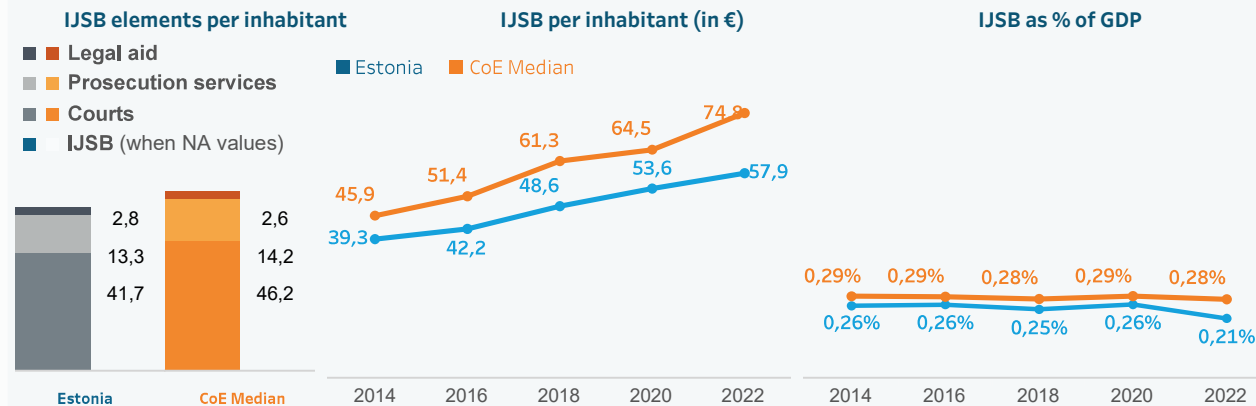**Inhabitants**
1 328 439

GDP per capita
27 035 €
CoE Median 27 406 €

Average gross annual salary
20 220 €
CoE Median 22 878 €

Implemented Judicial System Budget (IJSB)

IJSB elements per inhabitant

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

	Estonia	CoE Median
Legal aid	2,8	2,6
Prosecution services	13,3	14,2
Courts	41,7	46,2

IJSB per inhabitant (in €)

- Estonia
- CoE Median

CoE Median: 45,9 (2014), 51,4 (2016), 61,3 (2018), 64,5 (2020), 74,8 (2022)
Estonia: 39,3 (2014), 42,2 (2016), 48,6 (2018), 53,6 (2020), 57,9 (2022)

IJSB as % of GDP

CoE Median: 0,29% (2014), 0,29% (2016), 0,28% (2018), 0,29% (2020), 0,28% (2022)
Estonia: 0,26% (2014), 0,26% (2016), 0,25% (2018), 0,26% (2020), 0,21% (2022)

Efficiency - Disposition Time (days)

1st instance DT

Civil	Criminal	Administrative
158	**36**	**166**

days to solve a case

|	1st Instance	2nd Instance	Highest Instance
Civil	158	172	148
Criminal	36	29	82
Administrative	166	152	265

Budget : In 2022, the implemented budget of the judicial system of Estonia amounts to 76 866 039 €. This represents 57,9 € per inhabitant, which is below the CoE median. The budget, as a percentage of GDP, stands at 0,21%, also lower than the CoE median. The courts' budget, as well as the public prosecution services' budget continue their up-ward trend, remaining however below the respective CoE medians. As to the legal aid budget per inhabitant, it surpasses the CoE median in 2022.

Legal aid: In Estonia, there are two types of legal aid: State legal aid for all types of cases and procedural assistance for civil and administrative cases that allows the court to release a person from payment of court fees or expenses related to mandatory pre-trial proceedings, conciliation, enforcement or essential costs of the proceedings. The grant of procedural assistance does not preclude the obligation to bear the procedural expenses on the bases of the court judgment.

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT): Estonia has an ICT Deployment index of 7,9 which is quite high and well above the CoE median. Estonia is also a country with highest availability of the statistics on use of digital technology in courts which makes the estimation of the usage index reliable. Consequently one can see that the deployment and use in Estonia go hand in hand.

