

Evaluation of the judicial systems (2020 - 2022)

Romania

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Objective :

The CEPEJ decided, at its 35th plenary meeting, to launch the nineth evaluation cycle 2020 – 2022, focused on 2020 data. The CEPEJ wishes to use the methodology developed in the previous cycles to get, with the support of its national correspondents' network, a general evaluation of the judicial systems in the 47 member states of the Council of Europe as well as three observer states (Israel, Morocco and Kazakhstan). This will enable policy makers and judicial practitioners to take account of such unique information when carrying out their activities.

The present questionnaire was adapted by the Working group on evaluation of judicial systems (CEPEJ-GT-EVAL) in view of the previous evaluation cycles and considering the comments submitted by CEPEJ members, observers, experts and national correspondents. The aim of this exercise is to increase awareness of judicial systems in the participating states, to compare the functioning of judicial systems in their various aspects, as well as to have a better knowledge of the trends of the judicial organisation in order to help improve the efficiency of justice. The evaluation questionnaire and the analysis of the results becomes a genuine tool in favour of public policies on justice, for the sake of the European citizens.

Instruction :

The ways to use the application and to answer the questions are guided by two main documents:

- -User manual
- -Explanatory note

While the explanatory note gives definitions and explanations on the CEPEJ evaluation questionnaire and the methodology needed for replying, the User manual is a tool to help you navigate through this application. You can download the Explanatory note as a whole on the CEPEJ website. The specific explanations are also accessible for each question within this application under the tab "Explanatory note". This will serve as immediate consultation tool when answering questions. In case you have any questions related to these documents or on the use of the application, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat.

1.General and financial information

1.1.Demographic and economic data

1.1.1Inhabitants and economic general information

001. Number of inhabitants (if possible on 1 January of the reference year +1)

[19 186 201]

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Comments Usually resident population of Romania on January 1st -provisional data

002. Total of annual public expenditure at state level and where appropriate, public expenditure at regional or federal entity level (in \in)

	Amount
State or federal level	87 163 675 196 []NA
Regional / federal entity level (total for all regions / federal entities)	[]NAP []NA
	[X] NAP

Comments The analysis of the Reports of the Ministry of Finance on the final budget execution for these years shows that the increase of these expenditures is mainly due to the measures that were considered to combat the COVID-19 epidemic, respectively the amounts necessary for emergency financing for preventive measures and treatment, and for the investments in medical equipment, medicines and other medical goods. the epidemiological situation caused by the spread of SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, on the one hand, and the exceptional social and economic measures to reduce the negative effects on the economy caused by measures taken to limit infection among the population.

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003. Per capita GDP (in €) in current prices for the reference year

[11 290]

Comments provisional data

004. Average gross annual salary (in \in) for the reference year

[13 385]

[] NA

Comments The difference can be explained based on salary increases, and an upward trend can be observed continuing from 2018.

005. Exchange rate of national currency (non-Euro zone) in \in on 1 January of the reference year

+1

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[ 4.8694 ]
Allow decimals : 5
[ ] NAP
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Comments

A1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: Ministry of Justice, National Institute of Statistics

1.1.2Budgetary data concerning judicial system

006. Annual (approved and implemented) public budget allocated to the functioning of all courts, in \in (without the budget of the public prosecution services and without the budget of legal aid). If

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you cannot separate the budget allocated to the courts from the budget of public prosecution services and/or the one allocated to legal aid, please go to question 7. If you are able to answer this question 6, please answer NA to question 7.

	Approved budget (in €)	Implemented budget (in €)
TOTAL - Annual public budget allocated to the functioning of all courts $(1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7)$	630 844 046 [] NA [] NAP	623 431 990 []NA []NAP
1. Annual public budget allocated to (gross) salaries	469 028 217 [] NA [] NAP	468 031 978 [] NA [] NAP
2. Annual public budget allocated to computerisation (2.1 + 2.2)	9 198 464 [] NA [] NAP	8 017 152 []NA []NAP
2.1 Investments in computerisation	8 037 810 [] NA [] NAP	7 005 554 []NA []NAP
2.2 Maintenance of the IT equipment of courts	[X] NA [] NAP	[X] NA [] NAP
3. Annual public budget allocated to justice expenses (expertise, interpretation, etc.)	1 334 867 [] NA [] NAP	1 295 332 []NA []NAP
4. Annual public budget allocated to court buildings (maintenance, operating costs)	35 208 445 [] NA [] NAP	34 560 806 [] NA [] NAP
5. Annual public budget allocated to investments in new (court) buildings	15 466 793 [] NA [] NAP	13 175 736 []NA []NAP
6. Annual public budget allocated to training	84 405 [] NA [] NAP	50 546 []NA []NAP
7. Other (please specify)	100 522 857 [] NA [] NAP	98 300 440 []NA []NAP

Please indicate any useful comment to explain the figures provided. If the annual public budget allocated to the functioning of all courts actually implemented is different from the approved annual public budget allocated to the functioning of all courts, please indicate the main reasons for the differences: 1. the expenses regarding the maintenance of the IT equipment of courts cannot be highlighted separately within point 2.2, as they are included in the total budget provided for point 4 - the budget for maintenance and operating cost allocated to courts. Therefore we marked NA on point 2.2

2. the category "other" includes, as ussual, other salary expenses such as for example temporary transfer in the employer's interest and secondment pays, contributions owed by the employer, other rights which judges and ancillary staff are entitled to (reimbursement of the sums paid for medicines, transportation, rent, travel expenses, fuel and lubricants expenses, periodical medical checks, labor protection etc.). "Annual public budget allocated to computerisation": This increase, according to the relevant reports, reflects the continuous growth of financial resources allocated for the entire judicial system for the implementation of IT solutions - part of digitization, which is a continuous process of adaptation and renewal by reference to new technologies and products.

"Annual public budget allocated to court buildings": In addition to increasing funds for new investment objectives, larger funds have been allocated for maintenance and operating cost, for example for current repairs, payment of utilities etc.

"Annual public budget allocated to investments in new (court) buildings": The financial resources allocated to the new investment objectives at the courts, even for the design and construction of new buildings- court premises, have increased, as a part of the constant policy of ensuring all the conditions for the administration of justice as a public service.

"Annual public budget allocated to training": The difference can be explained by the increasing need for training, and implicitly of the allocated funds, especially for certain sectors or issues.

007. If you cannot answer question 6 because you cannot isolate the public budget allocated to courts from the budget allocated to public prosecution services and/or the one allocated to legal aid, please fill in only the appropriate line in the table according to your system:

	Approved budget (in €)	Implemented budget (in €)
Total annual public budget allocated to all courts and the		
public prosecution services together	[] NA [X] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP
Total annual public budget allocated to all courts and legal		
aid together	[] NA [X] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP
Total annual public budget allocated to all courts, public		
prosecution services and legal aid together	[] NA [X] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP

Comments - Please indicate any useful comment to explain the figures provided. If the annual public budget actually implemented is different from the approved annual public budget, please indicate the main reasons for the differences:

008. Are litigants in general required to pay a court fee to initiate a proceeding at a court of general jurisdiction:

	Litigants required to pay a court fee to initiate a proceeding at a court of general jurisdiction ?
for criminal cases	() Yes, at the beginning of the procedure
	() Yes, at a later stage (X) No
for other than criminal cases	(X) Yes, at the beginning of the procedure
	() Yes, at a later stage() No

If there are exceptions to the obligation to pay these court fees, could you please provide comments on those exceptions?

008-1. Please briefly present the methodology of calculation of these court fees:

Government Emergency Ordinance no. 80/2013 eliminates the judicial stamp, which was accessory to the judicial stamp duty, simplifying thus the procedure. Court fees are set differently depending on the nature of disputes:
Patrimonial - disputes whose value can be estimated in money •Non-patrimonial – disputes which cannot be evaluated in money (e.g. guardianship cases, establishment of paternity)
a. According to the rule, for patrimonial disputes court fees shall be established as a percentage of the value of the case; the percentage gradually decreases as the value of the case increases.
Exemple : Article 3 (1) of GEO no. 80/2013 on the judicial fees:
(1) The proceedings and patrimonial applications shall be charged as follows:
a) up to 500 lei- 8%, but not less than 20 lei;
b) between 501 lei and 5000 lei- 40 lei + 7% for what exceeds 500 lei;

c) between 5001 lei and 25.000 lei - 355 lei + 5% for what exceeds 5000 lei;

d) between 25.001 lei and 50.000 lei-1.355 lei + 3% for what exceeds 25.000 lei; e) between 50.001 lei and 250.000 lei - 2105 lei + 2% for what exceeds 50.000;

f) over 250.000 lei - 6105 lei + 1% for what exceeds 250.000 lei.

b. For non-patrimonial disputes the law provides for fixed court fees. There are 5 categories of fixed fees: 20 lei, 50 lei, 100 lei, 200 lei, 300 lei. For each type of non-patrimonial dispute the law expressly provides for the quantum of the fixed fee.

