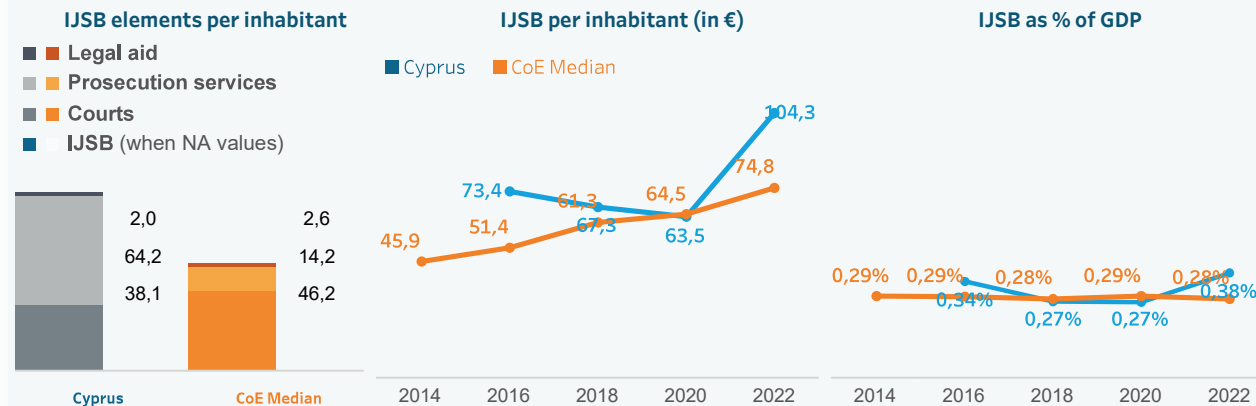Inhabitants
**920 701**

GDP per capita
**27 777 €**
CoE Median 27 406 €

Average gross annual salary
**26 424 €**
CoE Median 22 878 €

## Implemented Judicial System Budget (IJSB)

### IJSB elements per inhabitant

- Legal aid
- Prosecution services
- Courts
- IJSB (when NA values)



|  | Cyprus | CoE Median |
|---|---|---|
|  | 2,0 | 2,6 |
|  | 64,2 | 14,2 |
|  | 38,1 | 46,2 |

### IJSB per inhabitant (in €)

- Cyprus
- CoE Median

Cyprus: 73,4 — 61,3 — 64,5 — 104,3
CoE Median: 45,9 — 51,4 — 57,3 — 63,5 — 74,8

2014 2016 2018 2020 2022

### IJSB as % of GDP

0,29% 0,29% 0,28% 0,29% 0,28%
0,34% 0,27% 0,27% 0,38%

2014 2016 2018 2020 2022

## Efficiency - Disposition Time (days)

### 1st instance DT

| Civil | Criminal | Administrative |
|---|---|---|
| **NA** | **322** | **461** |

days to solve a case

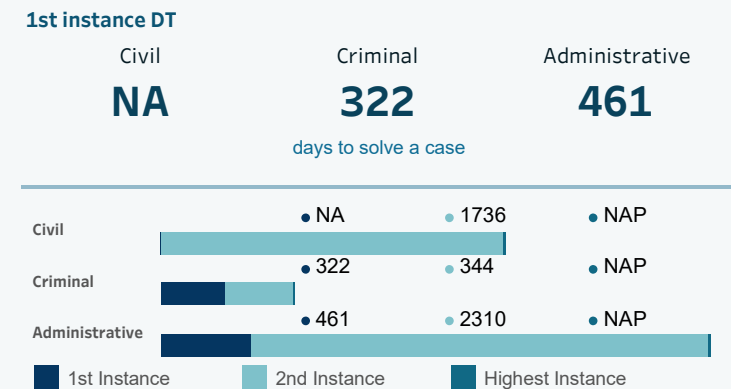| | 1st Instance | 2nd Instance | Highest Instance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Civil | NA | 1736 | NAP |
| Criminal | 322 | 344 | NAP |
| Administrative | 461 | 2310 | NAP |