Training of judges and public prosecutors: In Estonia there is no separate public training institution for judges and prosecutors. Trainings are organised respectively by the Supreme Court and the Prosecutor's Office.
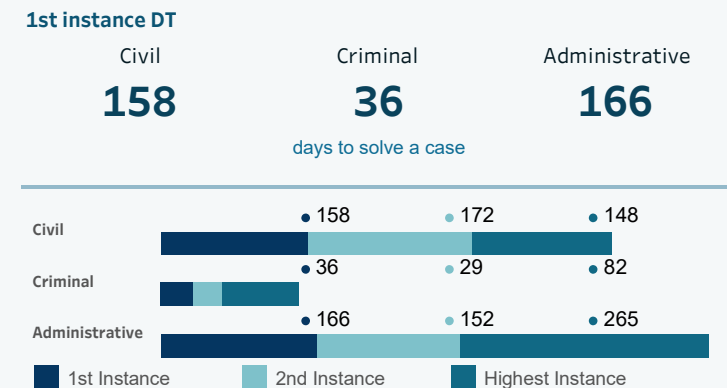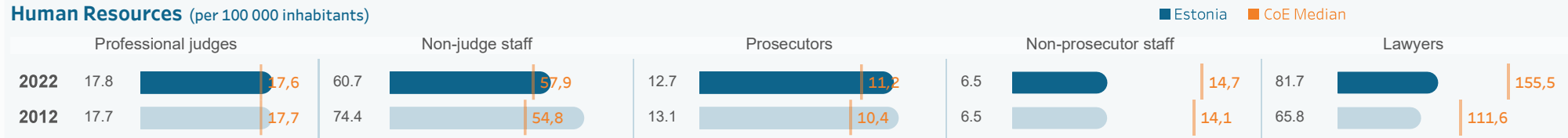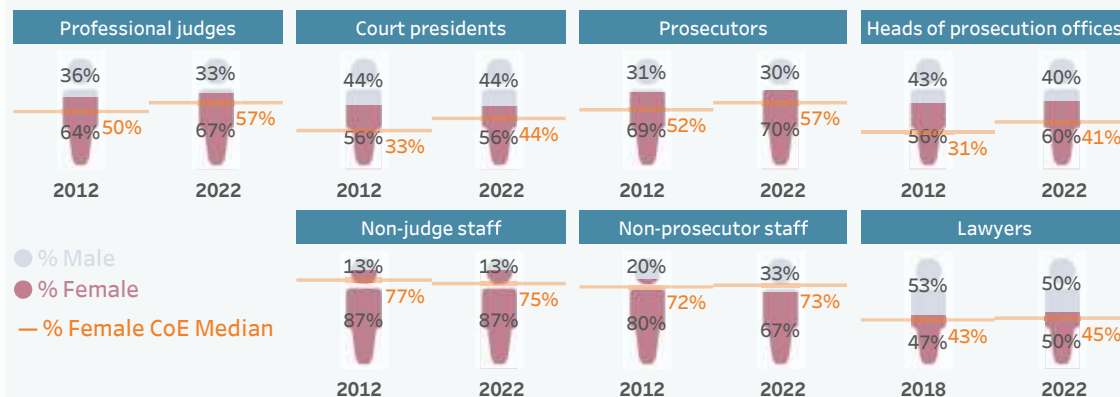
Efficiency : In 2022, criminal justice emerges as the most efficient area of law across all instances in Estonia. The lowest DT is reported in the second instance of criminal cases. In 2022, in Estonia, the total length of proceedings is below the respective CoE medians in all three legal fields.

The highest DT is reported in the third instance of administrative cases affected by a notable increase of over 60 days compared to the previous cycle. This is the only value among all matters and all instances above the CoE median. As a matter of fact, the CR indicator dropped between 2020 and 2022 from 108% to only 85%. However, these variations have to be construed against the background of small volumes of cases.
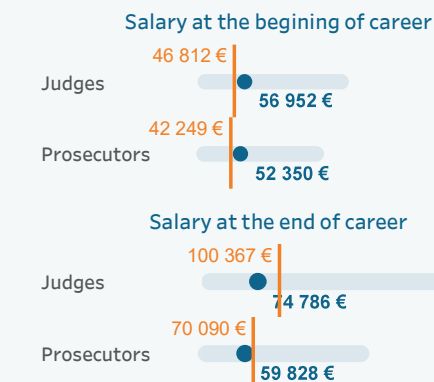
Human Resources (per 100 000 inhabitants)

■ Estonia ■ CoE Median

|	Professional judges	Non-judge staff	Prosecutors	Non-prosecutor staff	Lawyers
2022	17.8 — 17,6	60.7 — 57,9	12.7 — 11,2	6.5 — 14,7	81.7 — 155,5
2012	17.7 — 17,7	74.4 — 54,8	13.1 — 10,4	6.5 — 14,1	65.8 — 111,6