It is worth mentioning that on the website of the Ministry of Justice there is a calculator for calculating (as a guide) the value of the stamp duty, according to GEO no. 80/2013, art. 3 paragraph (1), valid only for actions and requests evaluable in money - http://www.just.ro/calculator-taxa-judiciara/

This computer has an informational role. The exact and mandatory value of the stamp fees is the one established by the court.

008-2. The amount of court fees requested to commence an action for 3000€ debt recovery:

[171] []NA []NAP

Comments

009. Annual income of court fees received by the State (in \in):

[56 469 192] [] NA

[] NAP

Comments

012. Annual approved public budget allocated to legal aid, in \in .

	TOTAL	Criminal cases	Other than criminal cases
TOTAL - Annual approved public budget	16 336 715	15 193 042	1 143 673
allocated to legal aid $(12.1 + 12.2)$	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
anocated to legal and $(12.1 + 12.2)$	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
12.1 for cases brought to court (court fees	16 336 715	15 193 042	1 143 673
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
and/or legal representation)	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
12.2 for cases not brought to court (legal			
advice, ADR and other legal services)	[X] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA
auvice, ADX and outer legal services)	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP

Comments The increase in the budget of legal aid is mainly due to the increase of the amounts (tariffs) destined to the fees of the lawyers providing the legal aid services – according to the Protocol for establishing the lawyers' fees in this field, concluded with UNBR, as amended in 2019. It is worth emphasizing that since 2008 the approved budget for legal aid has recorded a clear ascending trend.

012-1. Annual implemented public budget allocated to legal aid, in \in .

TOTAL	Criminal cases	Other than criminal
		cases

TOTAL - Annual implemented public budget allocated to legal aid (12-1.1 + 12-1.2)	16 295 765 []NA []NAP	15 155 062 [] NA [] NAP	1 140 703 []NA []NAP
12-1.1 for cases brought to court (court fees and/or legal representation)	16 295 765	15 155 062	1 140 703
	[]NA	[] NA	[]NA
	[]NAP	[] NAP	[]NAP
12-1.2 for cases not brought to court (legal advice, ADR and other legal services)	[X] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP

If the public budget actually implemented regarding legal aid is different from the annual approved public budget allocated to legal aid, please indicate the main reasons for the differences: The explanation concerning the observed increase lies mainly in the increase of the amounts (tariffs) destined to the fees of the lawyers who provide the legal aid services – according to the Protocol for establishing the lawyers' fees in this field, concluded with UNBR, as amended in 2019. It is worth emphasizing that since 2008 the approved budget for legal aid has recorded a clear ascending trend.

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012-2. Does legal aid include:

	Legal aid includes:
Coverage of court fees	(X)Yes
	() No [] NAP
Exemption from court fees	(X)Yes
	() No

Comments

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012-3. Do legal aid budgets indicated in Q12 and Q12-1 include:

	Amount calculated/estimated included
Coverage of court fees	(X)Yes
	() No
Exemption from court fees	(X) Yes
	() No

Comments Methodology of calculation/estimation: Criteria similar to those considered in compiling a budget are taken into account - estimates based on the budget execution from the previous year, the requests/estimates of the courts, as well as the requests/estimates of the National Union of Romanian Bars, the inflation factor, etc.

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013. Annual (approved and implemented) public budget allocated to the public prosecution services, in \in .

Approved budget (in €)	Implemented budget (in €)
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Total annual public budget allocated to the public prosecution services, in \notin (including 13.1)	322 119 974]] NA	311 524 523 []NA
13.1. Annual public budget allocated to training of public	[]NAP 8 634	[]NAP 5 221
prosecution services	[] NA [] NAP	[]NA []NAP

Please indicate any useful comment to explain the figures provided. Moreover, if the annual public budget allocated to the public prosecution services actually implemented is different from the approved annual public budget, please indicate the main reasons for the differences: The training of judges and prosecutors is provided by the National Institute of Magistracy (Superior Council of Magistracy). For 2020, the amounts included to both Q6 and O13 included the amounts from the state budget provided for the training of civil servants and other categories of non-judge / non-prosecutor staff. In 2018, according the data provided by the economic department, at these amounts were included, the training within some European training programs (programs within European funds) of a number of judges (and prosecutors) - a separate budget from the budget regarding the training through the National Institute of Magistracy (Superior Council of Magistracy).

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014. Authorities formally responsible for the budgets allocated to the courts (multiple options possible):

	Preparation of the total court budget	Adoption/approval of the total court budget	Management and allocation of the budget among the courts	Evaluation of the use of the budget at a national level
Ministry of Justice	(X) Yes	() Yes	(X) Yes	(X) Yes
	() No	(X) No	() No	() No
	[] NAP	[]NAP	[]NAP	[]NAP
Other ministry	(X) Yes	(X) Yes	() Yes	() Yes
	() No	() No	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[]NAP	[]NAP	[]NAP
Parliament	() Yes	(X) Yes	() Yes	(X) Yes
	(X) No	() No	(X) No	() No
	[] NAP	[]NAP	[]NAP	[]NAP
Supreme Court	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes
	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[]NAP	[]NAP	[]NAP
High Judicial Council	(X) Yes	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes
	() No	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[]NAP	[]NAP	[]NAP
Courts	(X) Yes	() Yes	(X) Yes	(X) Yes
	() No	(X) No	() No	() No
	[] NAP	[]NAP	[]NAP	[]NAP
Inspection body	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes	(X) Yes
	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No	() No
	[] NAP	[]NAP	[]NAP	[]NAP
Other	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes
	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[]NAP	[]NAP	[]NAP

Comments - If "Other Ministry" and/or "Inspection body" and/or "Other", please specify:

014-0. What are the criteria used to allocate financial resources among courts? Furthermore, please

select maximum three main criteria of allocation

	Criteria used	Main criteria
Previous years' budget costs	[X]	[X]
Special needs assessment	[X]	[X]
Number of judges/non judges' staff	[X]	[X]
Number of incoming cases	[]	[]
Number of pending cases	[]	[]
Number of resolved cases	[]	[]
Other	[]	[]

[] NAP

Comments - If "Other", please specify

014-1. Who is entrusted with responsibilities related to the budget within a first instance court?

	Preparation of the budget	Arbitration and allocation of the budget	Day to day management of the budget	Evaluation and control of the use of the budget
Court President and/or judge(s)	(X) Yes () No	(X) Yes () No	(X) Yes () No	(X) Yes () No
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
Head of court administration and/or	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes
non-judges	(X)No	(X)No	(X)No	(X)No
Mixed body (judge(s) and non-	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes
judge(s))	(X)No	(X)No	(X)No	(X)No
Other	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes	(X)Yes
	(X)No	(X)No	(X)No	() No [] NAP

Comments - If "Other", please specify. If the responsibilities are different depending on the type/instance of courts, please answer the question for the first instance court of general jurisdiction and describe the differences in the comment box: The presidents of the courts that have legal personality have responsibilities in relation to the budgets of those courts and the courts under their jurisdiction. They may delegate this competence to a economic manager.

An external review is carried out by the Ministry of Justice, through its Audit Unit and by the Courts of Audit.

A2. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: Ministry of Justice

015-1. Annual (approved and implemented) public budget allocated to the whole justice system, in € (this global budget includes the judicial system budget - see 15-2 and other elements of the justice system - see 15-3)

	Approved budget (in €)	Implemented budget (in €)
Total annual public budget allocated to the whole justice system in €	1 395 753 481 []NA []NAP	1 369 870 022 [] NA [] NAP

Comments - Please indicate any useful comment to explain the figures provided above and specify if a large portion of the budget allocated to the whole justice system comes from an international organisation. Moreover, if the annual public budget allocated to the whole justice system actually implemented is different from the approved annual public budget, please indicate the main reasons for the differences:

015-2. Elements of the judicial system budget (Q6, Q7, Q12, Q13)

	Included	
Courts	(X) Yes () No	
Legal aid	[]NAP (X)Yes	
	() No [] NAP	
Public prosecution services	(X) Yes () No	
	[] NAP	

Comments

015-3. Other budgetary elements

	Included
Prison system	(X)Yes ()No
Probation services	(X) Yes () No [] NAP
High Judicial Council	(X)Yes ()No []NAP
High Prosecutorial Council	() Yes (X) No [] NAP
Constitutional court	() Yes (X) No [] NAP

Judicial management body	() Yes () No [X] NAP
State advocacy	() Yes () No [X] NAP
Enforcement services	() Yes (X) No [] NAP
Notariat	() Yes (X) No [] NAP
Forensic services	(X) Yes () No [] NAP
Judicial protection of juveniles	() Yes (X) No [] NAP
Functioning of the Ministry of Justice	(X) Yes () No [] NAP
Refugees and asylum seekers services	() Yes (X) No [] NAP
Immigration Service	() Yes (X) No [] NAP
Some police services (e.g. : transfer, investigation, prisoners' security)	() Yes (X) No [] NAP
Other	(X) Yes () No [] NAP

If "Other", please specify: Other institutions coordinated by the Ministry of Justice: the National Trade Register, the National Authority for Citizenship

A3. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: Ministry of Justice

1.2. Organisation and management of courts and public prosecution services

015-4. Please describe who has responsibilities for the management of individual courts, what management roles they have, what is their status and their position in the organisational hierarchy of the court concerned.

