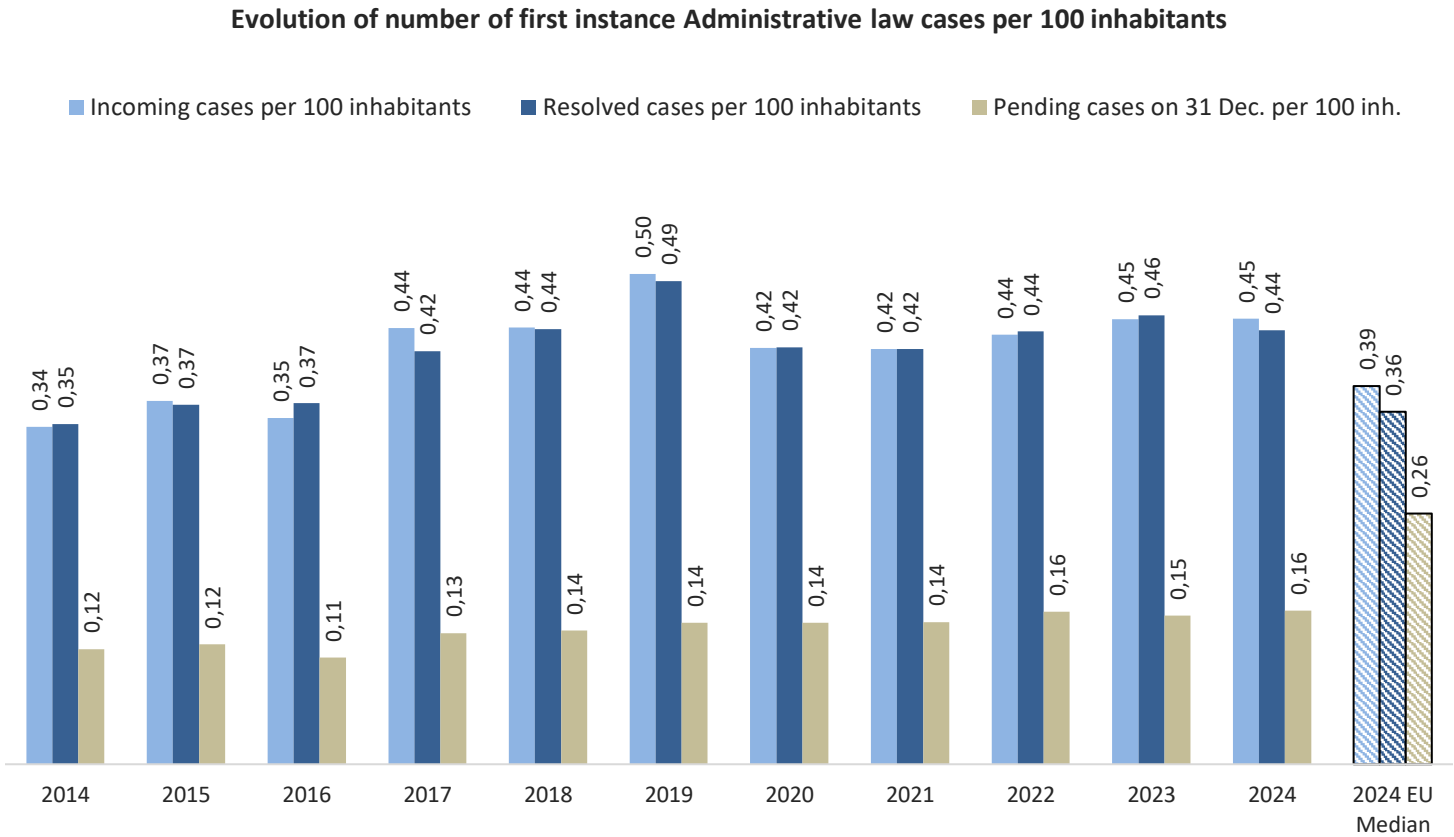
Between 2023 and 2024, the Clearance Rate has decreased by -4,6 points.

In 2024, first instance civil (and commercial) litigious cases are solved in approximately 189 days, which is somewhat below the EU median of 248 days. This was a 1,6% increase of

First instance Administrative law cases

◦ Incoming, resolved and pending cases

First instance Administrative law cases	Incoming cases per 100 inhabitants	Resolved cases per 100 inhabitants	Pending cases on 31 Dec. per 100 inh.
2014	0,34	0,35	0,12
2015	0,37	0,37	0,12
2016	0,35	0,37	0,11
2017	0,44	0,42	0,13
2018	0,44	0,44	0,14
2019	0,50	0,49	0,14
2020	0,42	0,42	0,14
2021	0,42	0,42	0,14
2022	0,44	0,44	0,16
2023	0,45	0,46	0,15
2024	0,45	0,44	0,16
2024 EU Median	0,39	0,36	0,26



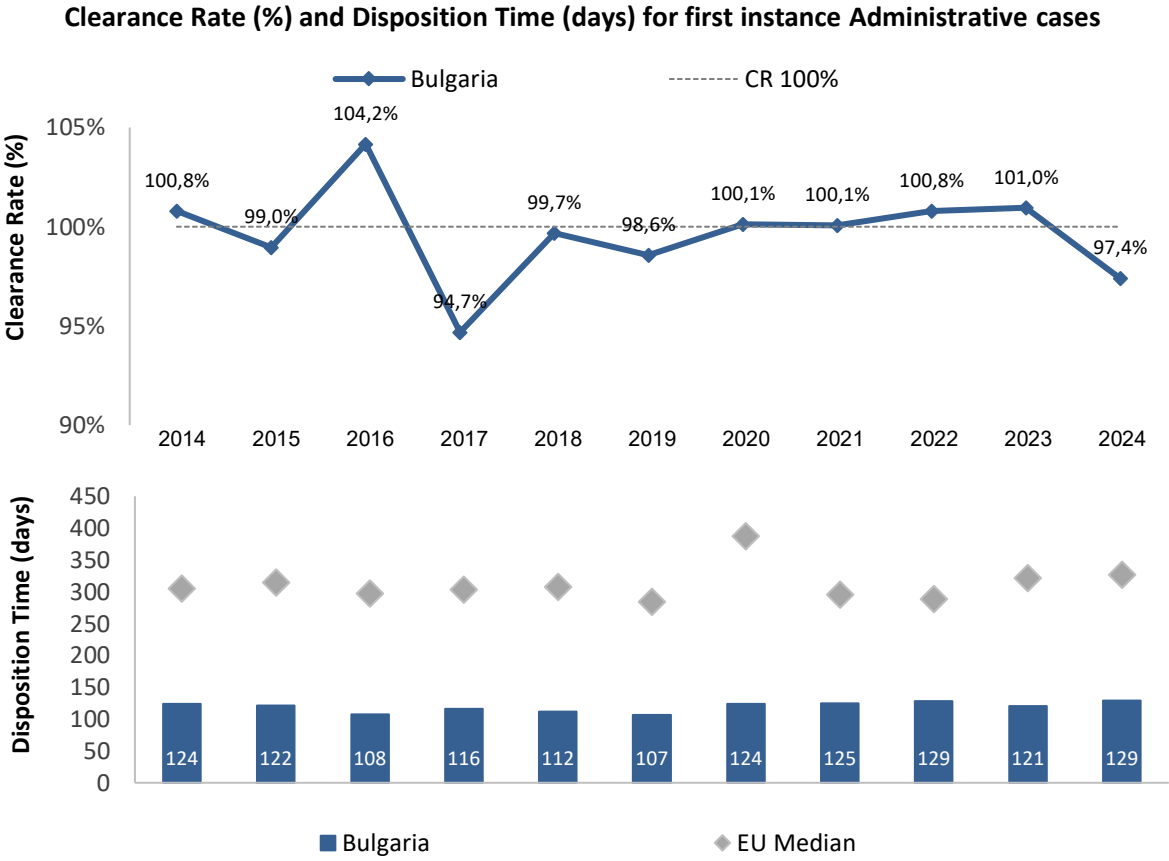
The number of incoming administrative cases in 2024 in Bulgaria (0,45 per 100 inhabitants) is slightly above the EU median (0,39 per 100 inhabitants).

The same observation applies to the resolved administrative cases which number in 2024 in Bulgaria (0,44 per 100 inhabitants) is somewhat above the EU median (0,36 per 100 inhabitants).

The number of pending administrative cases at the end of 2024 in Bulgaria (0,16 per 100 inhabitants) is somewhat below the EU median (0,26 per 100 inhabitants).

◦ Clearance Rate and Disposition Time

First instance Administrative law cases	Clearance Rate (%)		Disposition Time (days)	
	Bulgaria	EU Median	Bulgaria	EU Median
2014	100,8%	99,6%	124	305
2015	99,0%	103,7%	122	315
2016	104,2%	103,0%	108	297
2017	94,7%	102,1%	116	303
2018	99,7%	99,7%	112	308
2019	98,6%	102,1%	107	284
2020	100,1%	100,1%	124	388
2021	100,1%	101,7%	125	296
2022	100,8%	98,8%	129	288
2023	101,0%	100,9%	121	322
2024	97,4%	96,5%	129	327



With a Clearance Rate calculated at 97,4% in 2024 Bulgaria seems o be able to deal with its first instance administrative law cases.

Between 2023 and 2024, the Clearance Rate has decreased by -3,6 points.

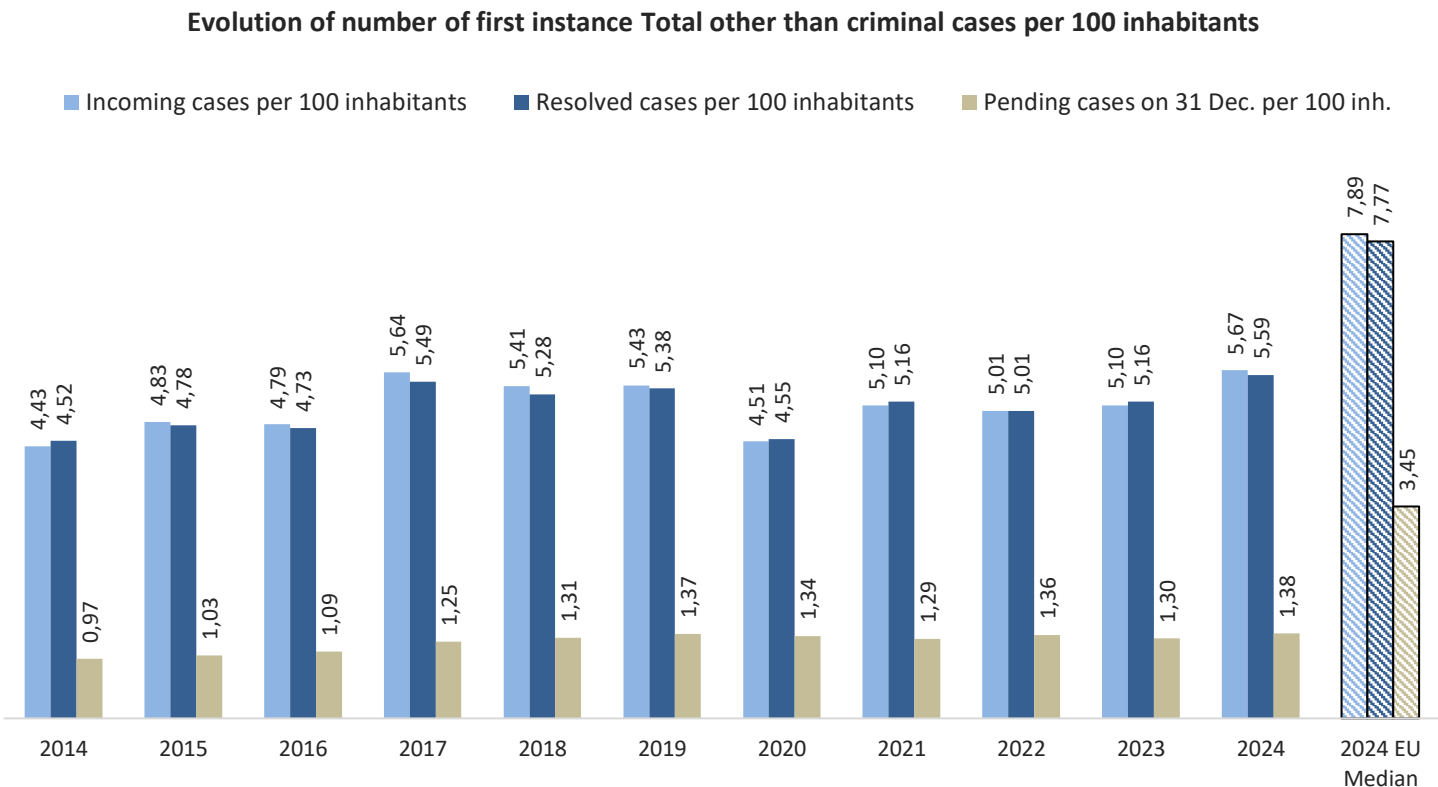
In 2024, first instance administrative law cases are solved in approximately 129 days, which is significantly below the EU median of 327 days.