Gender Balance

● % Male
● % Female
— % Female CoE Median

Professional judges

2012	2022
36%	33%
64% 50%	67% 57%

Court presidents

2012	2022
44%	44%
56% 33%	56% 44%

Prosecutors

2012	2022
31%	30%
69% 52%	70% 57%

Heads of prosecution offices

2012	2022
43%	40%
56% 31%	60% 41%

Non-judge staff

2012	2022
13%	13%
87% 77%	87% 75%

Non-prosecutor staff

2012	2022
20%	33%
80% 72%	67% 73%

Lawyers

2018	2022
53%	50%
47% 43%	50% 45%

Absolute gross salaries

Salary at the begining of career

Judges	46 812 € — 56 952 €
Prosecutors	42 249 € — 52 350 €

Salary at the end of career

Judges	100 367 € — 74 786 €
Prosecutors	70 090 € — 59 828 €

Ratio with the average annual gross salary

Salary at the begining of career

	2.8	2,1
	2.6	1,7

Salary at the end of career

	3.7	4,3
	3.0	3,2

Training of Justice Professionals

Average number of live training participations per professional*

For judges	4.6	1,9
For prosecutors	NA	1,3
For non-judge staff	1.7	0,4
For non-prosecutor staff	NA	0,4
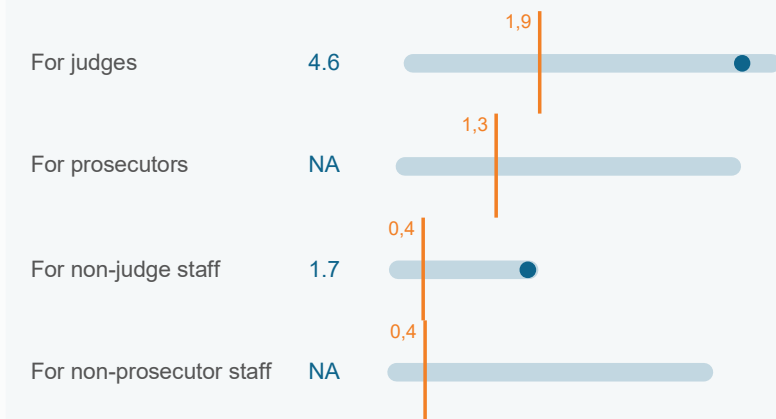
Distribution (%) of 1st instance specialised and general jurisdiction courts

15%
25%

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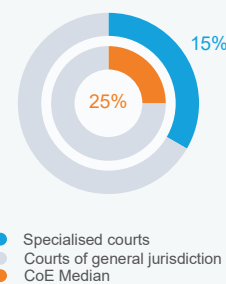
First instance legal entities per 100 000 inh.

● General jurisdiction courts ● Specialised courts

2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
0,31	0,30	0,30	0,30	0,30	0,30
0,16	0,15	0,15	0,15	0,15	0,15
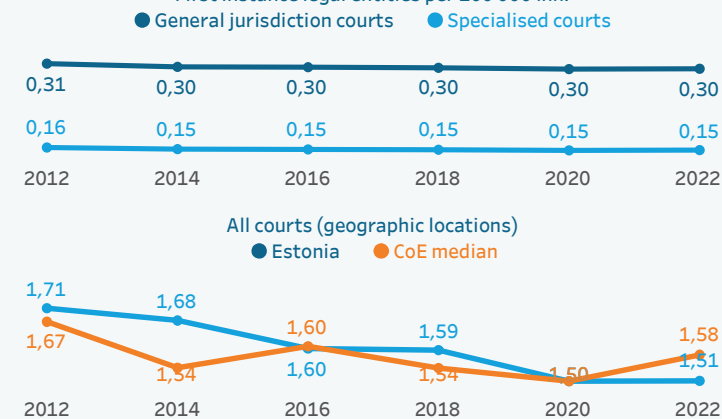
All courts (geographic locations)

