

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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Division of Co-operation Programmes
Logo (where applicable) and title of the Project: Enhancing Judicial Protection of Human Rights
Duration: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027
Country/region: Kosovo*/South East Europe
Budget: 830,000 EUR
Donor: Voluntary Contribution of Germany
Main partners and beneficiaries: Justice Academy, Judicial Council, Constitutional Court, Bar Association, Agency for Free Legal Aid, Office for Good Governance, Ministry of Justice and civil society organisations
Project objective: To enhance the protection of human rights in Kosovo*, by improving the quality of applications lodged with courts in respect of human rights violations, by supporting judicial redress of human rights violations by domestic courts, and by fostering a better integration of European human rights standards in selected areas of legislation and domestic policies.
Expected results: The project promotes a holistic approach to human rights protection. It will seek convergence among relevant authorities and all actors along the justice chain, relying on three areas of action: 1. Improving the quality of applications lodged with courts in respect of human rights violations, by developing relevant tools and ensuring adequate training of legal professionals. 2. Supporting judicial redress of human rights violations by domestic courts, by developing the professional capacities and knowledge of judges and prosecutors at all levels regarding case law of the European Court of Human Rights and of the Constitutional Court, and by facilitating the establishment of research and case law units within courts wherever possible. 3. Fostering the implementation of European human rights standards by facilitating joint analysis by legislative, executive and judicial branches, and by developing the capacities within the Office for Good Governance within the Prime Minister's Office and/or within the Ministry of Justice in the field of European human rights standards.

Detailed project description *(see the template overleaf)*

Project documentation *(provide any type of publications you would like to have on the webpage)*

Useful links *(eg project webpage on the website of a local CoE office)*

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project title	Enhancing Judicial Protection of Human Rights
Country/region	Kosovo*/South East Europe
Budget	830,000 EUR
Donor	Voluntary Contribution (VC) of Germany
Duration	January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027
Partners and beneficiaries	Justice Academy, Judicial Council, Constitutional Court, Bar Association, Agency for Free Legal Aid, Office for Good Governance, Ministry of Justice and civil society organisations
Main objective and objectives	The overall objective of the project is to enhance the protection of human rights in Kosovo*. Specifically, it aims to improve the quality of applications lodged with courts in respect of human rights violations, to support judicial redress of human rights violations by domestic courts, and to foster a better integration of European human rights standards in selected areas of legislation and domestic policies.
Expected results	The project promotes a holistic approach to human rights protection. It seeks convergence among relevant authorities and all actors along the justice chain, relying on three areas of action: 1. Improving the quality of applications lodged with courts in respect of human rights violations, by developing relevant tools and ensuring adequate training of legal professionals. 2. Supporting judicial redress of human rights violations by domestic courts, by developing the professional capacities and knowledge of judges and prosecutors at all levels regarding case law of the European Court of Human Rights and of the Constitutional Court, and by facilitating the establishment of research and case law units within courts wherever possible. 3. Fostering the implementation of European human rights standards by facilitating joint analysis by legislative, executive and judicial branches, and by developing the capacities within the Office for Good Governance within the Prime Minister's Office and/or within the Ministry of Justice in the field of European human rights standards.
Key activities	▪ Advocacy and advisory support in the drafting and review of relevant legislation and policies ▪ Development of knowledge systems within the Constitutional Court and support to the establishment of research units within other relevant domestic courts ▪ Thematic workshops on European Convention standards, European Court case law, and their practical application

	▪ Training and e-learning activities for judges, prosecutors and lawyers on European Convention standards ▪ Round table discussions with courts at all levels to address key topics emerging from judicial practice ▪ International exchange with peer institutions, through conferences, study visits and opportunities for placements.
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