The analysis of the 2023 - 2024 period reveals a 7,2% increase of the Disposition Time.

First instance Total of other than criminal cases

◦ Incoming, resolved and pending cases

First instance Total other than criminal cases	Incoming cases per 100 inhabitants	Resolved cases per 100 inhabitants	Pending cases on 31 Dec. per 100 inh.
2014	4,43	4,52	0,97
2015	4,83	4,78	1,03
2016	4,79	4,73	1,09
2017	5,64	5,49	1,25
2018	5,41	5,28	1,31
2019	5,43	5,38	1,37
2020	4,51	4,55	1,34
2021	5,10	5,16	1,29
2022	5,01	5,01	1,36
2023	5,10	5,16	1,30
2024	5,67	5,59	1,38
2024 EU Median	7,89	7,77	3,45



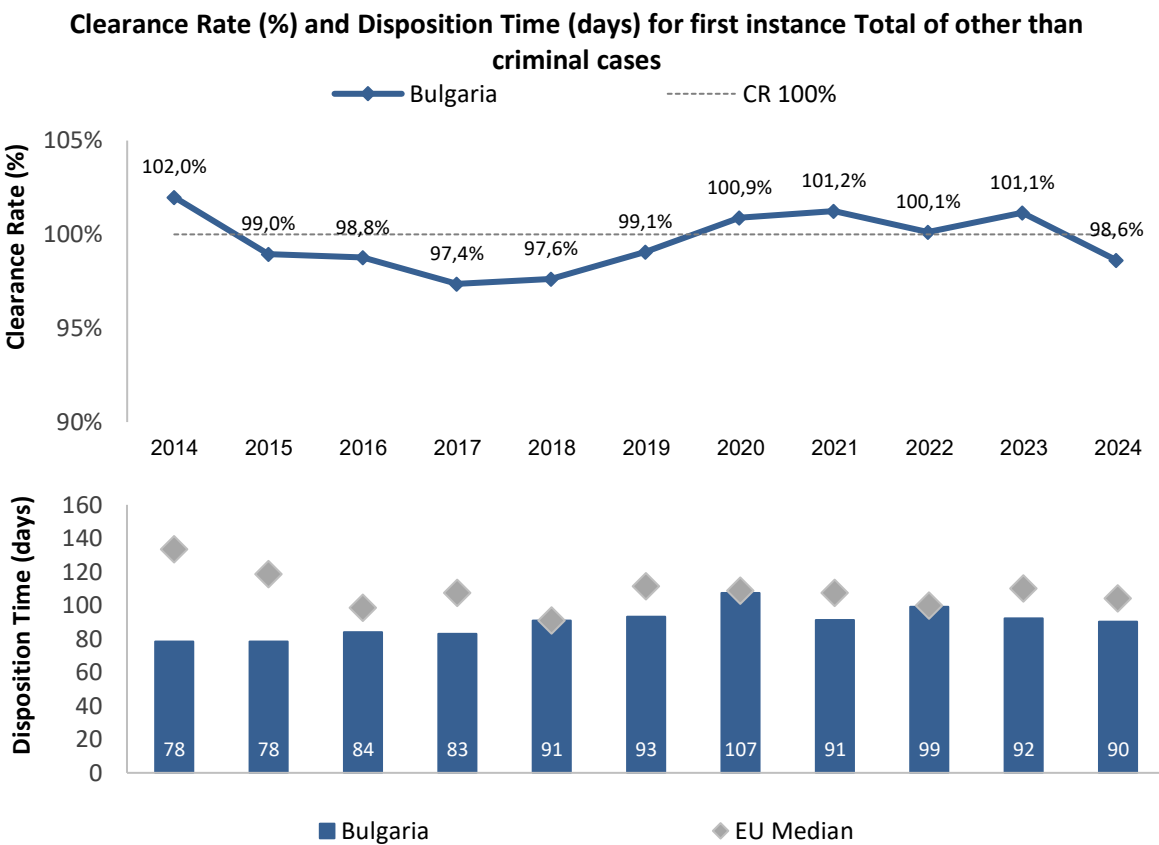
The number of incoming cases in 2024 in Bulgaria (5,67 per 100 inhabitants) is below the EU median (7,89 per 100 inhabitants).

Similarly, the number of resolved cases in 2024 in Bulgaria (5,59 per 100 inhabitants) is somewhat below the EU median (7,77 per 100 inhabitants).

As to the number of pending cases at the end of 2024 in Bulgaria (1,38 per 100 inhabitants), it is significantly below the EU median (3,45 per 100 inhabitants).

◦ Clearance Rate and Disposition Time

First instance Total other than criminal cases	Clearance Rate (%)		Disposition Time (days)	
	Bulgaria	EU Median	Bulgaria	EU Median
2014	102,0%	101,9%	78	133
2015	99,0%	101,0%	78	119
2016	98,8%	101,5%	84	98
2017	97,4%	100,6%	83	107
2018	97,6%	100,6%	91	91
2019	99,1%	99,8%	93	111
2020	100,9%	98,7%	107	109
2021	101,2%	101,2%	91	107
2022	100,1%	99,8%	99	100
2023	101,1%	99,9%	92	110
2024	98,6%	99,2%	90	104



With a Clearance Rate calculated at 98,6% in 2024 Bulgaria seems to be able to deal with its other than criminal cases.

Between 2023 and 2024, the Clearance Rate has decreased by -2,5 points.

In 2024, other than criminal cases are solved in approximately 90 days, which is slightly below the EU median of 104 days.

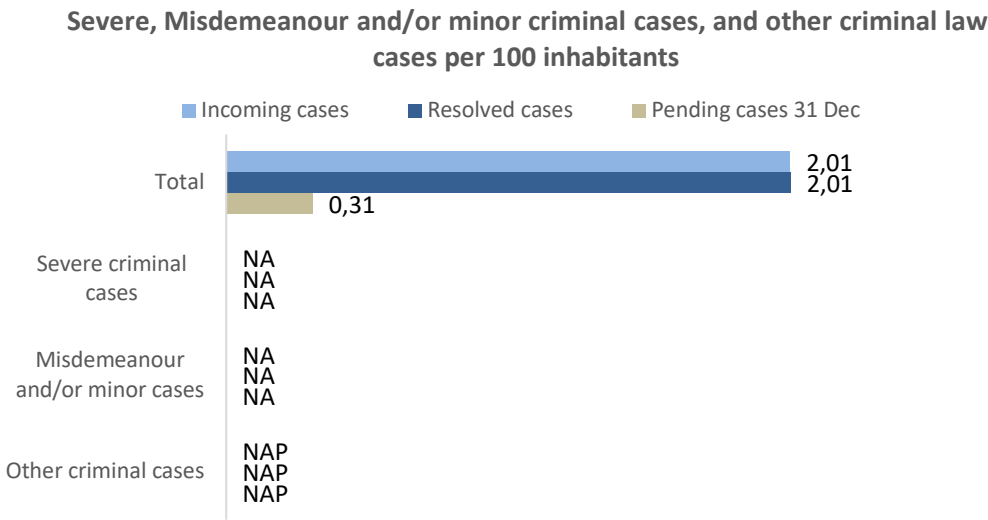
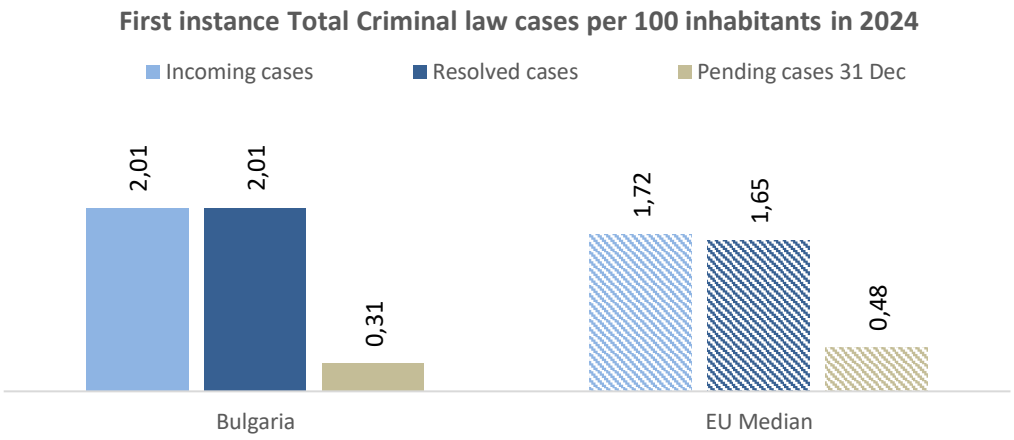
The analysis of the 2023 - 2024 period reveals a -2,1% decrease of the Disposition Time.

First instance Criminal Law Cases

◦ Incoming, resolved and pending cases

First instance Criminal Law Cases	Pending cases 1 Jan	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases 31 Dec
Total	19 856	129 305	129 382	19 779
Severe criminal cases	NA	NA	NA	NA
Misdemeanour and/or minor cases	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other criminal cases	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP

First instance Criminal Law Cases Per 100 inh.	Pending cases 1 Jan	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases 31 Dec
Total	0,31	2,01	2,01	0,31
Severe criminal cases	NA	NA	NA	NA
Misdemeanour and/or minor cases	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other criminal cases	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP



The number of total incoming criminal cases in 2024 in Bulgaria (2,01 per 100 inhabitants) is slightly above the EU median (1,72 per 100 inhabitants).

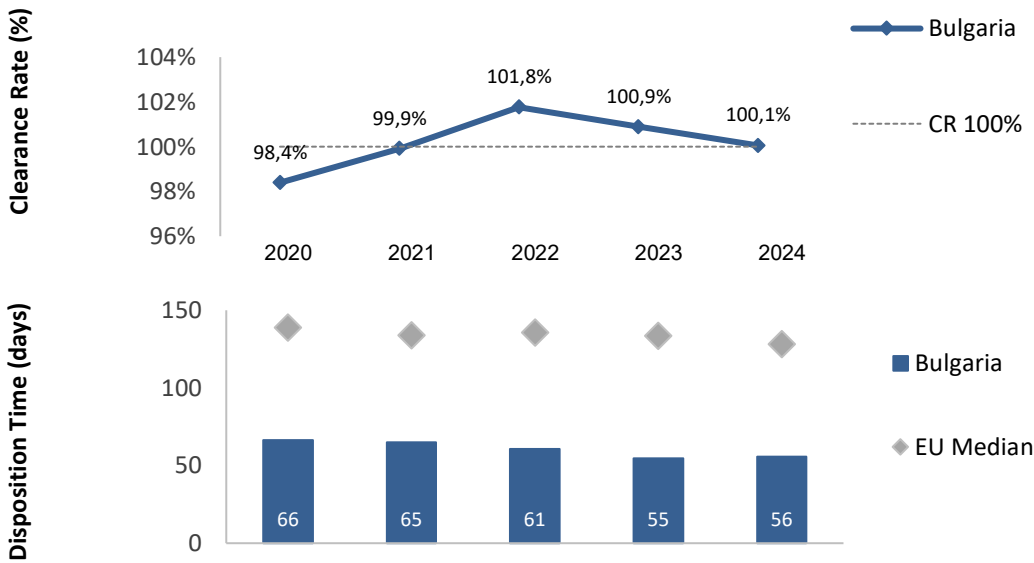
Similarly, the number of total resolved criminal cases in 2024 in Bulgaria (2,01 per 100 inhabitants) is also somewhat above the EU median (1,65 per 100 inhabitants).

On the other hand, the number of total pending criminal cases at the end of 2024 in Bulgaria (0,31 per 100 inhabitants) is somewhat below the EU median (0,48 per 100 inhabitants).

◦ Clearance Rate and Disposition Time

First instance Total criminal law cases	Clearance Rate (%)		Disposition Time (days)	
	Bulgaria	EU Median	Bulgaria	EU Median
2020	98,4%	95,2%	66	139
2021	99,9%	100,0%	65	134
2022	101,8%	100,0%	61	136
2023	100,9%	99,6%	55	134
2024	100,1%	98,8%	56	128

Clearance Rate (%) and Disposition Time (days) for First Instance Total criminal law cases



With a Clearance Rate calculated at 100,1% in 2024 Bulgaria seems to deal efficiently with its first instance total criminal law cases.

Between 2023 and 2024, the Clearance Rate has decreased by -0,8 points.