**Budget :** Cyprus allocated a budget of 95 988 137 € for its judicial system in 2022, which represents 104,3 € per inhabitant, considerably above the CoE median. As a % of GDP (0,38%) the budget is also above the CoE median. 61,6% of this budget are dedicated to public prosecution services (the highest proportion from judicial system budget in Europe). Indeed, this budget increased substantially between 2020 and 2022 following a major restructuring of the posts and an increase in the salaries of the counsels working at the Attorney General's Office. The courts' budget and legal aid budget per inhabitant remained below the respective CoE medians.

**Minors:** The 2023 European "Crystal Scales of Justice" Prize, organised by the Council of Europe was awarded to the Cyprus Judicial Training School and "Hope For Children" CRC Policy Centre. The project "Kids in Court Game (KiCGame)" consists of four different games designed to prepare children psychologically and emotionally to testify in court as witnesses.

**Information and Communication Technologies (ICT):** Cyprus has an ICT Deployment index of 0,2 and is one of the states that is at the start of the process of digitalisation. An initiative was taken to launch an e-justice system in January 2024.
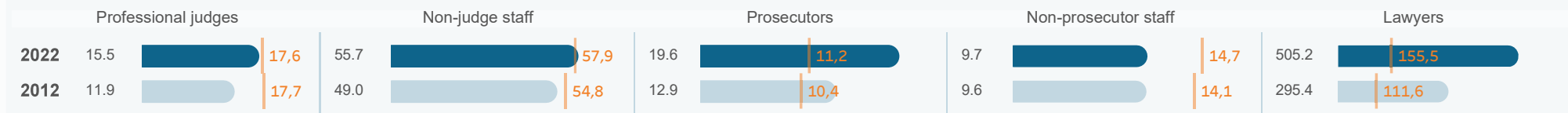
**Professionals and gender balance:** Between 2012-2022, the number of judges and public prosecutors increased considerably, mainly between 2020 and 2022. In 2022, in Cyprus there are 15,5 judges per 100 000 inhabitants which is slightly below the CoE median (17,6) and 19,5 prosecutors which is above the CoE median (11,2). Women make up the majority of judges, prosecutors, heads of prosecution services and lawyers. Their proportion remains below 50% only in the case of Supreme Court judges and court presidents.
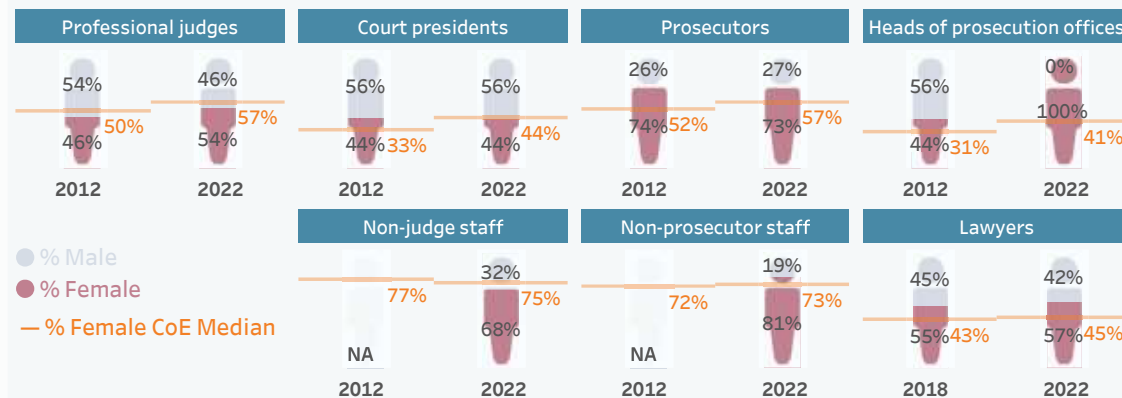
**Efficiency :** Cyprus has a two-tier court system. Courts are most efficient in 1st instance criminal cases, and the least efficient in 2nd instance administrative cases. The DT exceed the European medians in all case types for which data are available. In criminal matters, this indicator remains stable compared to 2020, while in administrative matters it evolved positively at both instances. Indeed, administrative cases include applications for international protection the number of which increased in 2021, as a result of more asylum seekers. Besides, the Review authority for refugees was abolished in January 2021.
Starting from 2021, data on 2nd instance civil litigious cases dealt with by the Supreme court are available; for 2022, the CR is below the 100% and the DT very high.
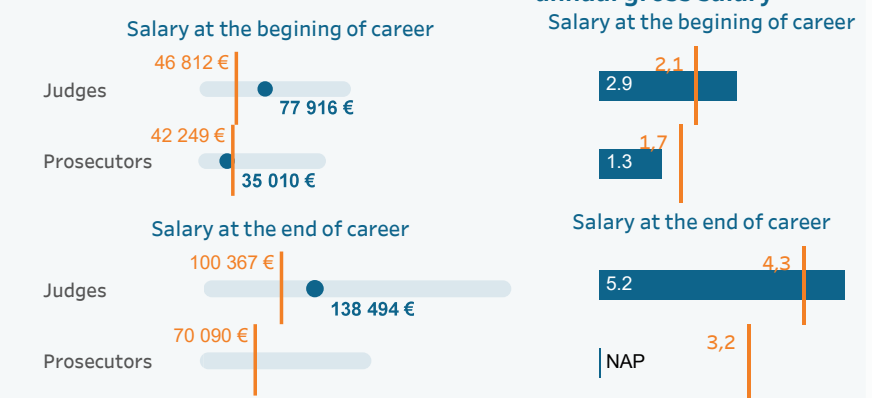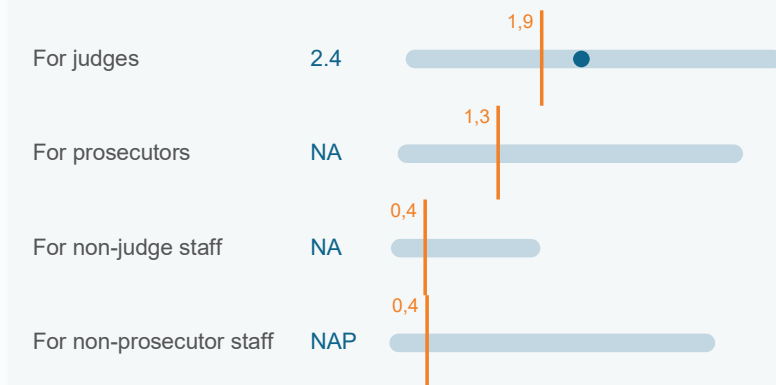
## Human Resources (per 100 000 inhabitants)

