



Towards a better evaluation of the results of judicial reforms in the Western Balkans – “Dashboard Western Balkans” (Regional Action)

What is the goal?

- ▶ The action aims to improve the quality, efficiency and accountability of the justice systems the Western Balkans Beneficiaries through a better measurement of the results of the judicial reforms. The action supports public authorities in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Kosovo* in the process of preparing the future policies and budget allocations based on CEPEJ findings and methodologies.

Who benefits from the action?

- ▶ Ministries of Justice and/or other relevant institutions such as High Councils of the Judiciary (notably their statistical departments);
- ▶ courts and users of the judicial systems;
- ▶ citizens in the Beneficiaries

How will the action work?

- ▶ by working with the public authorities to improve the annual collection and processing of data on the functioning of the judicial systems of the beneficiaries;
- ▶ by providing tailor-made technical expertise and capacity building activities designed from the results of the data collection;
- ▶ by building on the results of co-operation in the field of strengthening the quality and efficiency of Justice under Horizontal Facility Phase I (2016-2019)

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ adopted improved mechanisms for the collection, processing and analysis of judicial data are in accordance with CEPEJ standards and tools within the Beneficiaries;
- ▶ stakeholders own the capacities and resources to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the judicial system, measure the results of the judicial reforms and develop relevant policies for the future

How much will it cost?

- ▶ the total budget of the action is 1 095 000 EUR.
- ▶ the budget allocated to the overall Horizontal Facility programme amounts to ca. 41 Million EUR (85% funded by the European Union, 15% by the Council of Europe)

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