In 2024, first instance total criminal law cases are solved in approximately 56 days, which is significantly below the EU median of 128 days.

The analysis of the 2023 - 2024 period reveals a 2,0% increase of the Disposition Time.

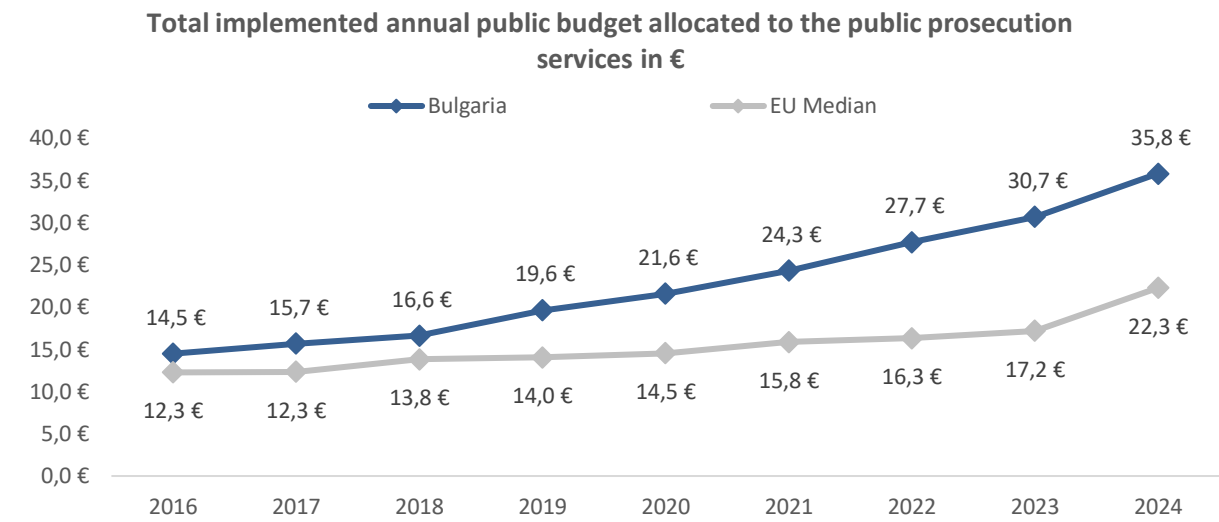
It is worth mentioning that for most of the crimes, the Bulgarian Criminal Code provides for a deprivation of liberty, which makes the distinction between severe and minor offences hard to be made. The offences could be divided into two categories: common offences and offences subject to private prosecution. For the common offences, the search of responsibility is subordinated to the common regime (there is a public interest concerned or public interest and personal goods). Such are the crimes against individuals (homicide, grievous or intermediate bodily harm, rape, fornication and etc.), crimes against the property (the list is not exhaustive). As to the offences subject to private prosecution, the criminal proceedings are initiated upon a complaint by the affected person (personal interests of the affected person, and usually the affected person and the perpetrator are close relatives). Those offences have a lower degree of public danger and affect less the rights of the concerned person. Such offences are the minor bodily injury, the insult, the slander and etc.

The category "Total criminal cases" includes all criminal cases - criminal cases of a general nature, criminal cases of a private nature, cases of exemption from criminal liability with the imposition of an administrative penalty in accordance with Art. 78a of the Criminal Code, private criminal cases, interrogation and administrative-criminal cases heard by the first instance courts.

5. Public prosecution services in Bulgaria (2024 data)

Public prosecution implemented budget

Total implemented annual public budget allocated to the public prosecution services in €	Absolute Number	Per inhabitant	
	Bulgaria	Bulgaria	EU Median
2016	102 876 460 €	14,5 €	12,3 €
2017	110 387 845 €	15,7 €	12,3 €
2018	116 412 630 €	16,6 €	13,8 €
2019	136 392 502 €	19,6 €	14,0 €
2020	149 281 332 €	21,6 €	14,5 €
2021	166 149 076 €	24,3 €	15,8 €
2022	178 508 426 €	27,7 €	16,3 €
2023	197 617 281 €	30,7 €	17,2 €
2024	230 482 904 €	35,8 €	22,3 €



The Prosecutor's Office prepares a consolidated budget for all units, namely district, regional, military-regional, appellate, military-appellate prosecutor's offices, the administration of the European delegated prosecutors, training and rest bases and submits it to the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC). Pursuant to Article 361 of the Judicial System Act, the budget of the PRB includes all revenues from the activity, maintenance costs, relations with the central budget and other budgets. The Plenum of the SJC organizes the execution of the budget of the judiciary through the Inspectorate of the SJC, the Supreme Court of Cassation, the Supreme Administrative Court, the courts, the Prosecutor General and the National Institute of Justice. The PRB is a second-level budget manager and all units of the PRB system are third-level budget managers. For third-level managers, the budget manager is the relevant manager. The Law on the State Budget of the Republic of Bulgaria adopts the budget of the judiciary, including the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Bulgaria. By decree of the Council of Ministers, the main parameters and Guidelines for the implementation of the budget are given. During the calendar year, the Prosecutor General submits proposals for updating to the Budget and Finance Committee of the SJC.

Implemented annual public budget allocated to training of public prosecution services in € (included in the total)	Absolute Number	Per inhabitant	
	Bulgaria	Bulgaria	EU Median
2020	3 646 €	0,001 €	0,011 €
2021	9 569 €	0,001 €	0,022 €
2022	7 224 €	0,001 €	0,015 €
2023	9 353 €	0,001 €	0,024 €
2024	8 510 €	0,001 €	0,045 €

The implemented annual public budget allocated for training of the prosecution services corresponds to the actual expenses for training at cash level as at 31 December 2024 is indicated.

Public prosecution caseflow: Number of first instance criminal cases

Public prosecution caseflow: Number of first instance criminal cases	Absolute Number *		Per 100 inhabitants	
	Bulgaria	% Variation 2023 - 2024	Bulgaria	Eu Median
1. Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	4 163	▼ -1,1%	0,06	0,90
2. Incoming/received cases	95 026	▼ -0,5%	1,48	3,01
3. Processed cases (3.1 + 3.2 + 3.3 + 3.4)	159 670	▼ -9,3%	2,48	3,08
3.1. Discontinued during the reference year	132 258	▼ -10,9%	2,05	2,17
3.1.1 Discontinued by the public prosecutor because the offender could not be identified	NAP	NAP	NAP	0,76
3.1.2 Discontinued by the public prosecutor due to the lack of an established offence or a specific legal situation	98 006	▼ -13,8%	1,52	1,00
3.1.3 Discontinued by the public prosecutor for reasons of opportunity	NAP	NAP	NAP	0,16
3.1.4 Discontinued for other reasons	34 252	▼ -1,5%	0,53	0,32
3.2. Concluded by a penalty or a measure imposed or negotiated by the public prosecutor	NAP	NAP	NAP	0,19
3.3. Cases brought to court	27 412	▼ -0,8%	0,43	0,57
4. Pending cases on 31 Dec. ref. year	4 055	▼ -2,6%	0,06	0,97

* Please note that these figures include traffic offence cases.
“1. 1. Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year”: pre-trial proceedings (PTP) pending with the prosecutor on 1 January of the reference year, where the investigation has been completed by an investigating body and sent to the prosecutor.

“2. Incoming/received cases”: PTP for which an investigation by an investigative body was completed during the reference year and sent to the prosecutor for adjudication.

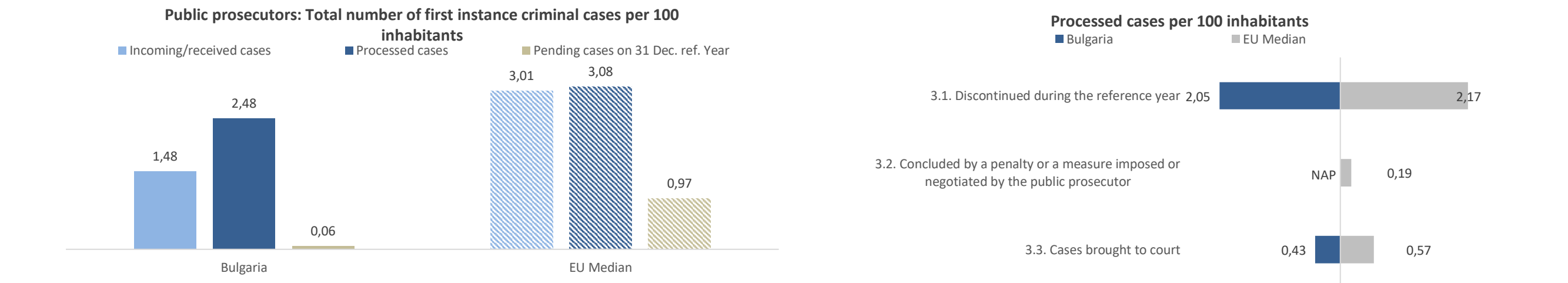
“3. Processed cases”: PTP disposed by a prosecutor, i.e., decided by the prosecutor either by an act of referral to court or by an act of discontinuance of pre-trial proceedings and PTP decided by the prosecutor by an act of suspension or referral to another prosecutor's office. Cases suspended and sent to the prosecutor's office are counted as decided by the prosecutor's office, but provisionally, not on the merits. It should be borne in mind that PTPs suspended by limitation and PTPs sent to the competent prosecutor's office are counted as resolved, so their number is included under the indicator 'Processed cases (3.1+3.2+3.3)', but not under the indicator 'Incoming/received cases'.

“3.1.2. Discontinued by the public prosecutor due to the lack of an established offence or a specific legal situation”: PTP terminated because the act was not committed or did not constitute a crime, as well as PTPs terminated due to statute of limitations;

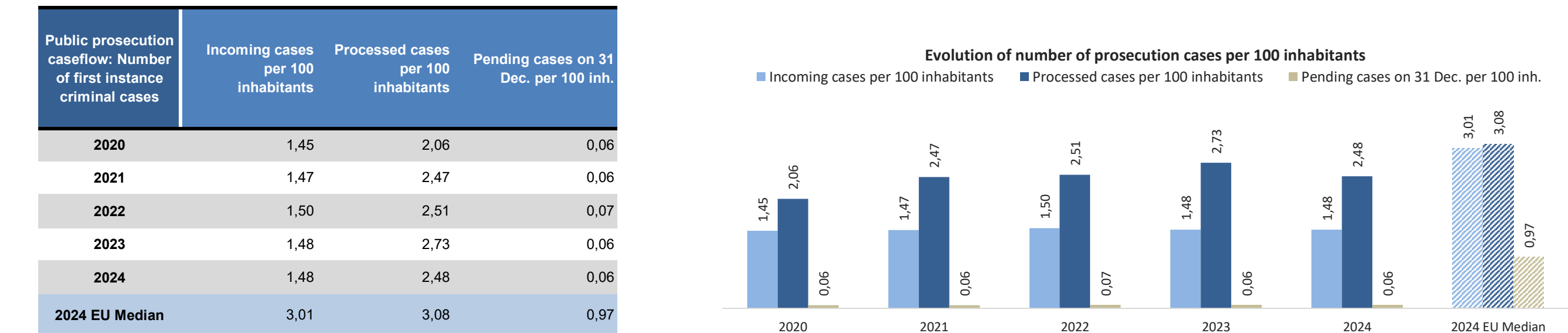
“3.1.4. Discontinued for other reasons”, PTP discontinued/suspended and PTP sent by competence during the reporting period. This indicator (3.1.4.) reflects the total number of discontinued/suspended cases, without distinguishing between those discontinued due to failure to identify the perpetrator and those discontinued against a known perpetrator on other grounds.

“3.3. Cases brought to court”: PTP brought to court with a prosecutor's report during the reference year. In the official statistical reporting of the PRB, a criminal case is reported as brought to court if at least one prosecutorial act has been submitted to the court. However, more than one prosecutorial act may be submitted to the court in relation to a single pre-trial proceeding (e.g. an agreement in relation to one person and an indictment in relation to the other defendants). The prosecutorial acts submitted give rise to court cases in which prosecutors participate in court hearings, including when a proposal has been submitted to settle the case by agreement.

“4. Pending cases on 31 Dec. ref. year”: PTP remaining with the prosecutor for resolution as of 31 December of the reference year, where the investigation has been concluded by an investigating authority and sent to the prosecutor.



Evolution of incoming, processed and pending cases



The number of incoming cases in 2024 in Bulgaria (1,48 per 100 inhabitants) is significantly below the EU median (3,01 per 100 inhabitants).

The number of resolved cases in 2024 in Bulgaria (2,48 per 100 inhabitants) is slightly below the EU median (3,08 per 100 inhabitants).

The number of pending cases at the end of 2024 in Bulgaria (0,06 per 100 inhabitants) is significantly below the EU median (0,97 per 100 inhabitants).