**Cyprus** ■  **CoE Median** ■

| | Professional judges | Non-judge staff | Prosecutors | Non-prosecutor staff | Lawyers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2022** | 15.5 — 17,6 | 55.7 — 57,9 | 19.6 — 11,2 | 9.7 — 14,7 | 505.2 — 155,5 |
| **2012** | 11.9 — 17,7 | 49.0 — 54,8 | 12.9 — 10,4 | 9.6 — 14,1 | 295.4 — 111,6 |

## Gender Balance

○ % Male
● % Female
— % Female CoE Median

### Professional judges
| 2012 | 2022 |
|---|---|
| 54% / 46% 50% | 46% / 54% 57% |

### Court presidents
| 2012 | 2022 |
|---|---|
| 56% / 44% 33% | 56% / 44% 44% |

### Prosecutors
| 2012 | 2022 |
|---|---|
| 26% / 74% 52% | 27% / 73% 57% |

### Heads of prosecution offices
| 2012 | 2022 |
|---|---|
| 56% / 44% 31% | 0% / 100% 41% |

### Non-judge staff
| 2012 | 2022 |
|---|---|
| NA | 32% / 68% 75% (77%) |

### Non-prosecutor staff
| 2012 | 2022 |
|---|---|
| NA | 19% / 81% 73% (72%) |

### Lawyers
| 2018 | 2022 |
|---|---|
| 45% / 55% 43% | 42% / 57% 45% |

## Absolute gross salaries

### Salary at the begining of career
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Judges | 46 812 € | 77 916 € |
| Prosecutors | 42 249 € | 35 010 € |

