## LATVIA



Inhabitants 1883 008

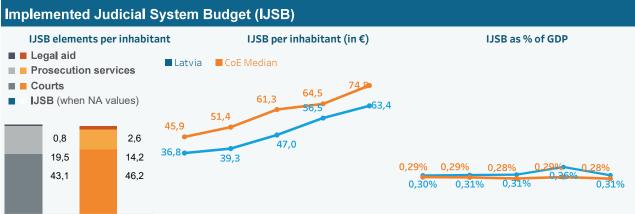


GDP per capita
20 709 €

CoE Median 27 406 €



Average gross annual salary 16 476 € CoE Median 22 878 €



2016 2018 2020 2022 2014 2016 2018 2022 2014 2020 Latvia CoE Median Budget: In 2022, the implemented judicial system budget of Latvia (119 365 548 €) is 63,4 € per inhabitant, which is below the CoE median. As a % of GDP (0,31%), this budget is slightly above the CoE median. The courts' budget continues its up-ward trend, reaching 43,1€ per inhabitant. The public prosecution services' budget is above the CoE median, while the legal aid budget (0.8 € per inhabitant and 1.2% of the judicial system budget) is comparatively lower than the CoE median.

**Judicial map reform:** In 2022, 3 first instance courts merged. The Economic court started functioning in 2021. A reorganisation was launched in the prosecutor's office, to ensure rational use of state budget funds and create a more even distribution of prosecutors' workload. At the same time prosecutors were specialised in criminal offenses committed within the state institutions, including those related to corruption.

**Information and Communication Technologies (ICT):** The ICT Deployment index of 7,6 is one of the highest in Europe, well above the CoE median. It is one of the two states reporting on existence of a tool for automatic proposal of decisions in all three matters. Interesting examples of use of Al: court decision anonymisation tool with Al elements; case documents turner tool; Virtual assistant "Justs"; "Robot" ensuring automated workflow for submitted e-forms.

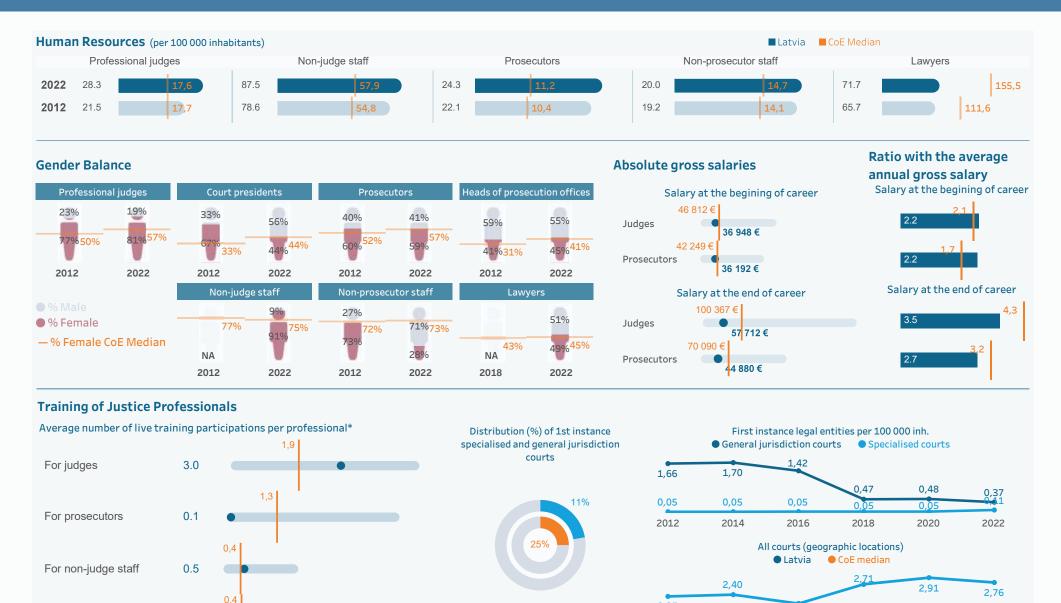
Access to justice: In 2021, the E-Case platform and its sharing solution - the e-case portal - started operating. It is a common public point of access to data and services related to court proceedings. The "Track court proceedings" is a free of charge electronic service, enabling to track any court proceeding (the current status of a specific case; judge assigned; court hearings scheduled; claims received; court decisions. Only anonymised information is provided publicly.