- Every court is run by a president who exercises the management competences in view of effective organization of the court's

activity. According to the workload the president can be assisted by 1-2 vice-presidents The presidents of the courts of appeal and of the tribunals shall exercise also competences of co-ordination and control of the administration of the court where they exercise their office, as well as of the courts in their jurisdiction. Law court presidents and vice-presidents take measures for the organization and proper functioning of the courts they are in charge of and, as the case may be, of the courts in their jurisdiction, ensure and verify the observance of the law and regulations by the judges and by the auxiliary specialized personnel. The verifications must observe the principles of the independence of judges and of their subjection only to the law, as well as the authority of res judicata. The appointment into the offices of president and vice-president within the district courts, tribunals, specialized tribunals and courts of appeal is possible only through an examination organized by the Section for Judge of the Superior Council of Magistracy, through the National Institute of Magistracy.

The presidents of the court of appeal are secondary authorizing officers, and the presidents of the tribunals are tertiary authorizing officers. This role refers to the financial attributions as the allocation of the budget.

The presidents of the court can delegate the quality of authorizing officer to the economic managers.

The High Court of Cassation and Justice, the courts of appeal, and the tribunals, shall include in their structure one economic-financial and administrative department, run by an economic manager.

The economic manager is subordinated to the court president where he/she works and ensures the economic, financial and administrative activity also for the first instance courts.

A person can be appointed economic manager if he/she has higher economic studies and a specialty seniority of at least 5 and has succeeded in the competition held for this purpose by the High Court of Cassation and Justice or the courts of appeal, as the case may be.

The economic managers have the capacity of public servants, with the rights and duties provided by Law No. 188/1999 on the Statute of public servants

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015-5. Please describe who has responsibilities for the management of individual public prosecution offices, what management roles they have, what is their status and their position in the organisational hierarchy of the office concerned.

- The prosecutor's offices are run by general prosecutors or by first prosecutors.

The first prosecutors attached to the first instance courts shall exercise competences of co-ordination of the prosecutor's office. The general prosecutors from prosecutor's offices attached to the courts of appeal and the first prosecutors from the prosecutor's offices attached to tribunals exercise competences of co-ordination and control of the administration of the prosecutor's office where they operate, as well as of the prosecutor's offices in their jurisdiction. According to the workload, the General Prosecutor or, as the case may be, the first prosecutor can be assisted by 1-2 deputies.

The appointment to the offices of general prosecutors, first prosecutors or deputies is possible only through an examination organized by the Section for Prosecutors of the Superior Council of Magistracy, through the National Institute of Magistracy.

The general prosecutors of the prosecutor's offices attached to courts of appeal shall be secondary authorizing officers and the first prosecutors of the prosecutor's offices attached to tribunals shall be tertiary authorizing officers. This role refers to the financial attributions as the allocation of the budget.

The heads of the prosecutor's offices can delegate the quality of authorizing officer to the economic managers.

The Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice, the National Anti-corruption Directorate, the Directorate for the Investigation of Organized Crime and Terrorism, the prosecutor's offices attached to the courts of appeal and the tribunals shall include in their structure one economic-financial and administrative department, run by an economic manager.

The economic manager is subordinated to the head of the prosecutor's office where he/she works and ensures the economic, financial and administrative activity also for the prosecutor's offices in their jurisdiction.

A person can be appointed economic manager if he/she has higher economic studies and a specialty seniority of at least 5 and has

succeeded in the competition held for this purpose by the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice, the National Anti-corruption Prosecutor's Office or the Directorate for the Investigation of Organized Crime and Terrorism as the case may be. The economic managers have the capacity of public servants, with the rights and duties provided by Law No. 188/1999 on the Statute of public servants.

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2. Access to justice and all courts

2.1.Legal Aid

2.1.1Scope of legal aid

016. Does legal aid apply to:

	Criminal cases	Other than criminal cases
Representation in court	(X) Yes	(X) Yes
	() No [] NA [] NAP	() No [] NA [] NAP
Legal advice, ADR and other legal services	(X) Yes	(X) Yes
	() No [] NA [] NAP	() No [] NA [] NAP

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016-1. Please briefly describe the organisation of the legal aid system in your country both before going to court and during court proceedings.

- Legal aid in Romania:

The Emergency Ordinance no. 51/2008 on public legal aid in civil matter, states in article 3 that "public legal aid under this Emergency Ordinance is granted in civil, commercial, administrative, labour and social insurance disputes, as well as in other disputes, except for criminal matters." Hence, the judicial assistance in criminal matters is subject to a special regime, stated in article 91 of the Criminal Procedure Code. The different forms of legal aid, depending on the context over the issue of the applicant, are described in article 6 of Emergency Ordinance no. 51/2008, such as: "(...) a) payment of the fee to ensure representation, legal aid and, where appropriate, defence, through a lawyer that has been appointed or chosen, for the assertion in justice of a legitimate right or interest or in order to prevent a dispute, hereinafter referred to as legal aid through counsel;

b) payment of experts, translators or interpreters used during the proceedings, with the approval of the court or other competent authority, if the obligation to make this payment belongs, under the law, to the applicant for public legal aid;

c) payment of the fee for a judicial enforcement officer;

d) exemptions, discounts, spreading out or postponement of the payment of judicial duties provided in the law, including those that are due at the stage of coercive enforcement." In such cases, article 7 of the same act provides that "public legal aid may be granted, either separately or cumulatively, in any of the forms provided in art.6, while not exceeding, per total, during a year, the maximum amount equivalent to 10 gross minimum salaries at the level of the year in which the application was submitted."

According to article 4 of the Emergency Ordinance no. 51/2008, a person is appropriate to acquire state legal aid if "(...) he is unable to bear the costs of proceedings or the costs involved by obtaining legal advice in view of asserting a legitimate right or interest in

court without jeopardising his ability to financially support himself or his family."

The application for granting public legal aid must be submitted to the law court, according to art. 11 of Emergency Ordinance no. 51/2008, such as:

"(1) The application for public legal aid must be submitted to the law court that is competent to process the dispute in relation to which legal aid is being requested; if public legal aid is requested for the enforcement of a judgement, the application is of the competence of the executing court.

(2) In the event that the competent court cannot be determined according to para. (1), the competence shall belong to the first instance court whose territorial jurisdiction includes the domicile or residence of the applicant.

(3) If public legal aid is being requested in relation to ongoing proceedings, the application or, where appropriate, applications for public legal aid shall be processed, unless the law provides otherwise, by the panel that has been designated to handle the dispute."

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018. Can legal aid be granted for the fees that are related to the enforcement of judicial decisions (e.g. fees of an enforcement agent)?

(X)Yes

- () No
- [] NAP

If yes, please specify:

019. Can legal aid be granted for other costs (different from those mentioned in questions 16 to 18, e.g. fees of technical advisors or experts, costs of other legal professionals (notaries), travel costs etc.)?

	Criminal cases	Other than criminal cases
Legal aid granted for other costs	() Yes	(X)Yes
	(X) No	() No
	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP

Comments - If yes, please specify: According to the Article 6 letter b) GEO no. 51/2008, public aid may be also the payment of the expert, translator or interpreter used during the trial, with the consent of the court or of the jurisdictional authority, if this payment is the obligation of the one requiring judicial public aid, according to the law.

2.1.2Information on legal aid

020. Please indicate the number of cases for which legal aid has been granted:

	Total	Cases brought to court	Cases not brought to court
TOTAL	66 522 []NA	66 522	[] NA
In criminal cases	[] NAP 63 492 [] NA	63 492	[X] NAP
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[X] NAP

In other than criminal cases	3 030	3 030	
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[X] NAP

Comments - Please specify when appropriate: In criminal cases data also include ex officio layers.

