



**Budget**: The implemented judicial system budget is 250 268 474  $\in$  in 2022, which represents 65  $\in$  per inhabitant, a figure lower than the CoE median. This budget constitutes 0,38% of the GDP, which is above the CoE median. The courts' budget and the prosecution services' budget per inhabitant remained stable for the 2020-2022 period, and were both at the level of the respective CoE medians. The legal aid budget per inhabitant is 3,7  $\in$  in 2022, surpassing the CoE median.

**Quantitative performance targets for judges and prosecutors:** The Minister of Justice, upon the proposal of the Supreme Court/with the prior opinion of the Prosecutor General, adopts the respective Framework criteria for the workload of judges and prosecutors. Failure to meet targets can lead to disciplinary proceedings. Besides, there is a system of regular individual qualitative and quantitative evaluation of the judges' (every year) and public prosecutors' (every 3 years) work.

**Information and Communication Technologies (ICT):** Croatia has an ICT Deployment index of 6,6, which is well above the CoE median. The "Digital Croatia Strategy" valid until 2032 includes strengthening institutional capacities, upgrading the state information infrastructure and advanced software solutions, fostering full interoperability between public administration and justice, providing access to open data, digitalization and promotion of digital public services.

**Gender balance:** In Croatia, women constitute the majority within different judicial professions: judges, prosecutors, non-judge and non-prosecutor staff, notaries. The only exception concerns lawyers (44%). Moreover, 55% of court presidents are women and 65% of heads of prosecution services are also women. Only at the Supreme court level, women judges do not have the majority (32%).

**Efficiency**: The courts demonstrate their highest efficiency in 3rd instance criminal cases. In this regard, it should be noted that there has been a decrease of incoming criminal cases between 2020 and 2022, following the establishment of the High Criminal Court on 1st of January 2021, which took over part of the previous Supreme Court's jurisdiction.

In 2022, courts were least efficient in 3rd instance administrative cases even though the DT decreased significantly. Notable improvements were also reported in 1st and 3rd instance civil litigious cases. The highest increase in DT is reported in second instance criminal cases.

Starting from 2022 it is not possible to distinguish between civil litigious and non-litigious cases at second instance.





\* This indicator is calculated as follows: the number of participants in live trainings is divided by the number of professionals for that category. For example, if the CoE Median for judges is 3,9, this means that, each judge in Europe participated to 3,9 live trainings (as mid value). Indeed, this analysis allows to better understand quantity of training per professional if all were trained.

### **CEPEJ Efficiency Indicators**

Clearance Rate (CR) = (Resolved cases / Incoming cases) *100		Instance
CR > 100%, the court/judicial system is able to resolve more cases than it received => backlog is decreasing	Croatia	1st Instance
CR < 100%, the court/judicial system is able to resolve fewer cases than it received => backlog is increasing	CoE Median	
Dispostion Time (DT) = (Pending cases / Resolved cases) *365		2nd Instance
The Disposition Time (DT) is the theoretical time for a pending case to be resolved, taken into consideration the current pace of work of the courts		Highest Instance

		Clearance Rate		Disposition Time (in days)		Evolution of Disposition Time						
			_				2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Civil	1st Instance	145%	100% 99%	410	239	Civil	457	380	364	374	655	410
	2nd Instance	NA	99%	NA	200		370	448	328	280	184	• NA
	Highest Instance	134%	105%	334	152		• NA	• NA	• NA	• NA	586	334
Criminal	1st Instance	108%	99%	236	133	Criminal	201	144	165	147	223	236
	2nd Instance	91%	99%	304	110		624	301	230	160	171	304
	Highest Instance	136%	100%	69	101		125	100	103	136	121	<b>6</b> 9
Administrative	1st Instance	107%	98%	143	292	Administrative	523	426	319	197	179	143
	2nd Instance	91%	103%	191	215		379	68	119	195	165	191
	Highest Instance	323%	102%	439	234		• NA	• NA	• NA	- NA	928	439

#### Incoming Cases





#### Total number of Supreme Court cases per 100 inhabitants



#### **Public Prosecution Services**



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