● Estonia ● CoE median

2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
1,71	1,68	1,60	1,59	1,50	1,58
1,67	1,54	1,60	1,54	1,50	1,51
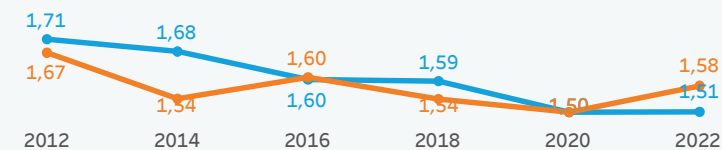
* This indicator is calculated as follows: the number of participants in live trainings is divided by the number of professionals for that category. For example, if the CoE Median for judges is 3,9, this means that, each judge in Europe participated to 3,9 live trainings (as mid value). Indeed, this analysis allows to better understand quantity of training per professional if all were trained.
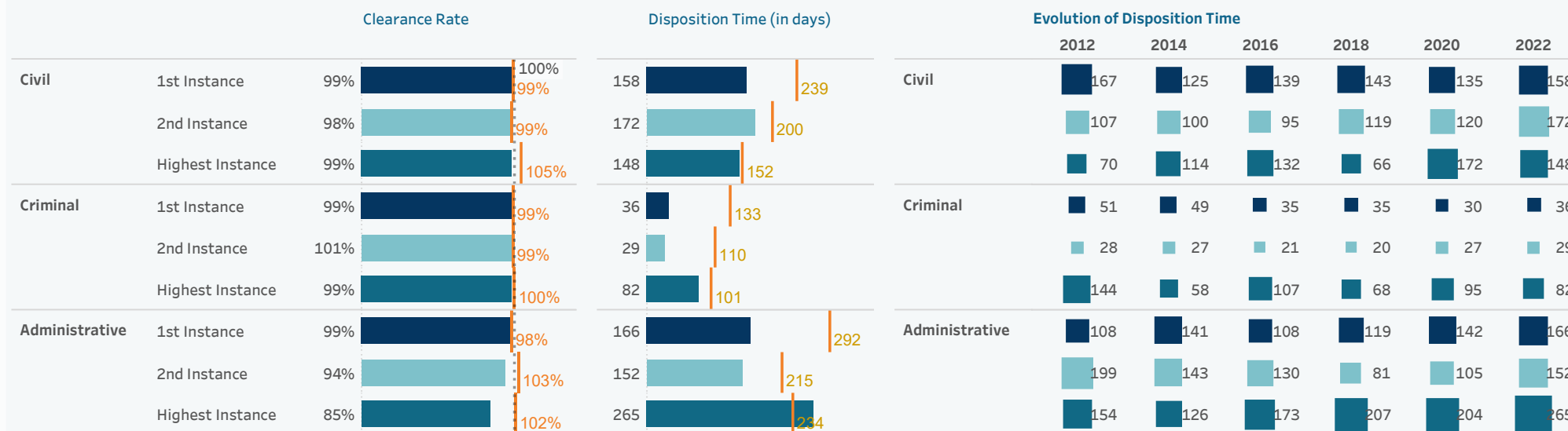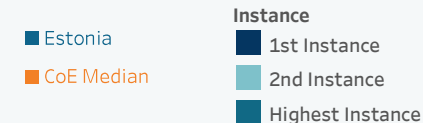
CEPEJ Efficiency Indicators

