



**Budget**: In 2022, North Macedonia's implemented judicial system budget is  $45\ 262\ 101\ \epsilon$ . This funding equates to  $24,6\ \epsilon$  per inhabitant, which is substantially below the CoE median. The budget represents 0,39% of North Macedonia's GDP, exceeding the CoE median. The courts' budget per inhabitant is  $19,2\ \epsilon$  in 2022, an increase from  $14,9\ \epsilon$  in 2020. Although the legal aid budget per inhabitant increased from  $0,16\ \epsilon$  to  $0,3\ \epsilon$ , it remains one of the lowest in Europe.

**Professionals:** North Macedonia has 22,26 judges per 100.000 inhabitants, which is above CoE median. On the other side the number of prosecutors is 8,55 per 100.000 inhabitants which is bellow CoE median. The number of judges and prosecutors is declining due to retirements and the lengthy training process in the Academy for judges and prosecutors.

**Legal Aid:** There was a notable surge in the number of cases receiving legal aid (primary) in 2022 compared to prior reporting periods, due to a new Legal Aid Law enacted in October 2019 with the aim to strengthening the legal aid system and introducing a national coordinating body.

**Information and Communication Technologies (ICT):** The ICT Deployment index is 3,3, which is below the CoE median. "Case Management" is the strongest ICT category, 56% higher than the total index, indicating ongoing digitalization of the main case registry. Enforcement agents have electronic case management software and are connected with the land registry and Clearing house databases. A new ICT strategy is under preparation, while the 2019-2024 strategy is not finalised.

Efficiency : In North Macedonia, the high number of judge retirements in 2022, caused by the new compulsory retirement age, likely led to a reduced number of resolved cases and, consequently, increased Disposition Times. Overall, the courts are most efficient in criminal matters and the third instance. Separately, the third instance administrative cases appear to be the most efficient domain, while the Disposition Time is the highest in first instance civil and commercial litigious cases. The most significant drop in Disposition Time is reported in the administrative cases in the highest instance.





\* 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		Instance
CR > 100%, the court/judicial system is able to resolve more cases than it received => backlog is decreasing	North Macedonia	1st Instance
CR < 100%, the court/judicial system is able to resolve fewer cases than it received => backlog is increasing	CoE Median	=
Dispostion 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		Highest Instance
Dispostion Time (DT) = (Pending cases / Resolved cases) *365	CoE Median	2nd Instance Highest Instan

	Clearance Rate			Disposition Time (in days)		Evolution of Disposition Time						
							2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Civil	1st Instance	85%	100% 99%	312	239	Civil	175	132	223	179	294	812
	2nd Instance	97%	99%	166	200		79	98	111	125	126	166
	Highest Instance	97%	105%	217	152		449	233	350	257	189	217
Criminal	1st Instance	94%	99%	159	133	Criminal	203	155	171	190	216	159
	2nd Instance	99%	99%	129	110		22	44	103	146	166	129
	Highest Instance	109%	100%	39	101		55	107	233	152	54	39
Administrative	1st Instance	104%	98%	303	292	Administrative	817	347	370	281	228	303
	2nd Instance	103%	103%	92	215		- 9	<b>1</b> 0	76	107	131	92
	Highest Instance	117%	102%	26	234		42	104	281	140	304	26

### 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.

