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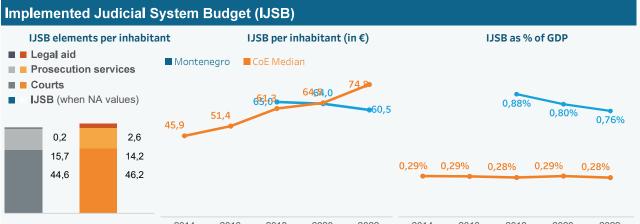
Inhabitants 620 029



GDP per capita 8 002 € CoE Median 27 406 €



Average gross annual salary 10 596 € CoE Median 22 878 €



2020 2022 2016 2022 2014 2016 2018 2014 2018 2020 Montenegro CoE Median

Budget: In 2022, the implemented judicial system budget of Montenegro is 37 507 828 €, representing 60,5 € per inhabitant, below the CoE median. This budget constitutes 0,76% of the GDP, which is the highest proportion in Europe. The courts' budget per inhabitant is 44,6 € in 2022, down from 48,5 € in 2020, due to a decrease in the number of judges and, consequently, salary allocations.

Professionals: Montenegro, a Western Balkan country, has traditionally had one of Europe's highest ratios of legal professionals, with 42,4 judges per 100 000 inhabitants. However, this is a decrease from 49,84 in 2020, paralleled by a reduction in prosecutors from 20,16 to 16,61 per 100 000 inhabitants by 2022.

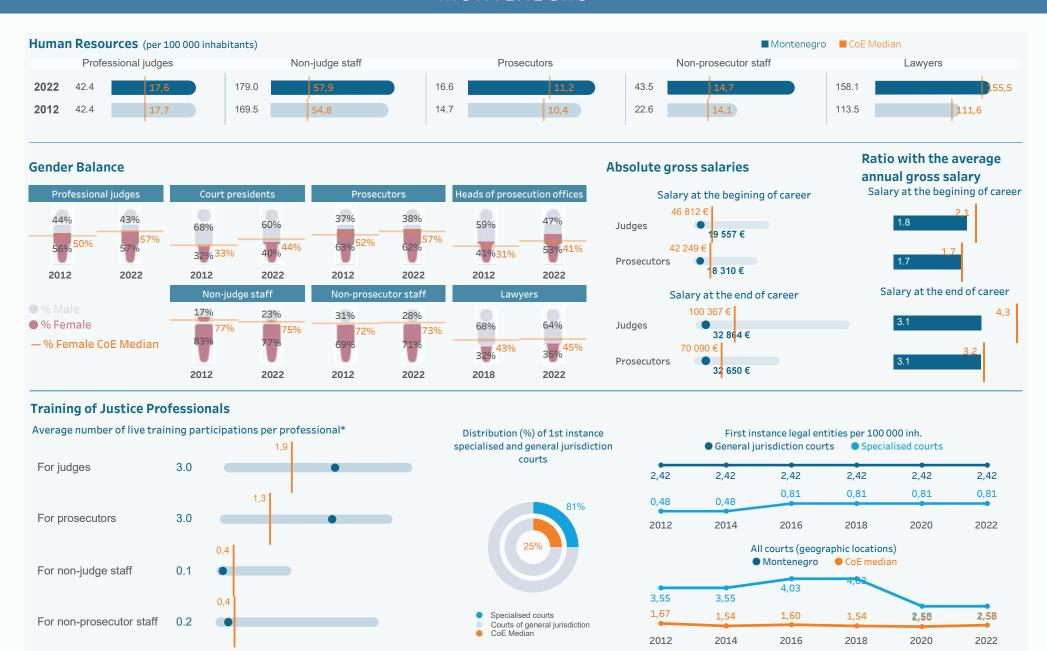
Court-related mediation: Montenegro has both mandatory mediation before going to the court and informative sessions with a mediator. By 2022, the number of mediators doubled to 32,4 per 100 000 inhabitants from 15,8 in 2018, and cases dealt with through a court-related mediation procedure escalated to 3 074, compared to 708 four years prior.

Evaluation of judges and prosecutors: The performance of judges and public prosecutors is evaluated using quantitative and qualitative criteria. Quantitatively, benchmarks set by the Ministry of Justice and the Judicial Council must be met, with a disciplinary offense if a judge achieves less than 50% of the required work. Qualitative criteria include professional knowledge, planning skills, and competence, considered in evaluations impacting career progression and remuneration.



Efficiency: Overall, the courts remain most efficient in the second instance and within the criminal domain, consistent with the past evaluation cycle. Separately, the lowest Disposition Time is reported in the third instance of criminal cases. Increases in Disposition Times are reported in first instance administrative cases, as well as civil and commercial litigious cases, including the highest instance of civil and commercial litigious cases due to a lack of judges at the Supreme court. In particular, a significant surge in requests related to the "free access to information" law has dramatically increased the number of administrative incoming cases, overwhelming the court's capacity. This has resulted in a severe backlog and excessively long DT.

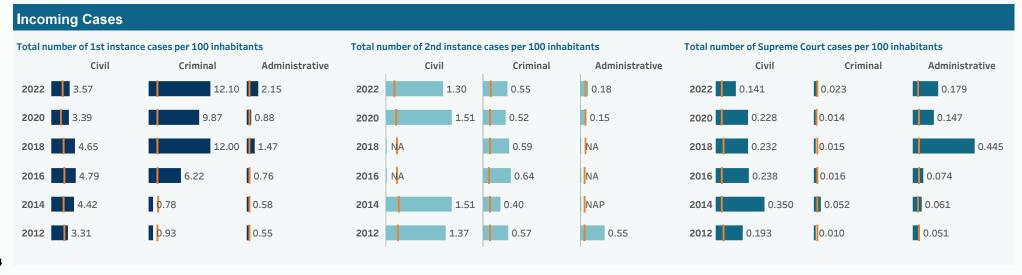
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^{*} This indicator is calculated as follows: the number of participants in live trainings is divided by the number of professionals for that category. For example, if the CoE Median for judges is 3,9, this means that, each judge in Europe participated to 3,9 live trainings (as mid value). Indeed, this analysis allows to better understand quantity of training per professional if all were trained.

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CEPEJ Efficiency Indicators Clearance Rate (CR) = (Resolved cases / Incoming cases) *100 Instance CR > 100%, the court/judicial system is able to resolve more cases than it received => backlog is decreasing ■ Montenegro 1st Instance CR < 100%, the court/judicial system is able to resolve fewer cases than it received => backlog is increasing ■ CoE Median 2nd Instance Dispostion Time (DT) = (Pending cases / Resolved cases) *365 Highest Instance 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 Clearance Rate Disposition Time (in days) **Evolution of Disposition Time** 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 100% Civil Civil 1st Instance 86% 254 298 267 229 280 417 99% 2nd Instance 89% 108 105 NA NA 78 135 135 99% Highest Instance 78% 567 **2**4 **3**5 **61** 105 567 105% Criminal 1st Instance 81% 313 Criminal 174 189 145 199 253 313 99% 83% 110 13 8 **=** 10 110 2nd Instance 99% 106% Highest Instance 12 • 0 **1**3 **2**6 **3**0 **3**0 12 Administrative Administrative 1st Instance 40% 1180 210 202 240 401 441 L80 98% 2nd Instance 91% 210 NAP NA NA 56 114 114 103% 215



27

41

49

79

56

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114

102%

Highest Instance

91%

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.

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