

# Council of Europe Office in Pristina



## KEY FIGURES

### 23 STAFF MEMBERS

5 Core staff

18 Project staff

### 11 BENEFICIARY-SPECIFIC PROJECTS

2 EU/Council of Europe joint programmes

3 actions as part of the EU/Council of Europe Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Türkiye

6 projects funded through voluntary contributions.

### 10 REGIONAL PROJECTS

The Council of Europe has supported Kosovo\* towards the advancement of its reform agenda through technical co-operation activities since 1999, in conformity with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and the status-neutral approach of the Organisation.

The Council of Europe Office in Pristina holds a key role in the implementation of co-operation activities by delivering support programmes, assisting key institutions in the process of democratic reforms and actively co-ordinating efforts with all relevant local and international actors in the field.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Stronger responses to hate speech

Bolstering awareness of the dangers of hate speech and the importance of inclusive society.

### Better protection in the field of equality and non-discrimination

The implementation of the legislation on non-discrimination is systematically monitored and analysed. Voices of marginalised communities are increasingly included in public discourse.

### An environment fostering freedom of expression and media

Media actors and relevant stakeholders, including universities and civil society organisations, better contribute to an enhanced environment for freedom of expression and media. Legal professionals and law enforcement agents are better equipped to ensure the safety of journalists.

\* All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions, or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations' Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

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#### **Enhanced legal and institutional framework to counter economic crime**

Public institutions and other stakeholders have contributed to enhancing anti-corruption and AML/CFT practices, in line with European and international standards and best practices.

#### **Improved constitutional justice**

The Constitutional Court effectively and accurately implements the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights. It has a dynamic case-law database and an up-to-date communication strategy.

#### **Further countering violence against women and domestic violence**

The Ministry of Justice launched the Programme for the Treatment of Perpetrators in line with GREVIO recommendations. The capacities of judges, prosecutors, social workers, shelters' staff and NGOs have been strengthened to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence.

#### **A more efficient justice system through data collection**

More accurate judicial statistics are collected and used in assessing the performance of the justice system.

#### **Upgraded measures to combat corruption**

Improved legislative framework and practical tools to implement European standards, and increased institutional capacities through an intensive mentorship programme.

### HIGHLIGHT

The government programme for the treatment of perpetrators of violence against women and domestic violence, developed with the support of the Council of Europe, was launched on 29 November 2023 by the Ministry of Justice.

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### MORE INFORMATION

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