As explained above, the statistics of the Bulgarian prosecution services present some peculiarities which affect the consistency of the data communicated as well as their comparability. Namely, the category "resolved cases" also includes suspended cases which have not been decided by the prosecutor's office on the merits, but only provisionally. However, these cases dealt with by the prosecutors only on a temporary basis are not counted as "Incoming/received cases". This explains the higher number of resolved cases compared to the number of incoming cases, as well as the low number of pending cases.

6. Mediators and notaries in Bulgaria (2024 data)

Number of mediators in 2024

The information about the number of registered court-related mediators is not available. The total number of mediators registered in the Unified Register of Mediators, maintained by the Ministry of Justice until 31.12.2024, is 4844, including 925 mediators registered in 2024. Data on the gender of mediators is not available.

According to the Mediation Act (article 8), a mediator may be only a legally capable person who meets the following requirements:

- 1. has not been convicted for criminal offenses at public law;
 - 2. has successfully undergone a course for mediators;
 - 3. has not been deprived of the right to exercise a profession or conduct an activity;
 - 4. has a permit for long-term or permanent residence in the Republic of Bulgaria, in the event the person is a foreign national;
 - 5. has been entered in the Uniform Register of Mediators with the Minister of Justice.
- (2) The requirement under paragraph 1, item 4 does not apply to nationals of member-states of the European Union, the other states from the European Economic Area and Switzerland.
- (3) The Minister of Justice or an official from the Ministry empowered thereby shall issue a certificate to the mediator ascertaining his/her entering in the Uniform Register of Mediators.

Eligibility for mediators with regard to a court mediation centre shall be limited to persons with legal education who meet the requirements of Article 8 (1) herein and have undergone additional selection and specialist training. Lists of the mediators with the court mediation centres shall be kept at the regional courts. No fee shall be charged for entry of mediators on the lists.

Number of notaries in 2024

Notaries	Absolute Number	Per 100 000 inhabitants	
	Bulgaria	Bulgaria	EU Median
Total	743	11,5	7,2
1.Private professionals	NAP	NAP	NA
2.Holders of public offices appointed by the State	743	11,5	7,4
3.Civil servants	NAP	NAP	1,6
4.Other	NAP	NAP	11,2

In 2024, there are 743 notaries which represents 11,5 notaries per 100 000 inhabitants.

The Notaries and Notarial Practice Act regulates the legal status of notaries and of the Notary Chamber, the organisation of the notarial practice and notarial fees. Notaries are private persons who are entrusted by the State with the performance of notarial acts as provided for in the laws. They are independent in the performance of their duties and comply solely with the law. The Minister of Justice exercises control over the practice of each notary as to the implementation of the law and the Statute of the Notary Chamber of Bulgaria. The Council of Notaries also has the power to monitor compliance with the obligations of the notaries and the assistant notaries, and may take part through its representatives in disciplinary proceedings against such notaries and assistants in the prescribed cases. The notary procedures are stipulated by the Civil Procedure Code (Articles 569-594).

7. ICT tools of courts in Bulgaria (2024 data)

The ICT questions

In 2024, the answers to the ICT questions are the following:

Writing assistance tools

Deployment rate
Usage rate

Civil and/or commercial	Administrative	Criminal
95-100 %	95-100 %	95-100 %
95-100 %	95-100 %	95-100 %

Features of the writing assistance tools

Templates
Automatically generated text
Automatically suggested decision
Speech-to-text
Electronic signature
Other special functionality

Civil and/or commercial	Administrative	Criminal
Yes	Yes	Yes
No	No	No
No	No	No
Yes	Yes	Yes
No	No	No
No	No	No

It should be noted that the Supreme Court of Cassation indicated "electronic signature". Besides, except those mentioned in the table the Supreme Administrative Court indicated "automatically generated text".

Concerning the option "Speech to text", by decision under Protocol No. 25/29.09.2023, the Plenum of the Supreme Judicial Council approved and implemented in all judicial bodies the software created under the project "Development and implementation in the judicial system of software for accelerated creation and reproduction of acts and other documents through dictation and automatic conversion of voice recording into text /voice-to-text/ and accompanying processing systems", according to which the SJC is a beneficiary in a contract financed under the Operational Program "Good Governance" 2014-2020.

The "voice-to-text" (V2T) system is a tool for digitization and allows magistrates instead of manually typing their acts, to dictate and receive automatically typed text, allowing for quick formatting, searching and bolding words, referencing, annotation and other options for additional text processing and references to all key segments of the acts. The software for accelerated creation and reproduction of acts and other documents through dictation and automatic conversion of voice recording into text /voice-to-text/ is of the "artificial intelligence" type. It was developed using the "deep neural networks" method and of key importance for its effectiveness was training through voice recordings of words, through audio recordings of judicial and prosecutorial acts, that correspond to maximum extent to the real use of terminology in judicial practice. The system supports the following file formats: WAV (Waveform audio), *.wav; AIFF (Audio Interchange File Format), *.aif; FLAC (Free Lossless Audio Codec), *.flac; MP3 (MPEG Audio-1 Layer 3), *.mp3; AAC (Advanced Audio Coding), *.m4a, *.m4b, *.m4p, *.m4v, *.m4r, *.3gp, *.mp4, *.aac; WMA (Windows Media Audio), *.wma; OGG (Vorbis), *.ogg. The supported text formats are: MS Word, *.doc, *.docx; Rich Text Format, *.rtf; Plain Text Format, *.txt; Portable Document Format, *.pdf.

With regard to the option "Templates", the Unified Information System of Courts (UISC) contains templates for judicial acts, such as decisions, orders, rulings, etc. As an example of how it works, we provide the steps for the preparation of a decision. After the judge enters the specific hearing and selects the necessary act, a window is generated in the UISC, where only the motivation and dispositive parts of the act are entered. After filling in the necessary fields and sequentially selecting the buttons "record", "prepare an act" and "send for signature", the complete decision is generated. This also applies to other types of acts, i.e. the judge does not write the title part, but only the motivation and dispositive parts.

Recording of court hearings

Deployment rate
Usage rate

Civil and/or commercial	Administrative	Criminal
95-100 %	95-100 %	95-100 %
95-100 %	95-100 %	95-100 %

Features of the recording of court hearings

Audio recording
Video recording
Systematic recording for all hearings
Automatically indexed recording
Automatic transcript from recording
Possibility to request a copy of the recording
Other special functionality

Civil and/or commercial	Administrative	Criminal
Yes	Yes	Yes
No	No	No
No	No	No
No	No	No
No	No	No
No	No	No
No	No	No

8. Systems for measuring and evaluating the performance of courts and public prosecution services in Bulgaria
(2024 data)

In Bulgaria, quality standards are determined for the judicial system at national level (e.g. quality systems for the judiciary and/or judicial quality policies). Specialised personnel within the courts and the public prosecution services is entrusted with implementation of these national level quality standards.

The Inspectorate to the Supreme Judicial Council checks the organization of the initiation and movement of judicial, prosecutorial and investigative cases, as well as the closing of cases within the established terms and in case of violations, signals the administrative head of the relevant body of the judiciary and the relevant College of the Supreme Judicial Council; sends signals, proposals and reports to other state bodies, including the competent bodies of the judiciary; examines applications against violation of the right to examine and resolve cases within reasonable time.

The Judges' College of the SJC annually analyses and reports the degree of workload of the bodies of the judiciary; requests and summarizes every 6 months information from the courts about their activity; resolves questions about the organization of the activity of the relevant system of judicial authorities; adopts rules for the allocation of cases between the judges who consider cases allocated according to Art. 9, para. 3, in order to equalize their total workload; determines the number of judicial officers according to the degree of workload on the proposal of or after agreement with the administrative heads of the bodies of the judiciary and may open new and lays off positions.

The Plenary of the SJC, on the proposal of one of the Colleges, after coordination with the administrative heads of the bodies of the judiciary, determines the number of judges, prosecutors and investigators in all courts, prosecutor's offices and investigative departments according to the degree of workload; hears and accepts the annual reports of the bodies of the judiciary under Art. 84, item 16 of the Constitution.

According to Art. 84 of the Constitution of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Parliament hears and accepts the annual report of the Prosecutor General submitted by the SJC. According to Art. 30 of the Judicial System Act, the Plenum of the SJC hears and accepts this annual report.

The Directive on the control activity of the Prosecutor's Office approved by the Prosecutor General/ chief prosecutor is aimed at ensuring the exact and uniform application of the laws in the performance of the functional duties of the prosecutors and investigators. The Directive regulates the conditions, order and procedures for carrying out control activities through audits, checks and analyzes of the work of the prosecutor's offices, the National Investigation Service, as well as individual prosecutors and investigators, outside of the institutional and official verification of the legality of their acts.

Systems for measuring and evaluating courts' performance

A regular monitoring system of court activities is in place concerning:

Number of incoming cases	✓	Satisfaction of users (regarding the services delivered by the courts)	✗
Length of proceedings (timeframes)	✓	Costs of the judicial procedures	✗
Number of resolved cases	✓	Number of appeals	✓
Number of pending cases	✓	Appeal ratio	✓
Backlogs	✓	Clearance rate	✗
Productivity of judges and court staff	✗	Disposition time	✗
Satisfaction of court staff	✗	Other	✓

Pursuant to Art. 54 of the Judiciary System Act, the Inspectorate to the Supreme Judicial Council checks the organization of the administrative operation of the courts, prosecution offices and investigating authorities; checks the arrangements made for the institution and progress of court, prosecutorial and investigative cases, as well as the disposal thereof within the established time limits; analyses and summarises the cases that have been closed by an effective judicial act, as well as the closed files and cases of prosecutors and investigators, by adopting a procedure for regular reporting and publishing of the results of the analysis and summarising the closed cases; in the presence of conflicting case-law, the existence of which has been found in carrying out the activity under Art. 54 (1), item 3 of the JSA, it shall alert the competent authorities of the need to request the rendition of interpretative judgements or interpretative decrees; carry out integrity testing and examinations for conflict of interest of judges, prosecutors and investigators, verifications of the financial interests disclosure declarations, as well as checks for identifying actions damaging the prestige of the Judiciary and such related to impairment of the independence of judges, prosecutors and investigators; examine applications against an infringement of the right to have a case examined and disposed of within a reasonable time; draw up an annual program for scheduled inspections and an annual report on the activity thereof, which it shall submit to the Plenum of the Supreme Judicial Council; adopt a template for reporting the completion of cases within the statutory time limits when carrying out its activity under Art. 54 (1), item 2 of the JSA after consultations with the Supreme Judicial Council; summarise annually the good and bad practices regarding the observance of the ethical rules in accordance with the relevant European and international standards in connection with the abovementioned checks and shall provide the information to the Colleges of the Supreme Judicial Council.

The ISJC carries out its inspections based on an annual program for the respective calendar year (planned inspections), upon signals and upon self-referral. The ISJC prepares an annual report on its activities, which is presented to the plenum of the Supreme Judicial Council and is considered by the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Quantitative performance targets do not exist for judges. ✗

Without disciplinary procedure

Warning by court's president	NAP
Temporary salary reduction	NAP
Reflected in the individual assessment	NAP
Other	NAP

With disciplinary procedure

Warning by court's president	NAP
Temporary salary reduction	NAP
Reflected in the individual assessment	NAP
Other	NAP

Systems for measuring and evaluating public prosecution services' performance

A regular monitoring system of public prosecution services activities is in place concerning:

Number of incoming cases	✓	Satisfaction of users (regarding the services delivered by the public prosecution)	✗
Length of proceedings (timeframes)	✓	Costs of the judicial procedures	✗
Number of resolved cases	✓	Clearance rate	✓
Number of pending cases	✓	Disposition time	✓
Backlogs	✓	Percentage of convictions and acquittals	✓
Productivity of prosecutors and prosecution staff	✓	Other	✓
Satisfaction of prosecution staff	✗		

In Bulgaria, there is a system to regularly evaluate the activity of each public prosecutor both quantitatively and qualitatively.