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
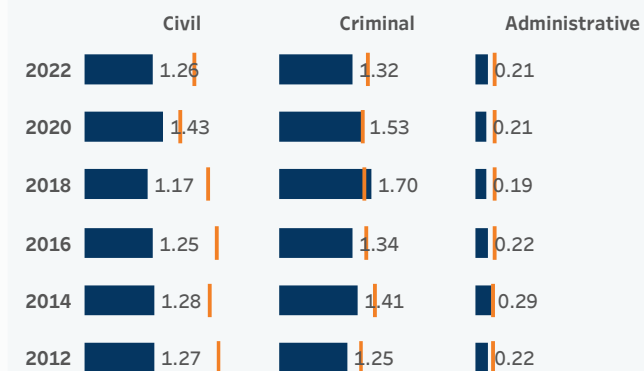CR < 100%, the court/judicial system is able to resolve fewer cases than it received => backlog is increasing
Disposition Time (DT) = (Pending cases / Resolved cases) *365
The Disposition Time (DT) is the theoretical time for a pending case to be resolved, taken into consideration the current pace of work of the courts
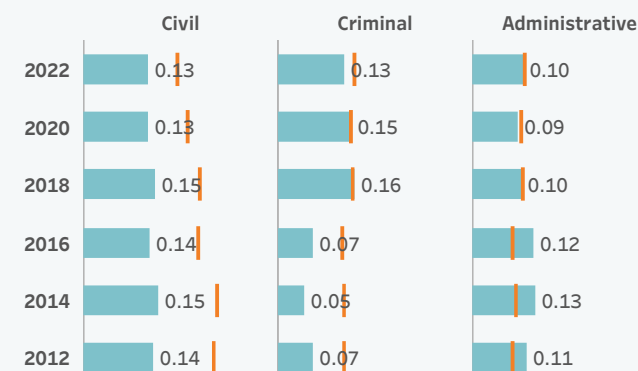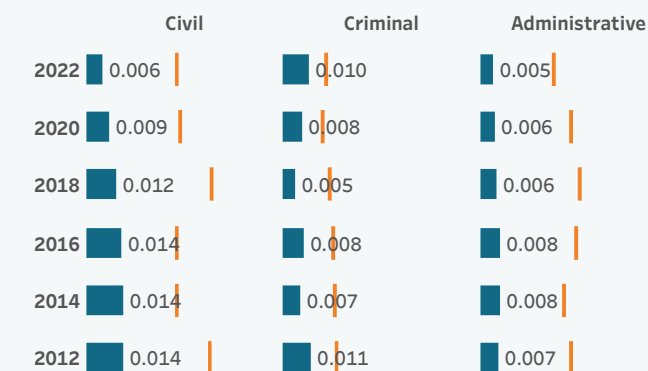
■ Estonia
■ CoE Median

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

Clearance Rate

		Estonia	CoE Median
Civil	1st Instance	99%	100% / 99%
	2nd Instance	98%	99%
	Highest Instance	99%	105%
Criminal	1st Instance	99%	99%
	2nd Instance	101%	99%
	Highest Instance	99%	100%
Administrative	1st Instance	99%	98%
	2nd Instance	94%	103%
	Highest Instance	85%	102%

Disposition Time (in days)

		Estonia	CoE Median
Civil	1st Instance	158	239
	2nd Instance	172	200
	Highest Instance	148	152
Criminal	1st Instance	36	133
	2nd Instance	29	110
	Highest Instance	82	101
Administrative	1st Instance	166	292
	2nd Instance	152	215
	Highest Instance	265	234

Evolution of Disposition Time

		2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Civil	1st Instance	167	125	139	143	135	158
	2nd Instance	107	100	95	119	120	172
	Highest Instance	70	114	132	66	172	148
Criminal	1st Instance	51	49	35	35	30	36
	2nd Instance	28	27	21	20	27	29
	Highest Instance	144	58	107	68	95	82
Administrative	1st Instance	108	141	108	119	142	166
	2nd Instance	199	143	130	81	105	152
	Highest Instance	154	126	173	207	204	265

Incoming Cases

Total number of 1st instance cases per 100 inhabitants

	Civil	Criminal	Administrative
2022	1.26	1.32	0.21
2020	1.43	1.53	0.21
2018	1.17	1.70	0.19
2016	1.25	1.34	0.22
2014	1.28	1.41	0.29
2012	1.27	1.25	0.22

Total number of 2nd instance cases per 100 inhabitants

	Civil	Criminal	Administrative
2022	0.13	0.13	0.10
2020	0.13	0.15	0.09
2018	0.15	0.16	0.10
2016	0.14	0.07	0.12
2014	0.15	0.05	0.13
2012	0.14	0.07	0.11

Total number of Supreme Court cases per 100 inhabitants

	Civil	Criminal	Administrative
2022	0.006	0.010	0.005
2020	0.009	0.008	0.006
2018	0.012	0.005	0.006
2016	0.014	0.008	0.008
2014	0.014	0.007	0.008
2012	0.014	0.011	0.007

Public Prosecution Services

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

266
244
190.49
205
190
160.50
234
152.76
204
151.38

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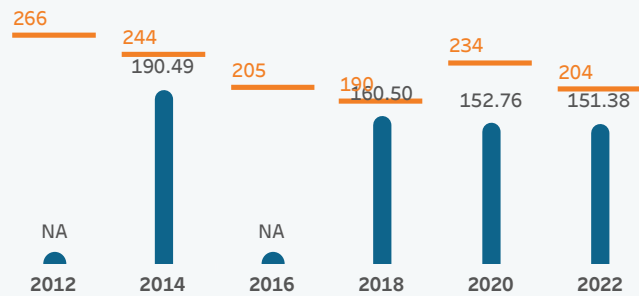
Distribution of processed cases in %