020-1. Please indicate the timeframes of the procedure for granting legal aid, in relation to the duration from the initial legal aid request to the final approval of the legal aid request:

	Time in days
Maximum duration prescribed in law/regulation	
	[] NA [X] NAP
Actual average duration	
	[X] NA [] NAP

Comments - Please specify if the envisaged timeframe is set in a statutory law, or in other regulation. Furthermore, if different timeframes are envisaged for criminal and other than criminal cases please provide more information: There is no timeframe set for the procedure of granting legal aid by the court. The procedure is urgent as a general rule, being decided in chambers.

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021. In criminal cases, can individuals who do not have sufficient financial means be assisted by a free of charge (or financed by a public budget) lawyer?

	Assisted by a free of charge lawyer
Accused individuals	(X) Yes () No
Victims	(X)Yes ()No

Comments - If yes, please specify: According to the Art. 93 (3) and (4) of the New Criminal Procedure Code, the legal assistance is mandatory when the victim or the civil party has limited or without legal capacity. When the judicial authority considers that the victim, the civil party or the civil responsible party cannot defend himself, takes all the measures for appointing a lawyer ex officio.

022. In criminal cases are these individuals free to choose their lawyer within the framework of the legal aid system?

	free selection of lawyer
Accused individuals	() Yes (X) No
Victims	[]NAP ()Yes
	(X)No

Comments

023-0. Does your country have an income and assets evaluation for granting full or partial legal

aid?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments - Please indicate if any other criteria are taken into account for the granting of legal aid and any comment that could explain the data provided above:

023. If yes, please specify in the table:

	Annual income value (for one person), (in €)	Assets value (for one person), (in €)
Full legal aid to the applicant for criminal cases		
	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Full legal aid to the applicant for other than criminal cases		
	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Partial legal aid to the applicant for criminal cases		
	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Partial legal aid to the applicant for other than criminal		
cases	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP

024. Is it possible to refuse legal aid for lack of merit of the case (for example for frivolous action or no chance of success)?

(X) Yes

() No

Comments - If yes, please explain the exact criteria for denying legal aid:

025. Is the decision to grant or refuse legal aid taken by:

(\boldsymbol{X}) the judge(s) dealing with the main case

- () another judge or official
- () an authority external to the court
- () several authorities (court and external bodies)

Comments

026. Is there a private system of legal expense insurance enabling individuals (this does not concern companies or other legal persons) to finance court proceedings?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments - If appropriate, please inform about the current development of such insurances in your country; is it a growing phenomenon?

027. Can judicial decisions direct how legal costs, paid by the parties during the procedure, will be shared:

	Judicial decisions direct how legal costs will be shared
in criminal cases	(X) Yes () No
in other than criminal cases	(X) Yes () No

Comments - If no, please specify how legal costs are distributed:

B1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: Superior Council of Magistracy and Ministry of Justice (legal framework)

2.2.Court users and victims

2.2.1Rights of the users and victims

028. Are there official internet sites/portals (e.g. Ministry of Justice, Judicial Council etc.) where general public may have free-of-charge access to the following:

	Yes, internet adresse(es)	No
Legal texts (e.g. codes, laws, regulations, etc.)	(X) www.just.ro; www.csm1909.ro; www.scj.ro; www.mpublic.ro	()
Case-law of the higher court/s	(X) http://portal.just.ro/SitePages/ac asa.aspx; www.rolii.ro; www.scj.ro	()
Information about the judicial system (organisation of courts, court proceedings, etc)	(X) www.csm1909; www.just.ro; www.scj.ro	()
Other documents (e.g. forms, downloadable forms, online registration forms)	(X) http://portal.just.ro/SitePages/ac asa.aspx; www.csm1909.ro	()

Comment - Please specify what documents and information are included in "Other documents"

029. Is there an obligation to provide information to the parties concerning the foreseeable timeframes of their proceedings?

(X) Yes, always

() No

() Yes, only in some specific situations

Comment - If "Yes, only in some specific situations", please specify:

030. Is there a public and free-of-charge information system for providing information and

	Information system
General for citizens	 [X] Online information [] Telephone [] Interactive chat [] In-person (physical access on site) [] Other [] No.
Specific for victims of offences	[] No [X] Online information [] Telephone [] Interactive chat [X] In-person (physical access on site) [] Other [] No
Specific for minors (child-friendly systems)	[X] Online information [] Telephone [] Interactive chat [X] In-person (physical access on site) [] Other [] No

Comment - Please provide more information on these systems. Furthermore, please specify how this assistance is provided.

031. Are there special favourable arrangements to be applied, during judicial proceedings, to the following categories of vulnerable persons:

	Information mechanism	Special arrangements in hearings	Other specific arrangements
Victims of sexual violence/rape	(X) Yes () No	(X) Yes () No	(X) Yes
Victims of terrorism	(X) Yes	(X) Yes	(X) Yes
	() No	() No	() No
Minors (witnesses or victims)	(X)Yes	(X) Yes	(X) Yes
	()No	() No	() No
Victims of domestic violence	(X) Yes	(X) Yes	(X)Yes
	() No	() No	()No
Ethnic minorities	(X)Yes	(X) Yes	(X)Yes
	()No	() No	()No
Persons with disabilities	(X)Yes	(X) Yes	(X)Yes
	()No	() No	()No
Juvenile offenders	(X)Yes	(X) Yes	(X)Yes
	()No	() No	()No
Other (e.g. victims of human trafficking, forced marriage, sexual mutilation)	(X) Yes	(X)Yes	(X) Yes
	() No	()No	() No

Comments - If "Other vulnerable person" and/or "Other specific arrangements", please specify:

031-0. If there are special arrangements for minors, what are the settings / tools / facilities /

practises employed to protect them when they participate in judicial proceedings?

- [] Special and child-adequate preparation for participation in trials / lawsuits (explaining in a child-friendly manner the proceedings)
- [X] Special room in court designated for child-friendly hearings
- [X] Special person / team of trained professional(s) (such as psychologists) to accompany a minor throughout the proceedings
- [] Special ways to communicate and explain meaning of court decisions
- [] Interagency/multidisciplinary structure such as "Children's Houses"
- [] Other, please specify

[]NAP

Comment

031-1. What are the main criteria for a minor to initiate a proceeding, take procedural actions in his/her own name or to be a witness?

	Civil proceedings	Criminal proceedings
Capacity to initiate a proceeding and take other procedural actions in his/her own name	[X] Age threshold [Comment]18 [] Exceptions from the threshold [] Capacity for discernment [] Other	[] Age threshold [Comment] [] Exceptions from the threshold [] Capacity for discernment [] Other
To be a witness	[] NAP [] Age threshold [Comment]	[X]NAP []Age threshold [Comment]
	[] Exceptions from the threshold [] Capacity for	[] Exceptions from the threshold [] Capacity for
	discernment [X] Other	discernment [X] Other

Comment - Please specify if you selected answers "Exceptions from the threshold" and "Other". If your system distinguishes between full and limited capacity to take legal actions, please describe the basis for this differentiation (age, capacity for discernment, type of action, type of cases, other). Between 14-18 years old a minor has limited capacity, and may initiate procedural action only assisted by a parent or a legal guardian. In criminal proceedings there is no age threshold for filing a complaint and a lawyer ex officio will be appointed. The civil action attached to the criminal action may be initiated by the legal representative of the minor (under18). minors may be heard as witness regardless of their age, but they do not take the oath. Their testimony will be appreciated taking into consideration their special situation.

031-2. If a minor cannot conduct proceedings in his/her own name, who can represent him/her in judicial proceedings?

Civil proceedings	Criminal proceedings

Parent/legal guardian	[] Yes, always	[] Yes, always
	[X] Yes, except in some	[X] Yes, except in some
	specific situations	specific situations
	[] No	[] No
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Other representative (instead of parent/legal guardian)	[X] Social care services or	[] Social care services or
	other public institution	other public institution
	[X] Legal professional	[X] Legal professional
	[] Associations for	[] Associations for
	protection of minors	protection of minors
	[] Other	[] Other
	[] NAP	[] NAP

Comment as stated in Q 031-1 in criminal proceedings there is no age threshold for filing a complaint and a lawyer ex officio will be appointed. The civil action attached to the criminal action may be initiated by the legal representative of the minor (under18).

031-3. What are the different criteria for the criminal liability of minors? (multiple replies possible)

[X] Age threshold(s)

[X] Capacity for discernment

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[ ] Other criteria
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Comment According to ART. 113 of the Criminal Code (CP) a minor under the age of 14 years is not criminally responsible. A minor who is aged between 14 and 16 years criminally liable only if it is proved that he committed the act with discernment.

