

Strengthening the effective legal remedies to human rights violations in Serbia

Project summary

Project title	HFII: Strengthening the effective legal remedies to human rights violations in Serbia
Country	Serbia
Budget	€ 900,000.00
Funding	European Union/Council of Europe Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey
Duration	36 months (24 May 2019 – 23 May 2022)
Partners and beneficiaries	<p>The key stakeholders in the project are (in alphabetic order):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Constitutional Court- Government Agent before the European Court of Human Rights- High Judicial Council- Judicial Academy- Law Faculty of the University of Belgrade- Ministry of European Integrations- Ministry of Justice- Republic Public Prosecutor's Office- State Prosecutorial Council- Supreme Court of Cassation
Main objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Improving national mechanisms for the consistent application of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and case law of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), as well as the national judicial practice;- Fostering the national implementation of European human rights standards, including the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights.
Expected outputs and results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reinforced capacity of legal professionals, including judges, prosecutors, lawyers and legal assistants, to apply the provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights case law and to adequately address human right violations identified by the European Court of Human Rights;- Strengthened case law departments in courts of all levels, capable to preventively identify potential violations;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secured horizontal dialogue between Serbian courts on contentious legal issues; - Strengthened mechanism for the execution of judgements of the ECtHR in relation to Serbia; strengthened office of the Government's Agent before the ECtHR.
Implemented or planned activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of the permanent inter-agency working group for effective legal remedies to human rights violations in Serbia; - conducting research and drafting analytical reports (needs assessment, impact (effects) analysis, review) in respect to the harmonization of judicial and prosecutorial practices, reasonable time standard, references to the ECHR and ECtHR case law made by judges (judicial assistants), execution of ECtHR judgements in relation to Serbia; - organizing expert discussions (conferences, seminars, round tables) on the topic of case law harmonization and human rights identification, right to a trial within reasonable time, mechanism(s) for execution of the ECtHR judgments; - development of training curricula and materials and organizing training sessions for continuous education of legal professionals and students of law on the Council of Europe standards, ECHR and case law of the ECtHR; - organizing training sessions and working seminars for human rights liaison officers within courts' case law departments as well as for judges and prosecutors, members of the National network of judges and prosecutors for the application of the ECtHR standards in Serbia; - support to the development of the HELP courses related to the human rights issues relevant to Serbia; - preparation of the manual on non-pecuniary damages in view of the ECtHR case law.