

HF 42: Judicial training institutes for Quality and Sustainability

What is the goal?

- ▶ To increase the quality of justice in the Western Balkans region through improved capacities of the judicial trainings institutions. The action will assess the effectiveness and impact of human rights trainings and will support related beneficiaries in the process of sharing best practices and achieving European standards towards a more sustainable judicial system.

Who benefits from the project?

- ▶ training institutions for judges and prosecutors, Judicial Councils and Supreme Courts in the Western Balkans Beneficiaries;
- ▶ citizens of the Western Balkans.

How will the project work?

- ▶ through continuous support and guidance to the judicial training institutions in the Western Balkan region in the process of developing the methodology and tools for the evaluation and impact assessment of the human rights trainings;
- ▶ through continuous monitoring of achieved results and training activities for the beneficiaries;
- ▶ through enhanced cooperation and exchange between judicial trainings institutions in the Western Balkan region.

What do we expect to achieve?

- ▶ improved methods and practices within the regional training institutions to perform immediate, and impact evaluations of human rights trainings in the field of justice;
- ▶ enhanced cooperation and effective coordination between judicial training institutions in the region;
- ▶ consolidated training materials, interactive methodology and key resources based on the European best practices;
- ▶ strengthened knowledge and expertise in the field of justice through improving the content and access to the E-library of the judicial training institutions;
- ▶ increased compliance of the national jurisprudence with the case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR).
- ▶ increased quality of trainings that will contribute to better understanding and application of the standards of the ECtHR

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How much will it cost?

- ▶ The total budget of the action is 300 000 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).

How do we get more information?

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