A minor over the age of 16 years criminally liable under the law.

031-3-1. What is the age threshold for the criminal liability of minors?

Criminal liability resulting in sentence without privation of liberty (for example, educational measures)

[14]

[]NA

[] NAP

Criminal liability resulting in sentence of privation of liberty

[14] []NA []NAP

Comment - Please describe, briefly, the specifics of your system. Could you, please specify if the possibility of mitigation applies to the sanctions and how? According to art. 114 of the CP the minor that at the time of the offense, was aged between 14 and 18 years can be subjected to a non-custodial educational measure. The minor aged between 14 and 18 years can be subjected to an educational measure of imprisonment in the following cases:

a) carried out or whose execution began before the offence for which he or she is being tried.

b) where the penalty for the offence is imprisonment for seven years or more, or life imprisonment.

032. Does your country allocate compensation for victims of offences?

() Yes, but only if offender is unknown

(X) Yes, but only if compensation could not be obtained from offender

() Yes, always

() No

Comment

032-0. If yes, for what types of offences the compensation is allocated?

() For all types of offences

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(X) For some types of offences
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[ ] NAP
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Comment - Please specify: Art. 21 of Law 211/2004 stipulates that the persons which were victims of the following types of offences benefit of financial compensations: - attempt to the offence of murder, aggravated murder and particularly serious murder, serious body injury, laid down by art. 182 of the Criminal Code, an intentional offence which has as consequence a serious body injury of the victim, rape, sexual relation with a minor, sexual perversion, an offence concerning the trafficking in human beings, an offence of terrorism, any other intentional offence committed with violence. Law no. 217/2003 stipulates that the victims of domestic violence can benefit of financial compensations.

032-1. Is a court decision necessary in the framework of the compensation procedure?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments it is necessary a court or a prosecutor's decision.

032-0. If yes, for what types of offences the compensation is allocated?

() For all types of offences

(X) For some types of offences

[] NAP

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032-1. Is a court decision necessary in the framework of the compensation procedure?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments it is necessary a court or a prosecutor's decision.

034. Are there studies that evaluate the recovery rate of the damages awarded by courts to victims?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments - If yes, please illustrate with available data concerning the recovery rate, the title of the studies, the frequency of the studies and the coordinating body:

035. Do public prosecutors have a specific role with respect to victims (protection and assistance)?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

035-1. Do public prosecutors have a specific role with respect to minor victims (protection and assistance)?

(X)Yes

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( ) No
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Comment - If yes, please specify:

036. Do victims of offences have the right to dispute a public prosecutor's decision to discontinue a case? Please verify the consistency of your answers in this question and question 105 regarding the possibility for a public prosecutor "to discontinue a case without needing a decision by a judge".

(X)Yes

() No

[]NAP

Comment - If necessary, please specify:

037. Is there a system for compensating users in the following circumstances:

	Number of requests for compensation	Number of condemnations	Total amount (in €)
Total			
	[X] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
Excessive length of proceedings			
	[X] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
Non-execution of court decisions			
	[X] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP

Wrongful arrest			
	[X] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
Wrongful conviction			
	[X] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
Other			
	[X] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP

Comment - Where appropriate, please give details of the compensation procedure and the calculation method for the amount of the compensation (e.g. the amount per day for unjustified detentions or convictions): There is no mechanism for calculating the compensation. The courts take into consideration the national case law and the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights in similar cases.

Even if the civil regulations of material and procedural law do not provide special mechanisms for the compensation of individuals in case of excessive duration of procedures and non-enforcement of judgments, there are norms guaranteeing the right to a fair trial and at case settlement within a reasonable time-limit. In such circumstances, there is a possibility to pay certain sums of money as fines or even as a compensation. In criminal matters, the only possibility to obtain damages in case of procedural delays is the civil claim for damages, based on the provisions of the Civil Code. The new Civil Procedure Code (the Law 134/2010) provides for a much more efficient mechanism to this effect, respectively the contestation concerning the protraction of the case settlement. Thus, according to Article 522 para. (1) of the NCPC, any party, as well as the prosecutor attending the trial may make contestation by which, invoking the infringement of the right to the settlement of the trial within an optimal and reasonable time-limit, he/she solicits the adoption of legal measures remedying to this situation. Please, refer to the regulations of the NCPC as concerns the guarantee of the right to a fair trial and a case settlement within a reasonable time-limit.

The non-observance of judgments is incriminated as offence by Art. 287 of the Criminal Code. Within the criminal trial there may be also formulated the civil claim for damages for the non-enforcement of the judgment. The civil action may be also introduced separately, at the civil court. Both actions shall be judged according to the provisions of the Civil Code, regulating the delictual civil responsibility. Illegal arrest and illegal conviction are situations circumscribed to judicial errors for which the Romanian state is responsible according to Art. 538-539 and the following of the Criminal Procedure Code (the Law 135/2010). For the appreciation in substance of the civil responsibility, common law rules laid down by the Civil Code apply. According to the provisions of the art. 538 of the Criminal Procedure Code, any person who suffered a wrongful condemnation or was, during a criminal trial, illegally deprived of his/her liberty is entitled to receive a compensation. The compensation should cover both the material and moral prejudices caused to that person. The amount of the compensation is to be determined by the court (the tribunal) in whose district the entitled person has its domicile. The entitled person should introduce a civil action against the state (which is represented by the Ministry of Public Finances), action which is exempted of any judicial fees.

Regarding the excessive duration of the criminal procedures, there is a remedy, but it is not compensatory - see art. 488 (index1) and the following of the Criminal Procedure Code.

2.2.2 Confidence and satisfaction of citizens with their justice system

038. Does your country implement surveys to measure trust in justice and satisfaction with the services delivered by the judicial system?

	National level	Court level
Surveys for judges	[] Annual [X] Other regular	[] Annual [] Other regular
	[] Ad hoc	[] Ad hoc
Surveys for court staff	[] Annual [X] Other regular	[] Annual [X] Other regular
	[] Ad hoc	[] Ad hoc

Surveys for public prosecutors	[] Annual	[] Annual
	[X] Other regular	[X] Other regular
	[] Ad hoc	[] Ad hoc
Surveys for lawyers	[] Annual	[] Annual
	[X] Other regular	[X] Other regular
	[] Ad hoc	[] Ad hoc
Surveys for other professionals	[] Other regular	[] Other regular
	[X] Other regular	[X] Other regular
	[] Ad hoc	[] Ad hoc
Surveys for the parties	[] Annual	[] Annual
	[X] Other regular	[X] Other regular
	[] Ad hoc	[] Ad hoc
Surveys for other court users (e.g. jurors, witnesses,	[] Annual	[] Annual
experts, interpreters, representatives of governmental	[X] Other regular	[X] Other regular
agencies, NGOs)	[] Ad hoc	[] Ad hoc
Surveys for victims	[] Annual	[] Annual
,	[X] Other regular	[X] Other regular
	[] Ad hoc	[] Ad hoc
Surveys for minors	[] Annual	[] Annual
	[X] Other regular	[X] Other regular
	[] Ad hoc	[] Ad hoc
Surveys for the general public	[] Annual	[] Annual
	[X] Other regular	[X] Other regular
	[] Ad hoc	[] Ad hoc
Other not mentioned	[] Annual	[] Annual
	[] Other regular	[] Other regular
	[] Ad hoc	[] Ad hoc

Comment - Please, indicate the references and links to the satisfaction surveys you mentioned above: Within the Project on Transparency, accessibility and judicial education for improving public communication within and of the judicial system, among other activities a survey has been carried out during 2019 aiming at identifying the public perception of the court users and of the professionals on the Judiciary. There are no survey mechanism available on constant basis, but the judicial system may conduct some surveys in cooperation with academics, NGOs or within some projects or special studies dedicated to this subject

039. Are there statistical data concerning male and female court users, persons who initiate a case, victims, accused persons, etc.

() Yes, please specify:

(X) No

Comment - If you have additional comments please specify:

040. Is there a national or local procedure for filing complaints about the functioning of the judicial system? (for example, handling of the case by a judge or the duration of a proceeding)

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

041. If yes, please specify certain aspects of this procedure:

	Authority responsible for dealing with the complaint	Existence of a time limit to deal with the complaint for this authority
Court concerned	() Yes	() Yes
	(X) No	(X) No
Higher court	() Yes	() Yes
	(X) No	(X) No
Ministry of Justice	() Yes	() Yes
	(X) No	(X) No
High Judicial Council	(X)Yes	(X)Yes
	() No	() No
Other external bodies (e.g. Ombudsman)	() Yes	() Yes
	(X) No	(X) No

Comments

041-1. If yes, please specify certain aspects of this procedure:

	Number of complaints	Compensation amount granted
Court concerned		
	[X] NA	[X] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Higher court		
	[X] NA	[X] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Ministry of Justice		
	[X] NA	[X] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP
High Judicial Council	6 772	
	[] NA	[X] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Other external bodies (e.g. Ombudsman)		
	[X] NA	[X] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP

Comments - If possible, please give information concerning the efficiency of this complaint procedure and any useful comment: Depending on the object of the notification, there may be petitions sent to any of the mentioned institutions.