### Salary at the end of career
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Judges | 100 367 € | 138 494 € |
| Prosecutors | 70 090 € | |

## Ratio with the average annual gross salary

### Salary at the begining of career
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Judges | 2.9 | 2,1 |
| Prosecutors | 1.3 | 1,7 |

### Salary at the end of career
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Judges | 5.2 | 4,3 |
| | NAP | 3,2 |

## Training of Justice Professionals

### Average number of live training participations per professional*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For judges | 2.4 | 1,9 |
| For prosecutors | NA | 1,3 |
| For non-judge staff | NA | 0,4 |
| For non-prosecutor staff | NAP | 0,4 |

### Distribution (%) of 1st instance specialised and general jurisdiction courts

25%
206%

● Specialised courts
● Courts of general jurisdiction
● CoE Median
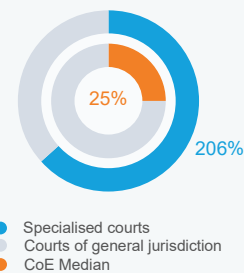
### First instance legal entities per 100 000 inh.
● General jurisdiction courts  ● Specialised courts

| 2012 | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2020 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,62 | 1,52 | 1,77 | 1,71 | 1,79 | 2,06 |
| 0,69 | 0,70 | 0,71 | 0,69 | 0,67 | 1,19 |