Quantitative performance targets do not exist for public prosecutors. ✗

Without disciplinary procedure

Warning by head of prosecution	✗
Temporary salary reduction	✗
Reflected in the individual assessment	✗
Other	✗

With disciplinary procedure

Warning by head of prosecution	✗
Temporary salary reduction	✗
Reflected in the individual assessment	✗
Other	✗

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
Table General Data: Economic and demographic data, in absolute values (Q1, Q3, Q5)													
Q1 Number of inhabitants	7 202 198	7 153 784	7 101 859	7 050 034	7 000 039	6 951 482	6 916 548	6 838 937	6 447 710	6 445 481	6 437 360	-10,6%	-0,1%
Q.3 GDP Per capita (in €) in current prices	5 808	6 152	6 645	7 099	7 855	8 779	8 845	9 868	13 271	14 580	16 102	177,2%	10,4%
Q5. Exchange rate of Nat currency to € on 1 Jan	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0,0%	0,0%
Indicator 1: Systems for measuring and evaluating the performance of courts and prosecution services													
(Q66, Q67, Q77, Q78, Q77-1, Q78-1, Q73, Q73-0, Q73-1, Q73-2, Q73-3, Q73-4, Q73-5, Q73-6, Q70, Q70-1, Q71, Q72, Q83-2, Q83-3, Q120 and Q120-1)													
66 Qlty standards formulated_jud system	No	No	False	False	False	False	True	True	True	True	True		
67 Specialised court staff entrusted_qlty standards	No	No	False	False	False	False	True	True	True	True	True		
070.1.1 number of incoming cases	Yes	Yes	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	True		
070.1.2 length of proceedings (timeframes)	Yes	Yes	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	True		
070.1.3 number of resolved cases	Yes	Yes	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	True		
070.1.4 number of pending cases					True	True	True	True	True	True	True		
070.1.5 backlogs					False	True	True	True	True	True	True		
070.1.6 productivity of judges and court staff					False	False	False	False	False	False	False		
070.1.7 satisfaction of court staff					False	False	False	False	False	False	False		
070.1.8 satisfaction of users (regarding the services delivered by the courts)					False	False	False	False	False	False	False		
070.1.9 costs of the judicial procedures					False	False	False	False	False	False	False		
070.1.10 number of appeals					True	True	True	True	True	True	True		
070.1.11 appeal ratio					False	True	False	False	False	True	True		
070.1.12 clearance rate					False	True	False	False	False	False	False		

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
070-1.1.1 Number of incoming cases							True	True	True	True	True		
070-1.1.2 Length of proceedings (timeframes)							True	True	True	True	True		
070-1.1.3 Number of resolved cases							True	True	True	True	True		
070-1.1.4 Number of pending cases							True	True	True	True	True		
070-1.1.5 Backlogs							True	True	True	True	True		
070-1.1.6 Productivity of prosecutors and prosecution staff							False	False	True	True	True		
070-1.1.7 Satisfaction of prosecution staff							False	False	False	False	False		
070-1.1.8 Satisfaction of users (regarding the services delivered by the public prosecution)							False	False	False	False	False		
070-1.1.9 Costs of the judicial procedures							False	False	False	False	False		
070-1.1.10 Clearance rate							False	True	True	True	True		
070-1.1.11 Disposition time							False	True	True	True	True		
070-1.1.12 Percentage of convictions and acquittals							True	True	True	True	True		
070-1.1.13 Other							False	True	False	True	True		
071.1.1 Monitoring backlogs in Civil law cases							True	True	True	True	True		
071.1.2 Monitoring backlogs in Criminal law cases							True	True	True	True	True		
071.1.3 Monitoring backlogs in Administrative law cases							True	True	True	True	True		
072.1.1 Monitoring timeframes Within the courts							False	False	False	False	True		
072.1.2 Monitoring timeframes Within the public prosecution services							False	False	False	False	True		
083-2.1.1 Quantitative performance tagets defined for each prosecutors							False	False	False	False	False		
083-3.1.1 Body responsible - Executive power (for example the Ministry of Justice)							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP		
083-3.1.2 Body responsible - Prosecutor General /State public prosecutor							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP		
083-3.1.3 Body responsible - Public Prosecutorial Council							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP		
083-3.1.4 Body responsible - Head of the organisational unit or hierarchically superior public prosecutor							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP		
083-3.1.5 Body responsible - Other							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP		
120.1.1 Qualitative individual assessment of the public prosecutors' work									-	-	-		
120-1.1.1 Feequency - Annual							False	False	False	False	False		
120-1.1.2 Feequency - Less frequent							True	True	False	False	False		
120-1.1.3 Feequency - More frequent							False	False	False	False	False		

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
Indicator 2: The judicial organisation													
(Q42, Q43 and Q44)													
Q42.1.1Total number of all courts - legal entities							182	182	180	180	180	-	0,0%
Q42.1.2 Total number of courts of general jurisdiction - legal entities							147	147	147	147	147	-	0,0%
Q42.1.3 First instance courts of general jurisdiction - legal entities	113	113	113	113	113	113	113	113	113	113	113	0,0%	0,0%
Q42.1.4 Second instance courts of general jurisdiction - legal entities							33	33	33	33	33	-	0,0%
Q42.1.5 Highest instance courts of general jurisdiction - legal entities							1	1	1	1	1	-	0,0%
Q42.1.6 Total number of specialised courts - legal entities							35	35	33	33	33	-	0,0%
43.1.1 Total number of specialised courts of first instance	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	31	31	31	-3,1%	0,0%
43.1.2 Commercial courts (excluded insolvency courts)	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.1.3 Insolvency courts	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.1.4 Labour courts	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.1.5 Family courts	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.1.6 Rent and tenancies courts	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.1.7 Enforcement of criminal sanctions courts	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.1.8 Fight against terrorism, organised crime and corruption	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.1.9 Internet related disputes	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.1.10 Administrative courts	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	0,0%	0,0%
43.1.11 Insurance and / or social welfare courts	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.1.12 Military courts	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0,0%	0,0%
43.1.13 Juvenile courts							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.1.14 Other specialised courts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
43.2.1 Total number of specialised courts of higher instances							3	3	2	2	2	-	0,0%
43.2.2 Commercial courts (excluded insolvency courts)							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.2.3 Insolvency courts							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.2.4 Labour courts							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.2.5 Family courts							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.2.6 Rent and tenancies courts							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.2.7 Enforcement of criminal sanctions courts							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.2.8 Fight against terrorism, organised crime and corruption							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.2.9 Internet related disputes							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.2.10 Administrative courts							1	1	1	1	1	-	0,0%
43.2.11 Insurance and / or social welfare courts							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.2.12 Military courts							1	1	1	1	1	-	0,0%
43.2.13 Juvenile courts							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
43.2.14 Other specialised courts							1	1	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
44.1.1 First instance courts geographic locations							145	145	145	145	145	-	0,0%
44.1.2 All courts geographic locations	168	175	182	182	182	182	182	182	181	183	183	8,9%	0,0%

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
Indicator 3: The performance of courts at all stages of the proceedings													
First instance other than criminal cases (Q91)													
91.1.1 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)	76 155	69 865	73 159	77 396	82 931	91 896	95 459	92 645	88 192	87 849	84 057	10,4%	-4,3%
91.1.2 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Civil (and commercial) litigious cases	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	69 909	67 676	-	-3,2%
91.1.3 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)			NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	7 911	7 052	-	-10,9%
91.1.4 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	7 870	7 029	-	-10,7%
91.1.5 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)			NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	41	23	-	-43,9%
91.1.6 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Non litigious land registry cases	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
91.1.7 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Non-litigious business registry cases	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
91.1.8 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Other registry cases			NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	41	23	-	-43,9%
91.1.9 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Other non-litigious cases			NA	NAP	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
91.1.10 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Administrative law cases	8 642	8 460	8 759	7 743	9 426	9 509	9 999	9 932	10 244	10 029	9 329	7,9%	-7,0%
91.1.11 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Other cases (e.g. insolvency registry cases)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-
91.2.1 1st inst courts_Incoming cases_Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)	319 414	345 327	340 272	397 399	378 948	377 325	312 117	348 759	322 794	328 867	365 138	14,3%	11,0%
91.2.2 1st inst courts_Incoming cases_Civil (and commercial) litigious cases	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	129 124	140 858	-	9,1%
91.2.3 1st inst courts_Incoming cases_Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)			NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	170 521	195 034	-	14,4%
91.2.4 1st inst courts_Incoming cases_General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	170 231	194 726	-	14,4%
91.2.5 1st inst courts_Incoming cases_Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)			NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	290	308	-	6,2%
91.2.6 1st inst courts_Incoming cases_Non litigious land registry cases	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
91.2.7 1st inst courts_Incoming cases_Non-litigious business registry cases	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
91.2.8 1st inst courts_Incoming cases_Other registry cases			NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	290	308	-	6,2%
91.2.9 1st inst courts_Incoming cases_Other non-litigious cases			NA	NAP	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
91.2.10 1st inst courts_Incoming cases_Administrative law cases	24 757	26 472	25 072	31 333	31 146	34 724	29 349	28 924	28 217	29 222	29 246	18,1%	0,1%

