

**IMPROVING THE PROTECTION OF EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF  
Kosovo\***  
*Project summary*

<b>Project title</b>	Improving the protection of European Human Rights Standards by the Constitutional Court of Kosovo*
<b>Country</b>	Kosovo
<b>Budget</b>	500 000 €
<b>Funding</b>	Voluntary Contribution (VC) - Norway
<b>Duration</b>	18 months (1 February 2019 – 31 July 2020)
<b>Partners and beneficiaries</b>	Constitutional Court of Kosovo*
<b>Main objectives</b>	To improve the capacity of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo* in ensuring the protection of individual human rights and fundamental freedoms through the effective application of European human rights standards to individual complaints
<b>Expected outputs and results</b>	<p><b>Outcome 1: Strengthened capacity of the Constitutional Court to apply the ECHR in its work</b></p> <p><b>Output 1.1:</b> Developed capacity of the newly appointed Constitutional Court judges and newly recruited legal advisors to apply the ECHR</p> <p><b>Output 1.2:</b> Improved organizational structure and working methods of the Constitutional Court's</p> <p><b>Output 1.3:</b> Improved normative and organizational base for strengthening the Legal Unit</p> <p><b>Output 1.4:</b> Increased capacity of the Constitutional Court's support services (communications unit, translators) to apply the best European practices enhancing the functioning of the Court in general</p> <p><b>Outcome 2: Increased awareness of legal professionals and general population on the European human rights standards and the work of the Constitutional Court</b></p> <p><b>Output 2.1:</b> Development, publication and dissemination of materials on the ECHR and the relevant case law of the Constitutional Court in English, Albanian and Serbian for legal professionals and the general</p>

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\*All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions, or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

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<b>Implemented or planned activities</b>	<p>1.1.1. On site mentoring scheme for CC Judges in Pristina provided by peers from the leading European constitutional courts and the ECtHR to exchange the experience of application of the ECHR, and share the best working methods</p> <p>1.1.2. Expert 2-day round tables for judges of the CC on the main Convention provisions related to the key ECHR-related issues in Kosovo* and on general legal competencies with the participation of leading experts in the field (6 round tables on the following topics: Articles 3, 5, 6, 8, 14 of the ECHR and Article 1 of Protocol no. 1)</p> <p>1.1.3. Two HELP courses for new legal advisors (topics to be identified with the CC)</p> <p>1.1.4. Working visit of CC judges to the European Court of Human Rights</p> <p>1.1.5. Three-month placements of new legal advisors to the ECtHR registry (2 persons)</p> <p>1.2.1. An assessment of the effectiveness of the CC as a key implementer of the ECHR (study)</p> <p>1.3.1. An assessment summarising the ECtHR's and the relevant European constitutional courts' experience in creating and running a legal research/analysis unit with recommendations on its creation in the CC (study)</p> <p>1.4.1. Four 2-day training sessions for the CC's support services in order to increase the CC's effectiveness in general, in particular, for the CC's press communication unit (three sessions) and CC's translators on what concerns the ECHR-related terminology and the CoE "vocabulary".</p> <p>2.1.1. Preparation of an admissibility criteria manual for local legal professionals and the general public</p> <p>2.1.2. Publication of an online annotated compilation of the key ECtHR decisions in English, Albanian and Serbian for usage of the CC and other legal professionals.</p>