### All courts (geographic locations)
● Cyprus  ● CoE median

| 2012 | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2020 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2,43 | 2,59 | | | 2,57 | 3,37 |
| 1,67 | 2,55 1,55 | 1,60 | 2,40 | 1,50 | 1,58 |
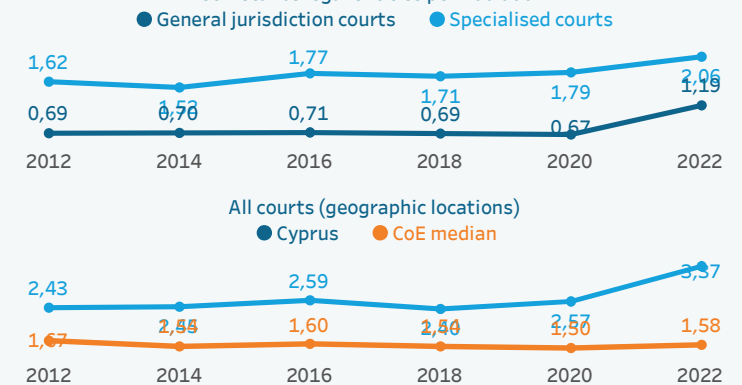
* This indicator is calculated as follows: the number of participants in live trainings is divided by the number of professionals for that category. For example, if the CoE Median for judges is 3,9, this means that, each judge in Europe participated to 3,9 live trainings (as mid value). Indeed, this 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**
CR > 100%, the court/judicial system is able to resolve more cases than it received => backlog is decreasing
CR < 100%, the court/judicial system is able to resolve fewer cases than it received => backlog is increasing
**Disposition 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 of the courts
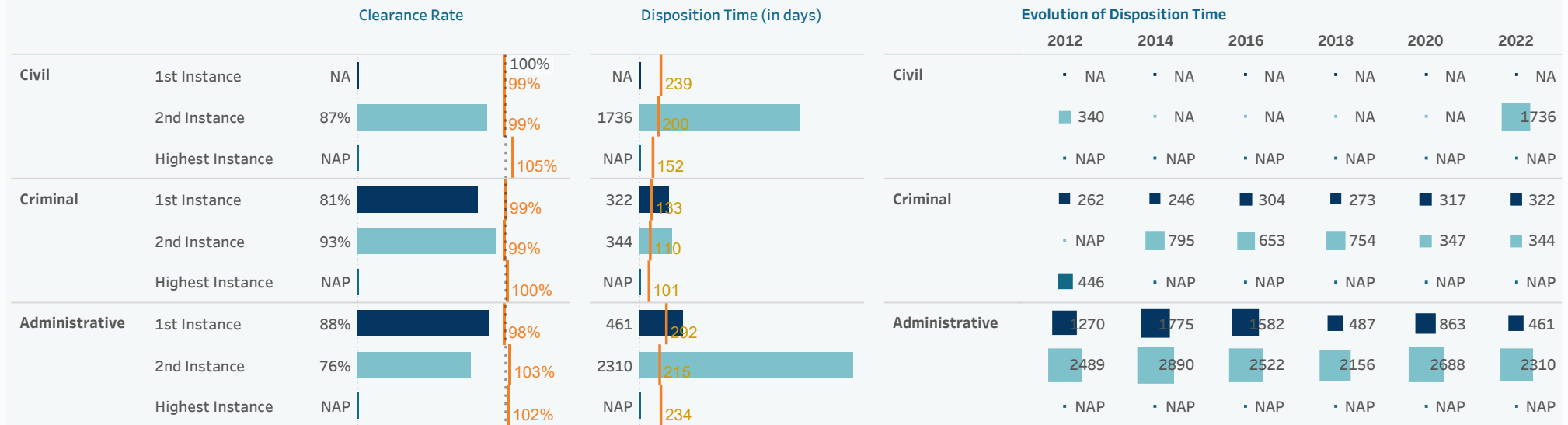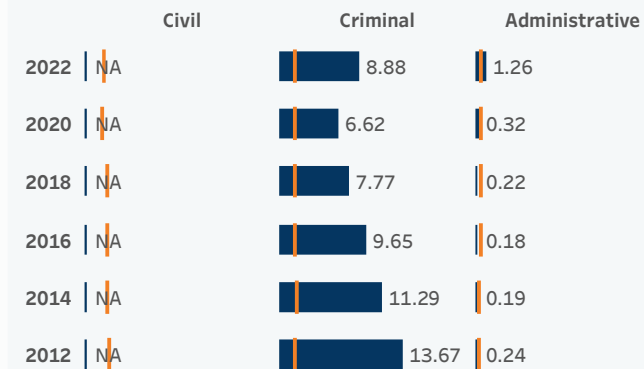
■ Cyprus
■ CoE Median

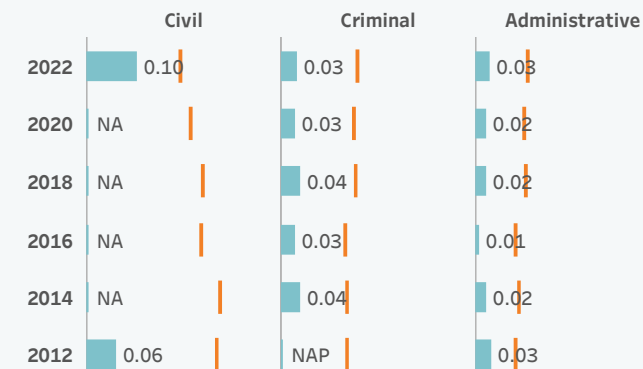**Instance**
■ 1st Instance
■ 2nd Instance
■ Highest Instance

### Clearance Rate / Disposition Time (in days)

| | | Clearance Rate (CoE Median) | Disposition Time | CoE Median |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Civil | 1st Instance | NA / 100% 99% | NA | 239 |
| | 2nd Instance | 87% / 99% | 1736 | 200 |
| | Highest Instance | NAP / 105% | NAP | 152 |
| Criminal | 1st Instance | 81% / 99% | 322 | 183 |
| | 2nd Instance | 93% / 99% | 344 | 110 |
| | Highest Instance | NAP / 100% | NAP | 101 |
| Administrative | 1st Instance | 88% / 98% | 461 | 292 |
| | 2nd Instance | 76% / 103% | 2310 | 215 |
| | Highest Instance | NAP / 102% | NAP | 234 |