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
91.2.11 1st inst courts_Incoming cases_Other cases (e.g. insolvency registry cases)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-
91.3.1 1st inst courts_Resolved cases_Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)	325 754	341 715	336 056	386 923	369 915	373 760	314 849	353 084	323 177	332 640	360 095	10,5%	8,3%
91.3.2 1st inst courts_Resolved cases_Civil (and commercial) litigious cases	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	131 762	137 288	-	4,2%
91.3.3 1st inst courts_Resolved cases_Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)			NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	171 377	194 321	-	13,4%
91.3.4 1st inst courts_Resolved cases_General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	171 069	194 019	-	13,4%
91.3.5 1st inst courts_Resolved cases_Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)			NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	308	302	-	-1,9%
91.3.6 1st inst courts_Resolved cases_Non litigious land registry cases	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
91.3.7 1st inst courts_Resolved cases_Non-litigious business registry cases	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
91.3.8 1st inst courts_Resolved cases_Other registry cases			NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	308	302	-	-1,9%
91.3.9 1st inst courts_Resolved cases_Other non-litigious cases			NA	NAP	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
91.3.10 1st inst courts_Resolved cases_Administrative law cases	24 955	26 196	26 117	29 666	31 044	34 226	29 388	28 946	28 442	29 501	28 486	14,1%	-3,4%
91.3.11 1st inst courts_Resolved cases_Other cases (e.g. insolvency registry cases)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-
91.4.1 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)	69 815	73 477	77 375	87 872	91 964	95 461	92 727	88 320	87 809	84 076	89 100	27,6%	6,0%
91.4.2 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Civil (and commercial) litigious cases	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	67 271	71 246	-	5,9%
91.4.3 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)			NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	7 055	7 765	-	10,1%
91.4.4 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	7 032	7 736	-	10,0%
91.4.5 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)			NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	23	29	-	26,1%
91.4.6 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Non litigious land registry cases	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
91.4.7 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Non-litigious business registry cases	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
91.4.8 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Other registry cases			NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	23	29	-	26,1%
91.4.9 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Other non-litigious cases			NA	NAP	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
91.4.10 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Administrative law cases	8 444	8 736	7 714	9 410	9 528	10 007	9 960	9 910	10 019	9 750	10 089	19,5%	3,5%
91.4.11 1st inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Other cases (e.g. insolvency registry cases)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
Clearance rate and Disposition time for first instance other than criminal cases (Q91)													
CR Total of other than criminal law cases	102,0%	99,0%	98,8%	97,4%	97,6%	99,1%	100,9%	101,2%	100,1%	101,1%	98,6%	(3,37)	(2,53)
CR Civil (and commercial) litigious cases	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	102,0%	97,5%	-	(4,58)
CR Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	100,5%	99,6%	-	(0,87)
CR General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	100,5%	99,6%	-	(0,86)
CR Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	106,2%	98,1%	-	(8,15)
CR Non litigious land registry cases	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
CR Non-litigious business registry cases	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
CR Other registry cases	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	106,2%	98,1%	-	(8,15)
CR Other non-litigious cases	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
CR Administrative law cases	100,8%	99,0%	104,2%	94,7%	99,7%	98,6%	100,1%	100,1%	100,8%	101,0%	97,4%	(3,40)	(3,55)
CR Other cases (e.g. insolvency registry cases)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT Total of other than criminal law cases	78	78	84	83	91	93	107	91	99	92	90	15,5%	-2,1%
DT Civil (and commercial) litigious cases	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	186	189	-	1,6%
DT Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	15	15	-	-2,9%
DT General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	15	15	-	-3,0%
DT Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	27	35	-	28,6%
DT Non litigious land registry cases	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT Non-litigious business registry cases	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT Other registry cases	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	27	35	-	28,6%
DT Other non-litigious cases	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT Administrative law cases	124	122	108	116	112	107	124	125	129	121	129	4,7%	7,2%
DT Other cases (e.g. insolvency registry cases)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
Second instance other than criminal cases (Q97)													
97.1.1 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)				12 457	12 512	13 611	15 876	18 713	19 082	17 629	17 247	-	-2,2%
97.1.2 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Civil (and commercial) litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	15 681	14 878	-	-5,1%
97.1.3 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.1.4 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.1.5 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.1.6 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Non litigious land registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.1.7 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Non-litigious business registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.1.8 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Other registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.1.9 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Other non-litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.1.10 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Administrative law cases				2 688	2 526	2 411	2 264	2 244	2 230	1 948	2 369	-	21,6%
97.1.11 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Other cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.2.1 2nd inst courts_Incoming cases_Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)				58 503	57 281	59 922	56 644	55 193	50 579	51 377	52 247	-	1,7%
97.2.2 2nd inst courts_Incoming cases_Civil (and commercial) litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	38 622	39 712	-	2,8%
97.2.3 2nd inst courts_Incoming cases_Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.2.4 2nd inst courts_Incoming cases_General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.2.5 2nd inst courts_Incoming cases_Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.2.6 2nd inst courts_Incoming cases_Non litigious land registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.2.7 2nd inst courts_Incoming cases_Non-litigious business registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.2.8 2nd inst courts_Incoming cases_Other registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.2.9 2nd inst courts_Incoming cases_Other non-litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.2.10 2nd inst courts_Incoming cases_Administrative law cases				14 793	14 705	14 421	12 717	13 419	12 225	12 755	12 535	-	-1,7%
97.2.11 2nd inst courts_Incoming cases_Other cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
97.3.1 2nd inst courts_Resolved cases_Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)				58 446	56 180	57 658	53 814	54 821	52 031	51 783	50 982	-	-1,5%
97.3.2 2nd inst courts_Resolved cases_Civil (and commercial) litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	39 425	39 235	-	-0,5%
97.3.3 2nd inst courts_Resolved cases_Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.3.4 2nd inst courts_Resolved cases_General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.3.5 2nd inst courts_Resolved cases_Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.3.6 2nd inst courts_Resolved cases_Non litigious land registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.3.7 2nd inst courts_Resolved cases_Non-litigious business registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.3.8 2nd inst courts_Resolved cases_Other registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.3.9 2nd inst courts_Resolved cases_Other non-litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.3.10 2nd inst courts_Resolved cases_Administrative law cases				14 954	14 819	14 567	12 744	13 430	12 506	12 358	11 747	-	-4,9%
97.3.11 2nd inst courts_Resolved cases_Other cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.4.1 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)				12 514	13 613	15 875	18 706	19 085	17 630	17 223	18 512	-	7,5%
97.4.2 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Civil (and commercial) litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	14 878	15 355	-	3,2%
97.4.3 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.4.4 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.4.5 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.4.6 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Non litigious land registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.4.7 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Non-litigious business registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.4.8 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Other registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.4.9 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Other non-litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
97.4.10 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Administrative law cases				2 527	2 412	2 265	2 237	2 233	1 949	2 345	3 157	-	34,6%
97.4.11 2nd inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Other cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
97.5.1 2nd inst courts_Pending more than 2 years - Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
97.5.2 2nd inst courts_Pending more than 2 years - Civil (and commercial) litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
97.5.10 2nd inst courts_Pending more than 2 years - Administrative law cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
Clearance rate and disposition time for second instance other than criminal law cases (Q97)													
CR Total of other than criminal law cases				99,9%	98,1%	96,2%	95,0%	99,3%	102,9%	100,8%	97,6%	-	(3,21)
CR Civil (and commercial) litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	102,1%	98,8%	-	(3,28)
CR Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-
CR General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-
CR Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
CR Non litigious land registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
CR Non-litigious business registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
CR Other registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
CR Other non-litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
CR Administrative law cases				101,1%	100,8%	101,0%	100,2%	100,1%	102,3%	96,9%	93,7%	-	(3,17)
CR Other cases (e.g. insolvency registry cases)				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT Total of other than criminal law cases				78	88	100	127	127	124	121	133	-	9,2%
DT Civil (and commercial) litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	138	143	-	3,7%
DT Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT Non litigious land registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT Non-litigious business registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT Other registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT Other non-litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
DT Administrative law cases				62	59	57	64	61	57	69	98	-	41,6%
DT Other cases (e.g. insolvency registry cases)				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
Supreme courts' other than criminal law cases (Q99)													
99.1.1 High inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)				10 912	9 934	10 063	8 988	7 358	8 298	8 884	8 811	-	-0,8%
99.1.2 High inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Civil (and commercial) litigious cases				3 940	3 732	3 917	4 048	3 841	4 686	4 776	4 958	-	3,8%
99.1.3 High inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)				NAP	3	NA	3	3	-	1	-	-	-
99.1.4 High inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases				NAP	-	NA	NA	3	-	1	-	-	-
99.1.5 High inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.1.6 High inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Non litigious land registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.1.7 High inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Non-litigious business registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.1.8 High inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Other registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.1.9 High inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Other non-litigious cases				NAP	3	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.1.10 High inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Administrative law cases				6 972	6 199	6 146	4 937	3 514	3 612	4 107	3 853	-	-6,2%
99.1.11 High inst courts_Pending cases on 1 Jan. Other cases (e.g. insolvency registry cases)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.2.1 High inst courts_Incoming cases_Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)				23 479	24 176	23 075	20 862	20 789	20 087	20 270	20 258	-	-0,1%
99.2.2 High inst courts_Incoming cases_Civil (and commercial) litigious cases				8 441	8 138	8 015	6 693	7 798	7 581	7 460	7 630	-	2,3%
99.2.3 High inst courts_Incoming cases_Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)				NAP	151	NA	139	160	182	174	205	-	17,8%
99.2.4 High inst courts_Incoming cases_General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases				NAP	58	NA	NA	160	182	174	205	-	17,8%
99.2.5 High inst courts_Incoming cases_Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.2.6 High inst courts_Incoming cases_Non litigious land registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.2.7 High inst courts_Incoming cases_Non-litigious business registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.2.8 High inst courts_Incoming cases_Other registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.2.9 High inst courts_Incoming cases_Other non-litigious cases				NAP	93	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.2.10 High inst courts_Incoming cases_Administrative law cases				15 038	15 887	15 060	14 030	12 831	12 324	12 636	12 423	-	-1,7%
99.2.11 High inst courts_Incoming cases_Other cases (e.g. insolvency registry cases)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
99.3.1 High inst courts_Resolved cases_Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)				24 297	23 868	25 085	22 473	19 946	19 445	20 534	21 832	-	6,3%
99.3.2 High inst courts_Resolved cases_Civil (and commercial) litigious cases				8 485	7 774	7 846	6 876	6 940	7 435	7 278	8 115	-	11,5%
99.3.3 High inst courts_Resolved cases_Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)				NAP	152	NA	139	163	181	175	205	-	17,1%
99.3.4 High inst courts_Resolved cases_General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases				NAP	58	NA	NA	163	181	175	205	-	17,1%
99.3.5 High inst courts_Resolved cases_Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.3.6 High inst courts_Resolved cases_Non litigious land registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.3.7 High inst courts_Resolved cases_Non-litigious business registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.3.8 High inst courts_Resolved cases_Other registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.3.9 High inst courts_Resolved cases_Other non-litigious cases				NAP	94	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.3.10 High inst courts_Resolved cases_Administrative law cases				15 812	15 942	17 239	15 458	12 843	11 829	13 081	13 512	-	3,3%
99.3.11 High inst courts_Resolved cases_Other cases (e.g. insolvency registry cases)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.4.1 High inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)				9 934	10 061	8 053	7 375	8 311	8 940	8 621	7 237	-	-16,1%
99.4.2 High inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Civil (and commercial) litigious cases				3 735	3 915	4 086	3 863	4 699	4 832	4 958	4 473	-	-9,8%
99.4.3 High inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)				NAP	2	NA	3	-	1	-	-	-	-
99.4.4 High inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases				NAP	-	NA	NA	-	1	-	-	-	-
99.4.5 High inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.4.6 High inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Non litigious land registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.4.7 High inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Non-litigious business registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.4.8 High inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Other registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.4.9 High inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Other non-litigious cases				NAP	2	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
99.4.10 High inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Administrative law cases				6 199	6 144	3 967	3 509	3 612	4 107	3 663	2 764	-	-24,5%
99.4.11 High inst courts_Pending cases on 31 Dec. Other cases (e.g. insolvency registry cases)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-

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												2014-2024	2023-2024
99.5.1 High inst courts_Pending more than 2 years - Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	199	285	199	-	-30,2%
99.5.2 High inst courts_Pending more than 2 years - Civil (and commercial) litigious cases				NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	98	146	129	-	-11,6%
99.5.10 High inst courts_Pending more than 2 years - Administrative law cases				248	81	85	53	66	101	139	70	-	-49,6%
Clearance rate and disposition time for Supreme courts' other than criminal law cases (Q97)													
CR Total of other than criminal law cases				103,5%	98,7%	108,7%	107,7%	95,9%	96,8%	101,3%	107,8%	-	6,47
CR Civil (and commercial) litigious cases				100,5%	95,5%	97,9%	102,7%	89,0%	98,1%	97,6%	106,4%	-	8,80
CR Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)				NAP	100,7%	NA	100,0%	101,9%	99,5%	100,6%	100,0%	-	(0,57)
CR General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases				NAP	100,0%	NA	NA	101,9%	99,5%	100,6%	100,0%	-	(0,57)
CR Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
CR Non litigious land registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
CR Non-litigious business registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
CR Other registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
CR Other non-litigious cases				NAP	101,1%	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
CR Administrative law cases				105,1%	100,3%	114,5%	110,2%	100,1%	96,0%	103,5%	108,8%	-	5,24
CR Other cases (e.g. insolvency registry cases)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT Total of other than criminal law cases				149	154	117	120	152	168	153	121	-	-21,0%
DT Civil (and commercial) litigious cases				161	184	190	205	247	237	249	201	-	-19,1%
DT Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)				NAP	5	NA	8	-	2	-	-	-	-
DT General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases				NAP	-	NA	NA	-	2	-	-	-	-
DT Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT Non litigious land registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT Non-litigious business registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT Other registry cases				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT Other non-litigious cases				NAP	8	NA	NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-

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												2014-2024	2023-2024
DT Administrative law cases				143	141	84	83	103	127	102	75	-	-26,9%
DT Other cases (e.g. insolvency registry cases)				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
First instance criminal law cases (Q94)													
094.1.1 Total - pending 1 Jan							21 184	23 281	23 195	21 006	19 856	-	-5,5%
094.1.2 Severe cases - pending 1 Jan							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
094.1.3 Misdemeanour cases - pending 1 Jan							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
094.1.4 Other - pending 1 Jan							NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
094.2.1 Total -incoming							130 282	131 575	124 178	131 222	129 305	-	-1,5%
094.2.2 Severe cases - incoming							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
094.2.3 Misdemeanour cases - incoming							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
094.2.4 Other - incoming							NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
094.3.1 Total - resolved							128 186	131 463	126 366	132 382	129 382	-	-2,3%
094.3.2 Severe cases -resolved							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
094.3.3 Misdemeanour cases - resolved							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
094.3.4 Other - resolved							NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
094.4.1 Total - pending 31 Dec							23 280	23 393	21 007	19 846	19 779	-	-0,3%
094.4.2 Severe cases - pending 31 Dec							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
094.4.3 Misdemeanour cases - pending 31 Dec							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
094.4.4 Other - pending 31 Dec							NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-

