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Population **2 795 680**

2014 2016 2018 2020



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GDP per capita 17 510 € CoE Median 20 301 €

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Avg gross annual salary 17 143 €

CoE Median 20 612 €

Implemented judicial system budget **Judicial system Courts Prosecution services** Legal aid 0.27% of GDP 47.4 per inh. 31.6 per inh. 13.3 per inh. 2.54 per inh. CoE Median: 0,30% CoE Median: 64,50 CoE Median: 43,53 CoE Median: 13,86 CoE Median: 3,08 39.2 41,5 33,0 0,30%0,27% 28.0 21.2 **21,293 32,223 3,2.54**

Budget: In 2020, Lithuania spent 132 651 473 € on the implemented judicial system budget: 47.4€ per inhab. (below the CoE median) and 0.27% of the GDP (below the COE median). 67% were spent on courts, 28% on prosecution services, and 5% on legal aid. In fact, legal aid is granted to many cases, but the amount per case is relatively low. The investments in computerisation within courts increased in 2020 by 87%.

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Recruitment of judges

2020

As of 2020, the Judicial Council, instead of the President of Lithuania, appoints three members of the selection panel and is involved in the coordination of the procedure of this panel. It advises the President on the appointment of judges at all levels, their promotion, transfer, removal. It is also possible since 2020 to appeal the opinion of the selection commission to the Supreme Court.

ICT in judiciary

The ICT index of 8,2 increased by 0,3 points compared to 2018. The investment in ICT which is 3,3% of the court budget (only slightly above the CoE median of 2,2%) seems to be reasonable compared with the level of development and recent improvement. There is a unique centralized database for all matters; parties can access their cases and communicate with courts in online processed cases, apply for and receive legal aid online.

Court-related mediation

Since 2019, court-related mediation is possible also in administrative cases. As of 2020, parties must try to resolve family disputes through mediation before going to court (except for domestic violence victims). In certain civil cases, mandatory mediation may be ordered by the court. The free of charge trainings increased the number of mediators in recent years.



Efficiency: In total, in 2020, the courts are the fastest in the first instance, with DT indicators well below the respective CoE medians in all matters. The criminal domain is the most efficient area of law with DT indicators below the CoE medians at all instances. In particular, courts were most efficient in civil and commercial litigious cases in the second instance, while in the third instance the DT indicator was well above the CoE median in this legal field. In 2019, the Supreme Court of Lithuania examined fewer civil cases than were received, resulting in an increase of pending cases in 2019 but also in 2020. In addition, the reduction in the number of judicial posts and the lengthy appointment procedures led to a decrease in the number of resolved third instance civil and commercial litigious cases which caused an increase in the number of pending cases.

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CEPEJ efficiency indicators

Clearance Rate (CR) = (Resolved cases / Incoming cases) *100

CR > 100%, court/judicial system is able to resolve more cases than it received => backlog is decreasing

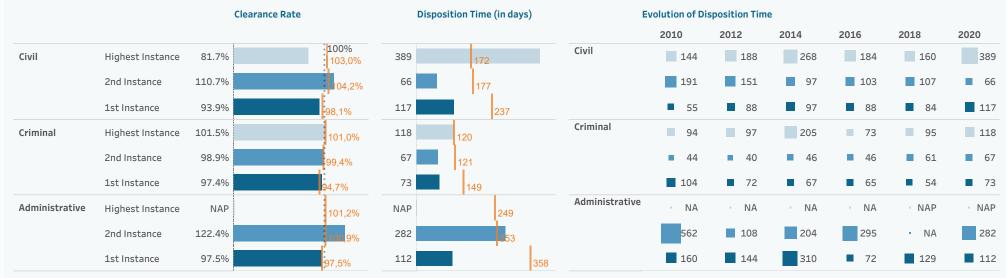
CR < 100%, court/judicial system is able to resolve fewer cases than it received => backlog is increasing

Dispostion Time (DT) = (Pending cases / Resolved cases) *365

The Disposition Time (DT) is the theoretical time for a pending case to be resolved, taken into consideration the current pace of work



Instance



0.88

NAP

0.01

0.93

Public prosecution services

Total number of criminal cases of 1st instance per 100 inhabitants Distribution of processed cases per 100 inhabitants



Discontinued during the reference year

Concluded by a penalty or a measure imposed or negotiated by the public prosecutor

Cases closed by the public prosecutor for

other reasons

Cases brought to court

Distribution of discontinued cases per 100 inhabitants Discontinued because the offender could not

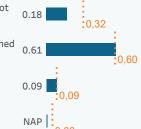
be identified

Discontinued due to the lack of an established offence or a specific legal situation

Discontinued by the public prosecutor for

Discontinued by the public prosecutor for reasons of opportunity





Note: There are different methodologies on calculating number of cases in prosecution statistics by event or by perpetrator. CEPEJ collects data per case (event) but some countries present it by perpetrator.

Judiciary related websites

1. Legal texts

https://www.e-tar.lt; http://www.lrs.lt

2. Case-law of the higher court/s

http://liteko.teismai.lt

3. Information about the judicial system

http://www.teismai.lt