The petitions of the competence of the Superior Council of Magistracy, about the way of accomplishment of the judicial system attributions may be addressed either directly to the Council, by a petition formulated in written, either by the leaders of the courts or prosecutor's offices. The Council has a petition form published on its own web site. The petitions may aim inclusively at the activity of judges and prosecutors, of courts and prosecutor's offices, if the notified aspects are within the limits f the SCM competence. According to the statistics, in 2020 a number of 6772 petitions were registered at the competent department of the SCM.

The petitions of the competence of the Ministry of Justice, concerning mainly the applicability and evolution of the regulations in the judicial matter may be addressed by post or may be deposited in person at the headquarters of the institution. The general legal grounds for receiving the complaints (petitions) and for the drawing up of the answers is represented by the Government Ordinance 27/2002 concerning the regulation of the petitions settlement, approved by Law 233/2002.

The petitions referring to the functioning of the judicial system are in their great majority managed by the Superior Council of Magistracy, respectively, where applicable, to the special departments within the Ministry of Justice.

The time-limit to answer to these complaints (petitions) is the legal one: 30 days from their registration date.

In disciplinary matters, the Superior Council of Magistracy has the role of a disciplinary court. The Judicial Inspection carries out

preliminary investigations. The disciplinary investigation is initiated and carried out by the Judicial Inspection and the final decision is taken by the competent Section (for judges or for prosecutors) of the SCM in disciplinary matters. The data filled for the current cycle represent the number of complaints of all natures submitted to the Superior Council of Magistracy.

3. Organisation of the court system

3.1.Courts

3.1.1Number of courts

042. Number of courts - legal entities.

	Number of courts
Tetal mumber of all counts local antities (1 + 2)	242
Total number of all courts - legal entities $(1 + 2)$	
	[] NA
	[] NAP
1 Total number of courts of general jurisdiction - legal entities $(1.1 + 1.2 + 1.3)$	233
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	[] NA
	[] NAP
1.1 There is shown a second a first straight of a second sector.	175
1.1 First instance courts of general jurisdiction - legal entities	
	[]NA
	[] NAP
1.2 Second instance courts of general jurisdiction - legal entities	57
	[] NA
	[] NAP
	1
1.3 Highest instance courts of general jurisdiction - legal entities	1
	[]NA
	[] NAP
2 Total number of specialised courts - legal entities	9
	[] NA
	[] NAP

Comments Law no. 304/2004 on the judicial organisation.

The number of "judecatorii" has decreased by one between 2019-2020 because the activity of Judectoria Insuratei was suspended so it no longer appears in the statistics. 175 represent the first instance courts with general jurisdiction in this matter, even if tribunals, courts of appeal and the High Court may also judge first instance cases. Starting from 2020 the methodology of presentation of data changed and only "judecatorii" are counted as first instance courts of general jurisdiction, even if tribunals, courts of appeal and the High Court may also judge first instance cases.

043. Number of specialised courts - legal entities.

	First instance	Higher instances
Total number of specialised courts - legal entities	8	1
	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Commercial courts (excluded insolvency courts)	3	
	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[X] NAP
Insolvency courts		
	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP

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Labour courts		
	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
Family courts	1	
	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[X] NAP
Dent on 14 men de		
Rent and tenancies courts	E 1 NTA	
	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
Enforcement of criminal sanctions courts		
	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X]NAP
Fight against terrorism, organised crime and corruption		
	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
Internet related disputes		
	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
Administrative courts		
Administrative courts	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[X] NAP
Insurance and / or social welfare courts		
	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
Military courts	4	1
	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Juvenile courts		
	[]NA	
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
Other specialised courts		
- min phoneira a and	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
	[2 x] 1 12 x 1	[27] 1421

Comments - If "Other specialised courts", please specify: Law no. 304/2004 on the judicial organisation.

044. Number of courts - geographic locations.

	Number of courts (geographic locations)
First instance courts geographic locations (this includes 1st instance courts of general jurisdiction and first instance specialised courts)	182 []NA []NAP
All the courts (geographic locations) (this includes 1st instance courts of general jurisdiction, first instance specialised courts, all second instance courts and courts of appeal and all Supreme Courts)	242 []NA []NAP

Comments Law no. 304/2004 on the judicial organisation.

It should be mentioned that some of the first instance specialised courts share the location with "judecatorii".

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045. Number of first instance courts (geographic locations) competent for a case concerning:

	Number of courts
A small claim	175
	[] NA
	[] NAP
An employment dismissal	42
	[] NA
	[] NAP
A robbery	175
	[] NA
	[] NAP
An insolvency case	
	[] NA
	[X] NAP

Comments The 175 judecatorii are competent in respect of small claim cases and robbery cases, while the 42 tribunals are competent in respect of employment dismissal cases.

045-1. Is your definition of a small claim the same as the one in the Explanatory note?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments - If not, please give your definition of a small claim: According to the art. 1026 of the new Code of civil procedure, small claims are cases where the financial value of the claim does not exceed 10.000 RON (2030 euro) at the moment when the claim is filed, excluding the interests, court fees or other accessories.

045-2. Please indicate the value in \in of a small claim:

[2 030]

Comments

C. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: the current legislation and statistics provided by the Superior Council of Magistracy.

3.2. Court staff

3.2.1Judges and non-judge staff

046. Number of professional judges sitting in courts (if possible on 31 December of the reference year). (please give the information in full-time equivalent and for posts actually filled for all types of courts - general jurisdiction and specialised courts)

	Total	Males	Females
Total number of professional judges $(1 + 2 + 3)$		1 223	3 377
	[]NA []NAP	[]NA []NAP	[] NA [] NAP

2 103	563	1 540	
[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP	
2 387	634	1 753	
[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP	
110	26	84	
[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	
	[]NA []NAP 2 387 []NA []NA []NAP 110	[] NA [] NA [] NAP [] NAP 2 387 634 [] NA [] NA [] NA [] NA [] NAP [] NAP 110 26 [] NA [] NA	[]NA []NA []NA []NAP []NAP []NAP 2 387 634 1 753 []NA []NA []NA []NAP []NAP []NAP 110 26 84 []NA []NA []NA

Comment - Please provide any useful comment for interpreting the data above: Only judges of the "judecatorii" are counted as first instance judges.

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046-1-1. Does your system allow part-time work for judges with proportionally reduced remuneration?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments

046-1-2. If yes, please specify in which situation part-time work can be granted? (multiple replies possible):

- [] Child-care
- [] Elderly care
- [] For the purposes of early retirement
- [] Other reason, please specify:
- [] Without reason

Comments

046-1-3. If yes, what is the percentage of judges working part-time (in relation to the total number of judges)?

	Total (%)	Male (%)	Females (%)
Total $(1 + 2 + 3)$ (%)			
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
1. At first instance level (%)			
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
2. At second instance (court of appeal) level			
(%)	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
(/0)	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
3. At Supreme Court level (%)			
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP

Comments

046-1-4. What is the percentage of work time of a judge working part-time compared to a full-time equivalent judge?

- () Less than 50%
- () 50 60%
- () 60 80%
- () More than 80%
- []NA
- [X]NAP

Comments

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	Total	Civil and/or commercial	Criminal	Administrative	Other
Total number of judges	4 600				
5 6	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
First instance	2 103				
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
Second instance	2 387				
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[X] NAP	[X]NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
Supreme court	110				
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP

046-2. Number of judges (FTE) by case type:

If "Other", please explain which types of cases: In Romania there are four level of courts (first instance courts, tribunals, courts of appeal and the High Court of Cassation and Justice). In line with our previous reports in this matters, in the table above judges from tribunals and courts of appeal shall be included in the category "second instance professional judges", even if according to the procedural provisions in terms of competences tribunals may judge both as first and instance court and for certain procedural circumstances (material and personal) even the courts of appeal may judge in first instance. Moreover even the High Court can judge in first instance for example in criminal cases according to the personal competence rules of procedure.

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047. Number of court presidents (professional judges).