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												2014-2024	2023-2024
094.5.1 Total - pending more then 2 years							NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
094.5.2 Severe cases - pending more then 2 years							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
094.5.3 Misdemeanour cases - pending more then 2 years							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
094.5.4 Other - pending more then 2 years							NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
Clearance rate and disposition time for first instance criminal law cases (Q94)													
CR of Total							98%	100%	102%	101%	100%	-	(0,8)
CR of Severe cases							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
CR of Misdemeanour cases							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
CR of Other							NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT of Total							66	65	61	55	56	-	2,0%
DT of Severe cases							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
DT of Misdemeanour cases							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
DT of Other							NA	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
Second instance criminal law cases (Q98)													
098.1.1 Total - pending 1 Jan							1 611	1 704	1 862	1 825	1 641	-	-10,1%
098.1.2 Severe cases - pending 1 Jan							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
098.1.3 Misdemeanour cases - pending 1 Jan							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
098.1.4 Other - pending 1 Jan							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
098.2.1 Total -incoming							11 268	11 003	10 121	10 624	11 022	-	3,7%
098.2.2 Severe cases - incoming							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
098.2.3 Misdemeanour cases - incoming							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
098.2.4 Other - incoming							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
098.3.1 Total - resolved							11 174	10 841	10 158	10 808	10 845	-	0,3%
098.3.2 Severe cases -resolved							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
098.3.3 Misdemeanour cases - resolved							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
098.3.4 Other - resolved							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
098.4.1 Total - pending 31 Dec							1 705	1 866	1 825	1 641	1 818	-	10,8%
098.4.2 Severe cases - pending 31 Dec							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
098.4.3 Misdemeanour cases - pending 31 Dec							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
098.4.4 Other - pending 31 Dec							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
098.5.1 Total - pending more then 2 years							NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
098.5.2 Severe cases - pending more then 2 years							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
098.5.3 Misdemeanour cases - pending more then 2 years							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
098.5.4 Other - pending more then 2 years							NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
Clearance rate and disposition time for second instance criminal law cases (Q98)													
CR of Total							99,2%	98,5%	100,4%	101,7%	98,4%	-	(3,28)
CR of Severe cases							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
CR of Misdemeanour cases							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
CR of Other							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
DT of Total							56	63	66	55	61	-	10,4%
DT of Severe cases							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
DT of Misdemeanour cases							NA	NA	NAP	NA	NA	-	-
DT of Other							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
Supreme courts' criminal law cases (Q100)													
100.1.1 Total - pending 1 Jan							293	266	296	261	294	-	12,6%
100.1.2 Severe cases - pending 1 Jan							231	215	239	207	217	-	4,8%
100.1.3 Misdemeanour cases - pending 1 Jan							22	29	23	18	31	-	72,2%
100.1.4 Other - pending 1 Jan							40	22	34	36	46	-	27,8%
100.2.1 Total -incoming							1 035	1 141	1 027	1 190	1 131	-	-5,0%
100.2.2 Severe cases - incoming							525	609	468	488	471	-	-3,5%
100.2.3 Misdemeanour cases - incoming							88	68	72	94	72	-	-23,4%
100.2.4 Other - incoming							422	464	487	608	588	-	-3,3%
100.3.1 Total - resolved							1 062	1 110	1 062	1 157	1 243	-	7,4%
100.3.2 Severe cases -resolved							541	584	500	478	550	-	15,1%
100.3.3 Misdemeanour cases - resolved							81	74	77	81	84	-	3,7%
100.3.4 Other - resolved							440	452	485	598	609	-	1,8%
100.4.1 Total - pending 31 Dec							266	297	261	294	182	-	-38,1%
100.4.2 Severe cases - pending 31 Dec							215	240	207	217	138	-	-36,4%
100.4.3 Misdemeanour cases - pending 31 Dec							29	23	18	31	19	-	-38,7%
100.4.4 Other - pending 31 Dec							22	34	36	46	25	-	-45,7%
100.5.1 Total - pending more then 2 years							4	5	4	9	9	-	0,0%
100.5.2 Severe cases - pending more then 2 years							4	5	4	9	9	-	0,0%
100.5.3 Misdemeanour cases - pending more then 2 years							-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100.5.4 Other - pending more then 2 years							-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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												2014-2024	2023-2024
Clearance rate and disposition time for supreme courts' criminal law cases (Q100)													
CR of Total							102,6%	97,3%	103,4%	97,2%	109,9%	-	12,68
CR of Severe cases							103,0%	95,9%	106,8%	98,0%	116,8%	-	18,82
CR of Misdemeanour cases							92,0%	108,8%	106,9%	86,2%	116,7%	-	30,50
CR of Other							104,3%	97,4%	99,6%	98,4%	103,6%	-	5,22
DT of Total							91	98	90	93	53	-	-42,4%
DT of Severe cases							145	150	151	166	92	-	-44,7%
DT of Misdemeanour cases							131	113	85	140	83	-	-40,9%
DT of Other							18	27	27	28	15	-	-46,6%

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												2014-2024	2023-2024
Indicator 4: Public prosecution services													
(Q107, Q107-1, Q109)													
1. Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year								4 119	4 205	4 208	4 163	-	-1,1%
2. Incoming/received cases								100 584	96 968	95 471	95 026	-	-0,5%
3. Processed cases (3.1 + 3.2 + 3.3 + 3.4)								168 588	161 905	176 116	159 670	-	-9,3%
3.1. Discontinued during the reference year (3.1.1+3.1.2+3.1.3+3.1.4.)								101 626	133 466	148 471	132 258	-	-10,9%
3.1.1 Discontinued by the public prosecutor because the offender could not be identified								NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
3.1.2 Discontinued by the public prosecutor due to the lack of an established offence or a specific legal situation								101 626	98 306	113 687	98 006	-	-13,8%
3.1.3 Discontinued by the public prosecutor for reasons of opportunity								NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
3.1.4 Discontinued for other reasons								NAP	35 160	34 784	34 252	-	-1,5%
3.2. Concluded by a penalty or a measure imposed or negotiated by the public prosecutor								NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
3.3. Cases brought to court								28 975	28 439	27 645	27 412	-	-0,8%
4. Pending cases on 31 Dec. ref. year								4 205	4 208	4 163	4 055	-	-2,6%
Public prosecution: Ratio of processed cases with incoming cases								1,68	1,67	1,84	1,68	-	-8,9%
Public prosecution: Ratio of pending cases with incoming cases								0,04	0,04	0,04	0,04	-	-2,6%
Number of cases concluded with the guilty plea procedure - Total								21 346	21 326	21 806	22 375	-	2,6%
Number of cases concluded with the guilty plea procedure - Total - Severe criminal cases								NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
Number of cases concluded with the guilty plea procedure - Total - Misdemeanour and / or minor criminal cases								NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
Number of cases concluded with the guilty plea procedure - Before the main trial - Total								10 504	10 785	11 115	11 804	-	6,2%
Number of cases concluded with the guilty plea procedure - Before the main trial - Severe criminal cases								NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
Number of cases concluded with the guilty plea procedure - Before the main trial - Misdemeanour and / or minor criminal cases								NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
Number of cases concluded with the guilty plea procedure - During the main trial - Total								10 842	10 541	10 691	10 571	-	-1,1%
Number of cases concluded with the guilty plea procedure - During the main trial - Severe criminal cases								NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
Number of cases concluded with the guilty plea procedure - During the main trial - Misdemeanour and / or minor criminal cases								NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
Budget of public prosecution services (Q13)													
Total approved annual public budget allocated to the public prosecution services in €	93 698 490 €	95 590 817 €	103 474 815 €	111 702 235 €	117 132 394 €	137 635 835 €	152 917 818 €	168 983 884 €	180 015 668 €	204 259 036 €	233 055 927 €	148,7%	14,10%
Total implemented annual public budget allocated to the public prosecution services in €	93 356 800 €	94 966 603 €	102 876 460 €	110 387 845 €	116 412 630 €	136 392 502 €	149 281 332 €	166 149 076 €	178 508 426 €	197 617 281 €	230 482 904 €	146,9%	16,63%
Approved annual public budget allocated to training of public prosecution services in € (included in the total)	-	-	-	-	11 000 €	12 850 €	3 840 €	9 569 €	12 169 €	17 472 €	15 252 €	-	-12,71%
Implemented annual public budget allocated to training of public prosecution services in € (included in the total)	-	-	-	-	10 480 €	12 799 €	3 646 €	9 569 €	7 224 €	9 353 €	8 510 €	-	-9,01%

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												2014-2024	2023-2024
Indicator 5: Access to justice													
System for compensating users													
(Q37)													
Number of requests for compensation													
037.1.1 Total								NA	NA	NA	1 285	-	-
037.1.2 Excessive length of proceedings								575	536	567	828	-	46,0%
037.1.3 Non-execution of court decisions								NA	NA	NA	-	-	-
037.1.4 Wrongful arrest/detention								NA	NA	NA	13	-	-
037.1.5 Wrongful conviction								NA	NA	NA	399	-	-
037.1.6 Other								NA	NA	NA	45	-	-
Number of compensations granted													
037.2.1 Total								NA	NA	NA	577	-	-
037.2.2 Excessive length of proceedings								300	204	213	346	-	62,4%
037.2.3 Non-execution of court decisions								NA	NA	NA	-	-	-
037.2.4 Wrongful arrest/detention								257	230	NA	1	-	-
037.2.5 Wrongful conviction								NA	NA	NA	228	-	-
037.2.6 Other								NA	NA	NA	2	-	-
Amount of compensations granted (in €)													
037.3.1 Total								NA	NA	NA	3 087 968 €	-	-
037.3.2 Excessive length of proceedings								416 526 €	316 392 €	311 320 €	714 184 €	-	129,4%
037.3.3 Non-execution of court decisions								NA	NA	NA	-	-	-
037.3.4 Wrongful arrest/detention								1 041 345 €	1 311 388 €	1 443 937 €	5 502 €	-	-99,6%
037.3.5 Wrongful conviction								NA	NA	NA	2 241 839 €	-	-
037.3.6 Other								NA	NA	NA	126 443 €	-	-

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												2014-2024	2023-2024
Indicator 6: The ICT tools of courts and for court users													
(Q62-23, Q62-24, Q62-25, Q62-26)													
Writing assistance tools													
062-23.1.1.1 Deployment rate in civil and/or commercial matter									95-100 %	95-100 %	95-100 %		
062-23.1.2.1 Usage rate in civil and/or commercial matter									95-100 %	95-100 %	95-100 %		
062-23.1.3.1 Deployment rate in administrative matter									NAP	95-100 %	95-100 %		
062-23.2.1.1 Usage rate in administrative matter									NAP	95-100 %	95-100 %		
062-23.2.2.1 Deployment rate in criminal matter									95-100 %	95-100 %	95-100 %		
062-23.2.3.1 Usage rate in criminal matter									75-95 %	95-100 %	95-100 %		
Features of the writing assistance tools													
Civil and/or commercial matter													
062-24.1.1.1 Templates									True	True	True		
062-24.1.1.2 Automatically generated text									False	False	False		
062-24.1.1.3 Automatically suggested decision									False	False	False		
062-24.1.1.4 Speech-to-text									False	True	True		
062-24.1.1.5 Electronic signature									False	False	False		
062-24.1.1.6 Other special functionality									False	False	False		

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												2014-2024	2023-2024
Administrative matter													
062-24.1.2.1 Templates									NAP	True	True		
062-24.1.2.2 Automatically generated text									NAP	False	False		
062-24.1.2.3 Automatically suggested decision									NAP	False	False		
062-24.1.2.4 Speech-to-text									NAP	True	True		
062-24.1.2.5 Electronic signature									NAP	False	False		
062-24.1.2.6 Other special functionality									NAP	False	False		
Criminal matter													
062-24.1.3.1 Templates									True	True	True		
062-24.1.3.2 Automatically generated text									False	False	False		
062-24.1.3.3 Automatically suggested decision									False	False	False		
062-24.1.3.4 Speech-to-text									False	True	True		
062-24.1.3.5 Electronic signature									False	False	False		
062-24.1.3.6 Other special functionality									False	False	False		
Recording of court hearings													
062-25.1.1.1 Deployment rate in civil and/or commercial matter									95-100 %	95-100 %	95-100 %		
062-25.1.2.1 Usage rate in civil and/or commercial matter									95-100 %	95-100 %	95-100 %		
062-25.1.3.1 Deployment rate in administrative matter									95-100 %	95-100 %	95-100 %		
062-25.2.1.1 Usage rate in administrative matter									95-100 %	95-100 %	95-100 %		
062-25.2.2.1 Deployment rate in criminal matter									95-100 %	95-100 %	95-100 %		
062-25.2.3.1 Usage rate in criminal matter									95-100 %	95-100 %	95-100 %		

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												2014-2024	2023-2024
Features of the recording of court hearings													
Civil and/or commercial matter													
062-26.1.1.1 Audio recording									True	True	True		
062-26.1.1.2 Video recording									False	False	False		
062-26.1.1.3 Systematic recording for all hearings									False	False	False		
062-26.1.1.4 Automatically indexed recording									False	False	False		
062-26.1.1.5 Automatic transcript from recording									False	False	False		
062-26.1.1.6 Possibility to request a copy of the recording									False	False	False		
062-26.1.1.7 Other special functionality							-	-	False	False	False		
Administrative matter													
062-26.1.2.1 Audio recording									True	True	True		
062-26.1.2.2 Video recording									False	False	False		
062-26.1.2.3 Systematic recording for all hearings									False	False	False		
062-26.1.2.4 Automatically indexed recording									False	False	False		
062-26.1.2.5 Automatic transcript from recording									False	False	False		
062-26.1.2.6 Possibility to request a copy of the recording									False	False	False		
062-26.1.2.7 Other special functionality							-	-	False	False	False		

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												2014-2024	2023-2024
Criminal matter													
062-26.1.3.1 Audio recording									True	True	True		
062-26.1.3.2 Video recording									False	False	False		
062-26.1.3.3 Systematic recording for all hearings									False	False	False		
062-26.1.3.4 Automatically indexed recording									False	False	False		
062-26.1.3.5 Automatic transcript from recording									False	False	False		
062-26.1.3.6 Possibility to request a copy of the recording									False	False	False		
062-26.1.3.7 Other special functionality									False	False	False		