### Evolution of Disposition Time

| | | 2012 | 2014 | 2016 | 2018 | 2020 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Civil | | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| | | 340 | NA | NA | NA | NA | 1736 |
| | | NAP | NAP | NAP | NAP | NAP | NAP |
| Criminal | | 262 | 246 | 304 | 273 | 317 | 322 |
| | | NAP | 795 | 653 | 754 | 347 | 344 |
| | | 446 | NAP | NAP | NAP | NAP | NAP |
| Administrative | | 1270 | 1775 | 1582 | 487 | 863 | 461 |
| | | 2489 | 2890 | 2522 | 2156 | 2688 | 2310 |
| | | NAP | NAP | NAP | NAP | NAP | NAP |

## Incoming Cases

### Total number of 1st instance cases per 100 inhabitants

| | Civil | Criminal | Administrative |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2022 | NA | 8.88 | 1.26 |
| 2020 | NA | 6.62 | 0.32 |
| 2018 | NA | 7.77 | 0.22 |
| 2016 | NA | 9.65 | 0.18 |
| 2014 | NA | 11.29 | 0.19 |
| 2012 | NA | 13.67 | 0.24 |

### Total number of 2nd instance cases per 100 inhabitants

| | Civil | Criminal | Administrative |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2022 | 0.10 | 0.03 | 0.03 |
| 2020 | NA | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| 2018 | NA | 0.04 | 0.02 |
| 2016 | NA | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| 2014 | NA | 0.04 | 0.02 |
| 2012 | 0.06 | NAP | 0.03 |

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

| | Civil | Criminal | Administrative |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2022 | NAP | NAP | NAP |
| 2020 | NAP | NAP | NAP |
| 2018 | NAP | NAP | NAP |
| 2016 | NAP | NAP | NAP |
| 2014 | NAP | NAP | NAP |
| 2012 | NAP | 0.028 | NAP |
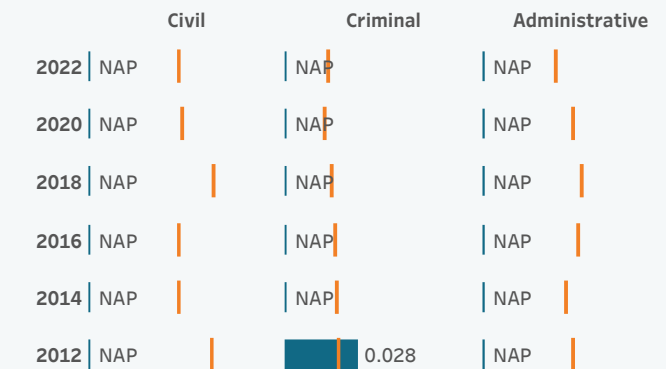
## Public Prosecution Services

**Total number of received cases (1st instance) per prosecutor**

266
244
205
190
234
204

NA — 2012
NA — 2014
NA — 2016
NA — 2018
NA — 2020
NA — 2022
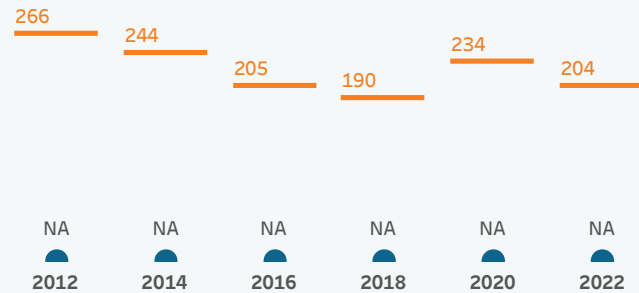
**Distribution of processed cases in %**

| | |
|---|---|
| Discontinued during the reference year | NA |
| Concluded by a penalty or a measure imposed or negotiated by the public prosecutor | NA |
| Cases brought to court | NA |