	Total	Males	Females
Total number of court presidents $(1 + 2 + 3)$	239	92	147
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
1. Number of first instance court presidents	173	68	105
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
2. Number of second instance (court of appeal)	65	24	41
court presidents	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
court presidents	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP

3. Number of Supreme Court presidents	1		1
	[]NA	[] NA	[]NA
	[] NAP	[X] NAP	[] NAP

Comments There are mentioned only the presidents and not the vice-presidents of courts. see also comments in Q46

048. Number of professional judges sitting in courts on an occasional basis and who are paid as such (if possible, on 31 December of the reference year):

	Figure
Gross figure	[] NA
In full-time equivalent	[X] NAP
	[]NA [X]NAP

Comments - If necessary, please provide comments to explain the answer provided:

048-1. Do these professional judges sitting in courts on an occasional basis deal with a significant part of cases?

() Yes If yes, please give specifications on the types of cases and an estimate in percentage.

(X) No

[] NAP

Comments

049. Number of non-professional judges who are not remunerated but who may receive a simple defrayal of costs (if possible, on 31 December of the reference year) (e.g. lay judges or "juges consulaires", but not arbitrators or persons sitting on a jury):

	Figure
Gross figure	[]NA [X]NAP
In full time equivalent	[] NA [X] NAP

Comments

049-1. If such non-professional judges exist at first instance in your country, please specify for which types of cases:

	Yes	No	Echevinage / mixed bench
Criminal cases (severe)	()	()	()
Criminal cases (misdemeanour and/or minor)	()	()	()

Family law cases	()	()	()
Labour law cases	()	()	()
Social law cases	()	()	()
Commercial law cases	()	()	()
Insolvency cases	()	()	()
Other civil cases	()	()	()

[X]NAP

Comments - If "Other civil cases", please specify:

050. Does your judicial system include trial by jury with the participation of citizens?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments

050-1. If yes, for which type(s) of case(s)?

[] Criminal cases

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[] Other than criminal cases

Comments

051. Number of citizens who were involved in such juries for the year of reference:

[[] NA [X] NAP

Comments

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052. Number of non-judge staff who are working in courts (if possible on 31 December of the reference year) (this data should not include the staff working for public prosecutors; see question 60) (please give the information in full-time equivalent and for posts actually filled)

	Total	Males	Females
Total non-judge staff working in courts $(1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5)$	10 512 []NA []NAP	[X] NA [] NAP	[X] NA [] NAP
1. Rechtspfleger (or similar bodies) with judicial or quasi-judicial tasks having autonomous competence and whose decisions could be subject to appeal	[] NA [X] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP

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2. Non-judge (judicial) staff whose task is to assist the judges such as registrars (case file preparation, assistance during the hearing, helping to draft the decisions)	6 374 []NA []NAP	[X] NA [] NAP	[X] NA [] NAP
3. Staff in charge of different administrative tasks and of the management of the courts (human resources management, material and equipment management, including computer systems, financial and budgetary management, training management)	1 621 []NA []NAP	[X] NA [] NAP	[X] NA [] NAP
4. Technical staff	1 682 []NA []NAP	[X] NA [] NAP	[X] NA [] NAP
5. Other non-judge staff	835 []NA []NAP	[X] NA [] NAP	[X] NA [] NAP

Comments - If "Other non-judge staff", please specify:

052-1. Number of non-judge staff by instance (if possible, on 31 December of the reference year) (this data should not include the staff working for public prosecutors; see question 60) (please give the information in full-time equivalent and for posts actually filled).

	Total	Males	Females	
Total non-judge staff working in courts	10 512			
(1+2+3)	[] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA	
(1+2+3)	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	
1. Total non-judge staff working in courts at	4 686			
first instance level	[] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA	
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	
2. Total non-judge staff working in courts at	5 487			
	[] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA	
second instance (court of appeal) level	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	
3. Total non-judge staff working in courts at	339			
Supreme Court level	[] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA	
Subreme Court level	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	

Comments 3. Total non-judge staff working in courts at Supreme Court level-

The difference between 2018 (comunicated data) and 2020 is pointedly given by the difference in the methodology for reporting data within the human resources sector. Thus, for 2018, in the total number of auxiliary staff (non-judge staff working at Supreme Court level) was not included the number of staff represented by ushers, procedural agents, drivers. Also, rechecking the communicated data for 2018 on this point (point. 3), it is confirmed that the total number of auxiliary staff (occupied positions) at the High Court of Cassation and Justice is 230 (2018 data, including the staff represented by the professional categories mentioned above).

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053. If there are Rechtspfleger (or similar bodies) with judicial or quasi-judicial tasks having autonomous competence and whose decisions could be subject to appeal in your judicial system, please specify in which fields they have a role:

[] Legal aid

- [] Family cases
- [] Payment orders
- [] Registry cases (land and/or business registry cases)
- [] Enforcement of civil cases
- [] Enforcement of criminal cases
- [] Non-litigious cases
- [] Other cases not mentioned (please describe in comment)

[X]NAP

Comments - Please briefly describe their status and duties:

054. Have the courts outsourced certain services under their responsibilities to external providers?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

054-1. If yes, please specify which services have been outsourced:

- [X] IT services
- [] Training of staff
- [] Security
- [] Archives
- [X] Cleaning
- [] Other types of services (please specify):

Comments

C1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: The source for answers at Q46 and Q47 is the data base managed by SCM in terms of human resources in courts The source for answers at Q52 is the data base managed by Ministry of justice in terms of human resources in courts

3.3. Public prosecution

3.3.1Public prosecutors and staff

055. Number of public prosecutors (on 31 December of the reference year). (Please give the information in full-time equivalent and for posts actually filled, for all types of courts – general jurisdiction and specialised courts).

	Total	Males	Females
l			

Total number of prosecutors $(1 + 2 + 3)$	2 446	1 174	1 272	
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	
1. Number of prosecutors at first instance level	1 144	545	599	
-	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	
2. Number of prosecutors at second instance	788	364	424	
(court of appeal) level	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	
(court of appear) level	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	
3. Number of prosecutors at Supreme Court	514	265	249	
level	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	
10401	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	

Comments - Please indicate any useful comment for interpreting the data above:

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055-1-1. Does your system allow part-time work for prosecutors with proportionally reduced remuneration?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments

055-1-2. If yes, please specify in which situation part-time work can be granted? (multiple replies possible):

[] Child-care

[] Elderly care

[] For the purposes of early retirement

[] Other reason, please specify:

[] Without reason

Comments

055-1-3. If yes, what is the percentage of prosecutors working part-time (in relation to the total number of prosecutors)?

	Total (%)	Male (%)	Females (%)
Total $(1 + 2 + 3)$ (%)			
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
1. At first instance level (%)			
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
2. At second instance (court of appeal) level			
(%)	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
3. At Supreme Court level (%)			
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP

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055-1-4. What is the percentage of work time of a prosecutor working part-time compared to a full-time equivalent prosecutor?

- () Less than 50%
- () 50 60%
- () 60 80%
- () More than 80%
- []NA
- [X] NAP

Comments

056. Number of heads of prosecution offices.

	Total	Males	Females
Total number of heads of prosecution offices (1	306	179	127
+ 2 + 3)	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP
1. Number of heads of prosecution offices at first instance level	83	47	36
	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[]NA []NAP
2. Number of heads of prosecution offices at	131	77	54
second instance (court of appeal) level	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP
3. Number of heads of prosecution offices at	92	55	37
Supreme Court level	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP

Please provide any useful comment for interpreting the data above: In line with our previous reports in this matters, in the table above prosecutors from prosecution offices of the tribunals and of the courts of appeal shall be included in the category "second instance professional prosecutors".

The discrepancies in terms of number of heads within the prosecution offices compared to the previous campaign are due to the fact that the leading position mandates have expired within the current period and because of the pandemic situation competitions for filling in these positions could not be organised.

057. Do other persons have similar duties to those of public prosecutors?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments - If yes, please specify their titles and functions:

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057-1. Please specify their number (in full-time equivalent):

[[]NA

059. If yes, is their number included in the number of public prosecutors that you have indicated under question 55?

() Yes

Comments

059-1. Do prosecution offices have prosecutors who are specially trained in areas of domestic violence and sexual violence?

	-
Domestic violence	[X] Yes
	[X] Yes, specifically for minor
	victims
	[] No
	[] NA
	[] NAP
Sexual violence	[X] Yes
	[X] Yes, specifically for minor
	victims
	[] No
	[] NA
	[] NAP

Comments - If yes, please specify Within the Public Ministry was created a network of prosecutors specialized in conducting the cases with minors. The measure has been taken by Order no. 294 of 5 December 2018 of the General Prosecutor of the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Justice and Cassation. The prosecutors-in charge manage cases that have as object offences committed both by minors, and particularly against the minors, analyse the case-law of prosecutor's offices and draft proposals for taking over the complex cases, intensively covered by media, which have not been finalized. Furthermore, these prosecutors disseminate the specialized information that they gathered in their activity on the occasion of the decentralized training sessions in which they partake, and they also transmit information on the newest domestic, E.C.H.R. or international jurisprudence on human rights.