Indicator 7: Professionals of justice													
(Q46, Q46-2, Q52, Q52-1, Q55, Q60, Q4, Q132, Q133, Q144, Q145, Q146)													
46.1.1 Total Number of professional judges	2 220	2 225	2 255	2 235	2 223	2 215	2 184	2 192	2 188	2 234	2 280	2,7%	2,1%
46.1.2 Number of 1st inst professional judges	1 753	1 760	1 789	1 745	1 750	1 898	1 246	1 258	1 230	1 282	1 297	-26,0%	1,2%
46.1.3 Number of 2nd inst professional judges	277	277	276	299	289	134	760	750	778	780	786	183,8%	0,8%
46.1.4 Number of Supreme court professional judges	190	188	190	191	184	183	178	184	180	172	197	3,7%	14,5%
46.2.1 Number of professional judges_males	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	749	732	742	743	752	812	-	8,0%
46.2.2 Number of 1st instance professional judges_males	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	655	435	440	432	446	445	-	-0,2%
46.2.3 Number of 2nd instance professional judges_males	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	50	255	254	263	261	310	-	18,8%
46.2.4 Number of Supreme court professional judges_males	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	44	42	48	48	45	57	-	26,7%
46.3.1 Number of professional judges_females	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1 466	1 452	1 450	1 445	1 482	1 468	-	-0,9%
46.3.2 Number of 1st inst professional judges_females	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1 243	811	818	798	836	852	-	1,9%
46.3.3 Number of 2nd inst professional judges_females	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	84	505	496	515	519	476	-	-8,3%
46.3.4 Number of Supreme court professional judges_females	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	139	136	136	132	127	140	-	10,2%

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
046-2.1.1 Number of professional judges (FTE) - Total							2 184	2 192	2 188	2 234	2 280	-	2,1%
046-2.1.2 Professional judges of first instance (FTE) - Total							1 246	1 258	1 230	1 282	1 297	-	1,2%
046-2.1.3 Professional judges of second instance (FTE) - Total							760	750	778	780	786	-	0,8%
046-2.1.4 Professional judges of supreme court (FTE) - Total							178	184	180	172	197	-	14,5%
046-2.2.1 Number of professional judges (FTE) - Civil and commercial							NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
046-2.2.2 Professional judges of first instance (FTE) - Civil and commercial							NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
046-2.2.3 Professional judges of second instance (FTE) - Civil and commercial							NA	432	461	460	456	-	-0,9%
046-2.2.4 Professional judges of supreme court (FTE) - Civil and commercial							66	62	65	64	62	-	-3,1%
046-2.3.1 Number of professional judges (FTE) - Criminal							NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
046-2.3.2 Professional judges of first instance (FTE) - Criminal							NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
046-2.3.3 Professional judges of second instance (FTE) - Criminal							NA	254	275	269	256	-	-4,8%
046-2.3.4 Professional judges of supreme court (FTE) - Criminal							28	27	24	23	30	-	30,4%
046-2.4.1 Number of professional judges (FTE) - Administrative							337	330	389	392	391	-	-0,3%
046-2.4.2 Professional judges of first instance (FTE) - Administrative							254	236	299	308	287	-	-6,8%
046-2.4.3 Professional judges of second instance (FTE) - Administrative							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
046-2.4.4 Professional judges of supreme court (FTE) - Administrative							83	94	90	84	104	-	23,8%
046-2.5.1 Number of professional judges (FTE) - Other							17	15	14	14	14	-	0,0%
046-2.5.2 Professional judges of first instance (FTE) - Other							12	10	9	9	8	-	-11,1%
046-2.5.3 Professional judges of second instance (FTE) - Other							5	5	5	5	6	-	20,0%
046-2.5.4 Professional judges of supreme court (FTE) - Other							NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
52.1.1 Total Number of non judge staff who are working in courts	6 014	6 143	6 174	6 212	6 262	6 323	6 329	6 475	6 587	6 606	6 640	10,4%	0,5%
52.1.2 Number of Non judge staff (Rechtspfleger)	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
52.1.3 Number of Non-judge staff assisting the judges	4 468	4 395	4 478	4 492	4 656	4 689	4 697	4 840	4 936	4 936	4 960	11,0%	0,5%
52.1.4 Number of Staff in charge of administrative tasks	1 491	1 191	1 162	1 118	1 006	979	968	970	983	994	1 010	-32,3%	1,6%
52.1.5 Number of Technical staff	NA	502	481	568	585	617	627	627	629	636	629	-	-1,1%
52.1.6 Number of Other non judge staff	55	55	53	34	35	38	37	38	39	40	41	-25,5%	2,5%
52.2.1 Total Number of non judge staff who are working in courts(men)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
52.2.2 Number of Non judge staff (Rechtspfleger)(men)	NAP	NAP	NAP	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
52.2.3 Number of Non-judge staff assisting the judges(men)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
52.2.4 Number of Staff in charge of administrative tasks(men)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
52.2.5 Number of Technical staff(men)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
52.2.6 Number of Other non judge staff(men)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
52.3.1 Total Number of non judge staff who are working in courts(women)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
52.3.2 Number of Non judge staff (Rechtspfleger)(women)	NAP	NAP	NAP	NA	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
52.3.3 Number of Non-judge staff assisting the judges(women)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
52.3.4 Number of Staff in charge of administrative tasks(women)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
52.3.5 Number of Technical staff(women)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
52.3.6 Number of Other non judge staff(women)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
052-1.1.1 Non-judge staff (Total)								6 475	6 587	6 606	6 640	-	0,5%
052-1.1.2 Non-judge staff at first instance (total)								4 176	4 263	4 272	4 279	-	0,2%
052-1.1.3 Non-judge staff at second instance (total)								1 875	1 893	1 890	1 895	-	0,3%
052-1.1.4 Non-judge staff at Supreme court (total)								424	431	444	466	-	5,0%
052-1.2.1 Non-judge staff (Males)								NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
052-1.2.2 Non-judge staff at first instance (males)								NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
052-1.2.3 Non-judge staff at second instance (males)								NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
052-1.2.4 Non-judge staff at Supreme court (males)								NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
052-1.3.1 Non-judge staff (females)								NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
052-1.3.2 Non-judge staff at first instance (females)								NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
052-1.3.3 Non-judge staff at second instance (females)								NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
052-1.3.4 Non-judge staff at supreme court (females)								NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
055.1.1 Prosecutors (total)								1 527	1 542	1 549	1 538	-	-0,7%
055.1.2 Prosecutors (1st inst.)								904	883	900	904	-	0,4%
055.1.3 Prosecutors (2nd inst.)								507	528	515	511	-	-0,8%
055.1.4 Prosecutors (Highest instance)								116	131	134	123	-	-8,2%
055.2.1 Prosecutors - Males -total								738	745	746	740	-	-0,8%
055.2.2 Prosecutors - Males, 1st inst.								393	400	413	412	-	-0,2%
055.2.3 Prosecutors - Males, 2nd inst.								292	290	279	276	-	-1,1%
055.2.4 Prosecutors - Males, Supreme courts								53	55	54	52	-	-3,7%
055.3.1 Prosecutors - Females, Total								789	797	803	798	-	-0,6%
055.3.2 Prosecutors - Females, 1st inst.								511	483	487	492	-	1,0%
055.3.3 Prosecutors - Females, 2nd inst.								215	238	236	235	-	-0,4%
055.3.4 Prosecutors - Females, Supreme courts								63	76	80	71	-	-11,3%
057 Other with similar duties as public prsecutors											False	-	-

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
056.1.1 Heads of prosecution (total)										69	69	-	0,0%
056.1.2 Heads of prosecution (1st inst.)									34	34	34	-	0,0%
056.1.3 Heads of prosecution (2nd inst.)									34	34	34	-	0,0%
056.1.4 Heads of prosecution (Highest instance)									1	1	1	-	0,0%
056.2.1 Heads of prosecution - Males -total									41	41	44	-	7,3%
056.2.2 Heads of prosecution - Males, 1st inst.									16	16	18	-	12,5%
056.2.3 Heads of prosecution - Males, 2nd inst.									24	24	25	-	4,2%
056.2.4 Heads of prosecution - Males, Supreme courts									1	1	1	-	0,0%
056.3.1 Heads of prosecution - Females, Total									28	28	25	-	-10,7%
056.3.2 Heads of prosecution - Females, 1st inst.									18	18	16	-	-11,1%
056.3.3 Heads of prosecution - Females, 2nd inst.									10	10	9	-	-10,0%
056.3.4 Heads of prosecution - Females, Supreme courts									0,0%	NAP	0	-	-
060.1.1 Number of non-prosecutor staff Total							3 021	2 887	2 956	3 081	2 998	-	-2,7%
060.2.1 Number of non-prosecutor staff Males							NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
060.3.1 Number of non-prosecutor staff Females							NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
004 Annual average salary in the country							8 509 €	9 514 €	10 861 €	12 518 €	14 264 €	-	13,9%
132.1.1 Gross annual salary, in € - Professional judge at the beginning of career							24 990 €	27 867 €	30 085 €	34 867 €	39 580 €	-	13,5%
132.1.2 Gross annual salary, in € - Judge of the Supreme Court							44 214 €	48 222 €	53 144 €	61 202 €	67 914 €	-	11,0%
132.1.3 Gross annual salary, in € - Public prosecutor at the beginning of career							24 990 €	27 867 €	30 085 €	34 867 €	39 580 €	-	13,5%
132.1.4 Gross annual salary, in € - Public prosecutor of the Supreme Court or the Highest Appellate Instance							44 214 €	48 222 €	53 144 €	61 202 €	67 914 €	-	11,0%
132.2.1 Net annual salary, in € - Professional judge at the beginning of career							22 491 €	25 080 €	27 076 €	31 381 €	35 622 €	-	13,5%
132.2.2 Net annual salary, in € - Judge of the Supreme Court							39 793 €	43 400 €	47 829 €	55 082 €	61 122 €	-	11,0%
132.2.3 Net annual salary, in € - Public prosecutor at the beginning of career							22 491 €	25 080 €	27 076 €	31 381 €	35 622 €	-	13,5%
132.2.4 Net annual salary, in € - Public prosecutor of the Supreme Court or the Highest Appellate Instance							39 793 €	43 400 €	47 829 €	55 082 €	61 122 €	-	11,0%
133.1.1.1 - Additional benefits for judges - Reduced taxation							False	False	False	False	False		
133.1.2.1 - Additional benefits for judges - Special pension							False	False	False	False	False		
133.1.3.1 - Additional benefits for judges - Housing							True	True	True	True	True		
133.1.4.1 - Additional benefits for judges - Other financial benefit							True	True	True	True	True		
133.2.1.1 - Additional benefits for prosecutors - Reduced taxation							False	False	False	False	False		
133.2.2.1 - Additional benefits for prosecutors - Special pension							False	False	False	False	False		
133.2.3.1 - Additional benefits for prosecutors - Housing							True	True	True	True	True		
133.2.4.1 - Additional benefits for prosecutors - Other financial benefit							True	True	True	True	True		

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
Lawyers													
(Q146, Q147, Q148)													
146.1.1 Total number of lawyers practising	12 696	13 013	13 500	13 720	13 640	13 880	13 964	13 605	13 487	13 533	13 641	7,4%	0,8%
146.2.1 Practicing lawyers - man					6 503	6 608	6 597	6 783	6 763	6 362	6 444	-	1,3%
146.3.1 Practicing lawyers - woman					7 137	7 272	7 367	6 822	6 724	7 171	7 197	-	0,4%
147 Does this figure include “legal advisors” who cannot represent their clients in court (for example, some solicitors or in-house counsellors)?				False	False	False	False	False	False	False	False	-	-
148 Number of legal advisors who cannot represent their clients in court:				NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
Indicator 8: Mediators and notaries													
(Q166, Q157)													
166 Number of accredited or registered mediators who practice judicial mediation:	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
166.2.1 Mediators - male					NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-
166.3.1 Mediators - female					NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	-

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Question	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Variations for quantitative questions	
												2014-2024	2023-2024
192.1.1 Number of notaries									706	702	743	-	5,8%
192.1.2 Private professionals (without control from public authorities)									NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
192.1.3 Holders of public offices appointed by the State									706	702	743	-	5,8%
192.1.4 Civil servants (paid by the State)									NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
192.1.5 Other									NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
192.2.1 Number of notaries- male									228	225	236	-	4,9%
192.2.2 Private professionals (without control from public authorities)- male									NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
192.2.3 Holders of public offices appointed by the State- male									228	225	236	-	4,9%
192.2.4 Civil servants (paid by the State)- male									NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
192.2.5 Other- male									NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
192.3.1 Number of notaries- female									478	477	507	-	6,3%
192.3.2 Private professionals (without control from public authorities)- female									NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
192.3.3 Holders of public offices appointed by the State- female									478	477	507	-	6,3%
192.3.4 Civil servants (paid by the State)- female									NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-
192.3.5 Other- female									NAP	NAP	NAP	-	-

Key: Variation of more than (+ -) 30%