57%
5%
32%
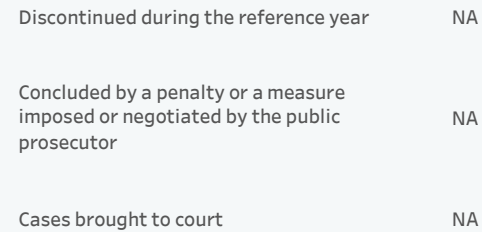
**Distribution of discontinued cases in %**   ■ Cyprus   ■ CoE Median

| | |
|---|---|
| Discontinued because the offender could not be identified | NA |
| Discontinued due to the lack of an established offence or a specific legal situation | NA |
| Discontinued by the public prosecutor for reasons of opportunity | NA |
| Discontinued for other reasons | NA |

38%
35%
12%
18%
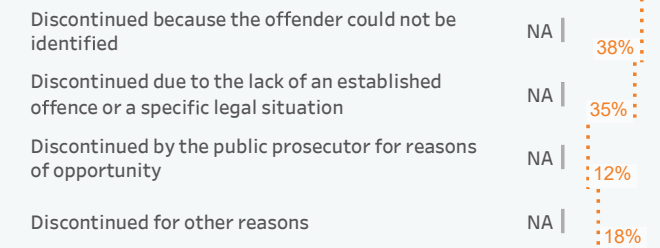
Note: There are different methodologies for calculating the number of cases in the prosecution services' statistics: by event or by perpetrator. The CEPEJ collects data per case (event), but some countries present it per perpetrator.
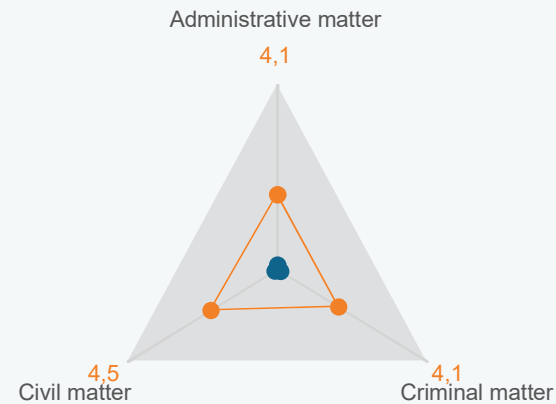
## ICT Deployment and Usage Index
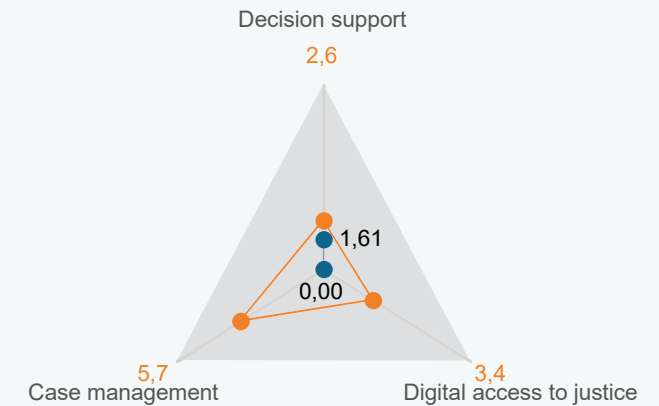(from 0 to 10)

Total deployment rate : **0,21**

4,16

Total usage rate : **0,21**

(experimental)

**Deployment index by matter** (0 to 10)

Administrative matter
4,1

Civil matter
4,5

Criminal matter
4,1

**Deployment index by category** (0 to 10)

Decision support
2,6

1,61
0,00

Case management
5,7

Digital access to justice
3,4

## Judiciary Related Websites

| Legal texts | Case-law of the higher court/s | Information about the judicial system |
|---|---|---|
| www.cylaw.org | www.cylaw.org | www.supremecourt.gov.cy |