

IMPROVING THE PROTECTION OF EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF KOSOVO*



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MAIN OBJECTIVES

- To **improve the capacity of the Constitutional Court in ensuring the protection of human rights** and fundamental freedoms
- To support the **effective application of European human rights standards** to individual complaints before the Constitutional Court

EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND RESULTS

1. Developed capacity of the newly appointed Constitutional Court judges and newly recruited legal advisors to apply the European Convention on Human Rights;
2. Improved organisational structure and working methods of the Constitutional Court;
3. Improved normative and organisational base for strengthening the Legal Unit;
4. 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;
5. Increased awareness of legal professionals and general population on the European human rights standards and the work of the Constitutional Court.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- **Trainings and workshops for judges of the Constitutional Court** provided by peers from the leading European constitutional courts and the ECtHR to exchange best working methods on the application of the European Convention and **HELP courses for new legal advisors**
- **Round table on the key European Convention-related issues in Kosovo*** for judges of the Constitutional Court
- **Working visits** of judges of the Constitutional Court and **placement** of legal advisors to the European Court
- **Training sessions for the support services of the Constitutional Court** in order to increase effectiveness, in particular to press unit and translators on what concern Council of Europe terminology
- Preparation of an **admissibility criteria manual** for local legal professionals and the general public
- Publication of an **online annotated compilation of the key judgments and decisions of the European Court** in English, Albanian and Serbian

PARTNERS AND BENEFICIARIES

Constitutional Court of Kosovo*

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