**Efficiency:** In 2022, across all three instances combined, the courts are most efficient in the criminal domain. Specifically, the courts are most efficient in third instance criminal cases, while the DT is the highest in third instance administrative matters.

In the three legal fields, the DT evolved positively between 2020 and 2022 at first and last instances. At second instance, this indicator decreased in administrative matters, but increased in civil and criminal matters, where the CR remained below the 100% threshold.

Compared to the respective CoE medians, the Disposition Time indicator in Latvia is slightly above only with regard to second instance criminal and administrative cases and third instance administrative cases



Specialised courts

CoE Median

Courts of general jurisdiction

4,65

2012

2,69

2016

1.54

2018

1,50

2020

1.54

2014

1,58

2022

For non-prosecutor staff

NA

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

Instance

1st Instance

2nd Instance

Highest Instance

■ Latvia

NA

189

■ CoE Median

# **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

#### Dispostion Time (DT) = (Pending cases / Resolved cases) \*365

Highest Instance

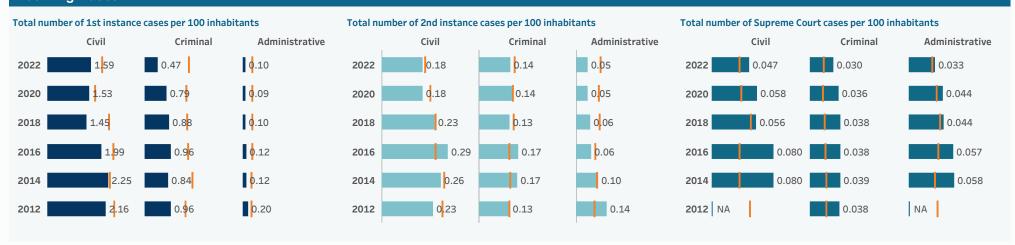
117%

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

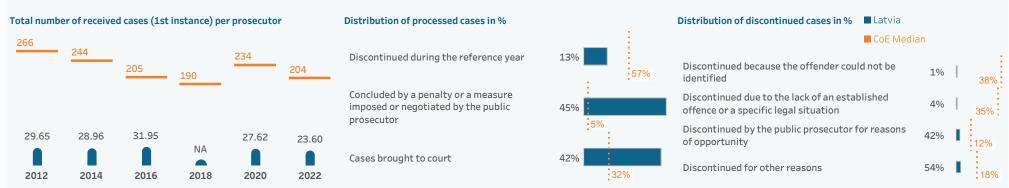
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Clearance Rate Disposition Time (in days) **Evolution of Disposition Time** 2012 2014 2018 2020 2022 2016 100% Civil 1st Instance 99% 209 Civil 217 236 239 209 239 96% 133 160 124 104 118 140 2nd Instance 140 99% 200 107% Highest Instance 138 NA 559 153 204 115 138 105% Criminal 1st Instance 103% 171 Criminal 133 133 135 118 171 110 93% 135 99 74 72 81 135 2nd Instance 113% 45 66 87 99 92 Highest Instance 92 47 Administrative 1st Instance 107% 200 Administrative 300 155 228 248 220 200 292 169 158 215 2nd Instance 100% 210 215 215

### **Incoming Cases**

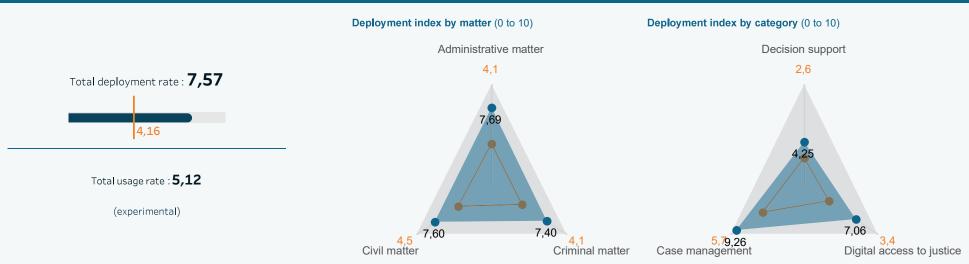


#### **Public Prosecution Services**



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)



#### **Judiciary Related Websites**

Legal texts

www.likumi.lv

Case-law of the higher court/s

http://www.at.gov.lv/lv/judikatura/judikaturas/nolemumu-arhivs https://elieta.lv/web/#/pakalpojumi/anonimizetie-nolemumi Information about the judicial system

https://www.tiesas.lv