Discontinued during the reference year — 45% / 57%

Concluded by a penalty or a measure imposed or negotiated by the public prosecutor — NA / 5%

Cases brought to court — 55% / 32%
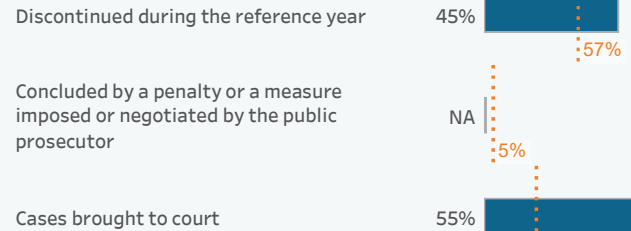
Distribution of discontinued cases in % ■ Estonia ■ CoE Median

Discontinued because the offender could not be identified — NA / 38%

Discontinued due to the lack of an established offence or a specific legal situation — NA / 35%

Discontinued by the public prosecutor for reasons of opportunity — NA / 12%

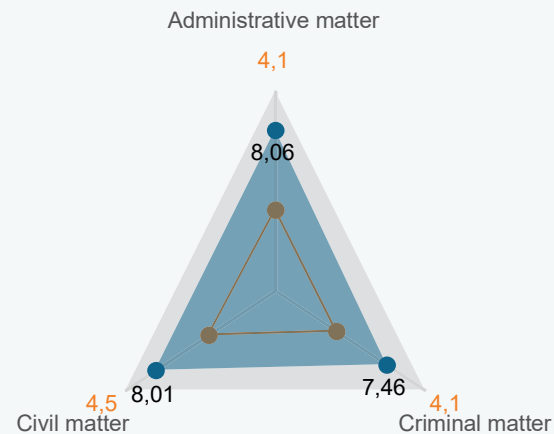Discontinued for other reasons — NA / 18%
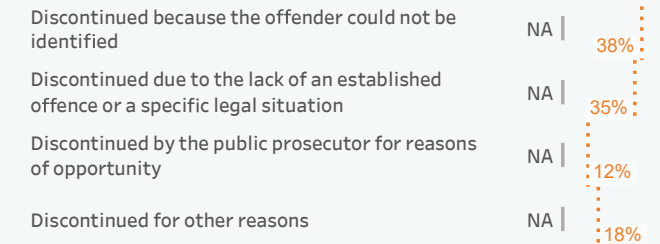
Note: There are different methodologies for calculating the number of cases in the prosecution services' statistics: by event or by perpetrator. The CEPEJ collects data per case (event), but some countries present it per perpetrator.
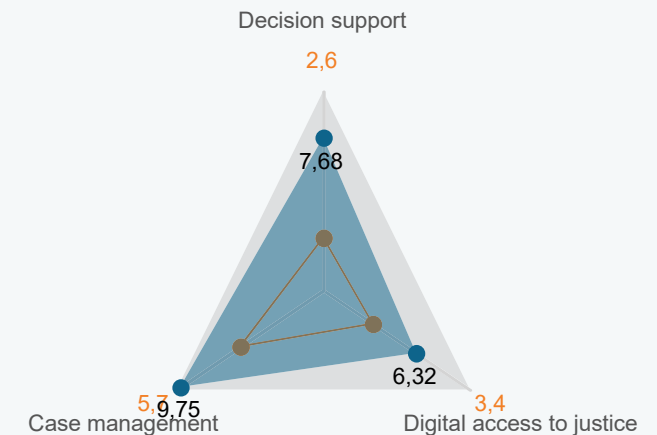
ICT Deployment and Usage Index
(from 0 to 10)

Total deployment rate : **7,86**

4,16
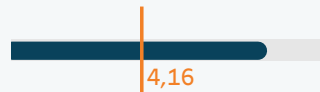
Total usage rate : **7,60**

(experimental)

Deployment index by matter (0 to 10)

Administrative matter
4,1
8,06

Civil matter
4,5
8,01

Criminal matter
4,1
7,46

Deployment index by category (0 to 10)

Decision support
2,6
7,68

Case management
5,3
9,75

Digital access to justice
3,4
6,32

Judiciary Related Websites

Legal texts	Case-law of the higher court/s	Information about the judicial system
www.riigiteataja.ee	www.riigikohus.ee	www.kohus.ee