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060. Number of staff (non-public prosecutors) attached to the public prosecution services, if possible, on 31 December of the reference year and without the number of non-judge staff, see question 52 (in full-time equivalent and for posts actually filled).

	Total	Males	Females
Number of staff (non-public prosecutors)	2 408		
attached to the public prosecution service	[] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA

Comments Out of the total of 2408 filled in positions in the prosecution offices country wide, 1997 are occupied by clerks and the rest of 411 are procedural agents (who accomplish activities such as delivering summons, other courier activities etc.) and other staff such as drivers.

C2. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: The source for answers at Q55 and Q56 is the data base managed by SCM in terms of human resources in courts/prosecution offices

3.4. Gender equality

3.4.1 Specific provisions for facilitating gender equality

061-2. Are there specific provisions for facilitating gender equality within the framework of the procedures for recruiting :

	Yes, please specify	No
judges	()	(X)
prosecutors	()	(X)
non-judge staff	()	(X)
lawyers	()	(X)
notaries	()	(X)
enforcement agents	()	(X)

[]NA

Comments - if the situation changed since the reference year, please specify in the comments. If you have additional comments please specify: In line with the constitutional principle of rights equality (art. 16 of the Romanian Constitutional) there are no specific gender provisions for the recruiting procedure for any legal professions but the general conditions, such as the general conditions for judges and prosecutors regulated by the art. 14 of the Law no. 303/2004 amended and republished in 2018 (such as citizenship, lack of any criminal or financial records, medical and psychological capacities).

061-3. Are there specific provisions for facilitating gender equality within the framework of the procedures for promoting :

	Yes, please specify	No
judges	()	(X)
prosecutors	()	(X)
non-judge staff	()	(X)
lawyers	()	(X)
notaries	()	(X)
enforcement agents	()	(X)

Comments - If the situation changed since the reference year or you have additional comments, please specify:

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061-3-1. Are there specific provisions for facilitating gender equality within the framework of the

	Yes / No
Court president	() Yes If "yes", please specify:[Comment]
	(X) No
Head of prosecution services	() Yes If "yes", pleasespecify:[Comment](X) No

3.4.2 At national level

061-5. Does your country have an overarching document (e.g. policy/strategy/action plan/program) on gender equality that applies specifically to the judiciary?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments - If the situation changed since the reference year, please indicate in the comments. Could you specify the reference or internet link of this/these document(s) or send/upload it/them to us?

061-6. At national level, is there any specific person (e.g. an equal opportunities commissioner) / institution dealing with gender issues in the justice system concerning:

	Yes, please specify	No
The recruitment of judges	()	(X)
The promotion of judges	()	(X)
The recruitment of prosecutors	()	(X)
The promotion of prosecutors	()	(X)
The recruitment of non-judge staff	()	(X)
The promotion of non-judge staff	()	(X)

Comments - if other than recruitment and/or promotion, please specify. If the situation changed since the reference year, please specify in the comments:

061-6-1. Please specify the text which set up this person/institution :

(title, date, nature of the text)

061-6-2. Please specify the status of this person/institution:

(e.g. independent, attached to the Ministry of Justice, to the High Judicial Council or equivalent or to an inter-ministerial institution specifically dedicated to gender equality)

[X]NAP

061-6-3. Please specify if this person/institution has an information and consultative function or if its opinions/decisions have legal consequences:

(e.g. to block a decision or allow an appeal)

[X]NAP

3.4.3 At court/public prosecution services level

061-7. At the court or public prosecution services level, is there a person (e.g. an equal opportunities commissioner)/institution specifically dedicated to ensure the respect of gender equality in the organisation of judicial work:

	Yes	No
in courts (judges)	()	(X)
in public prosecution services (prosecutors)	()	(X)
for courts' non-judge staff	()	(X)

Comments - Please specify the details of this person/institution, in particular its titles and function:

061-8. Does the feminisation of certain functions, if it exists in your country, within courts or public prosecution services, lead to concrete changes in the organisation of the work in the following areas:

	Yes	No
Assignment to different positions	()	(X)
Workload distribution	()	(X)
Working hours	()	(X)
Modalities of teleworking and presence in the workspace	()	(X)

Replacement of absent persons	()	(X)
Organisation of the hearings	()	(X)
Other	()	(X)

Comments - If other, please specify. Could you also indicate concrete examples referring to the various possibilities mentioned? If the situation changed since the reference year, please specify in the comments.

061-9. In order to improve gender balance in access to different judicial professions and equality in promotion and in access to functions of responsibility, what are the measures, in your country, which:

have been already implemented (please specify) :

are planned (please specify) :

Comments - If the situation changed since reference year, please specify in the comments.

[X]NAP

061-10. Are there evaluation studies or official reports regarding the main causes of possible inequalities with regard to:

[] Recruitment procedures, please specify:

[] Appointment to the position of court president, please specify:

[] Appointment to the position of head of prosecution services, please specify:

] Promotion procedures and access to the functions of responsibility, please specify:

Comments - Please specify also the reference documents.

3.5 Use of information technologies in courts

3.5.1 General policies in Information Technology in judicial systems

062-1. Basic principles and models used in Information technology policies and strategies definition

	Organisation
IT policies and strategies	() Defined and coordinated at national
	level by one institution
	(X) Defined and coordinated at national
	level by several institutions
	() Defined and coordinated at
	unit/stakeholder level
	() Other
IT Governance	() Governed at national level by one
	institution
	(X) Governed at national level by
	several institutions
	() Organised at unit/stakeholder level
	() Other

065-1. In case there is a national structure in charge of the strategic policy making and governance of the judicial system modernisation (including also IT) what is the composition of this structure?

- () administrative, technical and scientific staff only
- () mixed teams of judicial staff (judges/prosecutors/etc.) and administrative/technical/scientific staff
- (X) other (please specify in a comment)

Comments - (please specify if there are other modernisation approaches that have been implemented): There is no national structure in charge of the strategic policy making and governance of the judicial system modernization. Every major institution has an IT department that coordinates IT system modernization. There are mixed teams of judicial staff (judges/prosecutors) and administrative/technical/scientific staff depending of the requirements of specific projects.

065-2. Which is the organisational model primarily chosen for conducting structural IT projects in courts and the management of applications (maintenance, evolution)?

	Implementing new projects	Management of applications
Mainly by an IT department with the help of professionals in the field (judges, prosecutors, non-judge judicial staff, etc.)	() Yes (X) No	(X)Yes ()No
Mainly by professionals in the field (judges, prosecutors, non-judge judicial staff, etc.) with the help of an internal IT department and/or an external service provider	(X)Yes ()No	() Yes (X) No
Other alternatives (external service provider only – specify in a comment)	() Yes (X) No	() Yes (X) No

Comments - please also describe in case of "other alternatives"

065-4. Have you measured the impact resulting from the implementation of one or several components of your new information system?

(X)Yes

065-4-1. If yes, have you measured the impact on (multiple answers possible):

- [X] Business processes
- [X] Workload
- [X] Human resources
- [X] Costs
- [] Other, please specify

Comments (please specify examples of the impact)

3.5.2 Security of courts information system and personal data protection

065-5. Are there independent audits or other mechanisms to contribute to the global security policy regarding the information system of the judiciary ?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments (please specify in particular if national frameworks of information security exist):

065-6. Is the protection of personal data managed by courts ensured at legislative level?

(X)Yes

() No

Comment - If yes, please specify among others: if there are authorities specifically responsible for protection of personal data; the extent of the rights granted to citizens in the specific framework of software used by courts; if there are controls or limitations by law regarding the sharing of databases managed by courts with other administrations (police, etc.) National Supervisory Authority for Personal Data Processing. Rights to citizens are granted by General Data Protection Regulation. By default, databases can not be shared with other administration. Any share of databases needs approval.

Also, there is an outside audit mechanism regarding the case management system at the request of Ministry of Justice

3.5.3 Centralised databases for decision support

062-4. Is there a centralised national database of court decisions (case-law, etc.)?

(X) Yes

() Non

Comments

062-4-1. If yes, please specify the following information:

	instance	instance	instance	Link with ECHR case law	anonymised	database available	Case-law database available in open data	
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Civil and/or commercial	() Yes all	() Yes all	() Yes all	() Yes	(X)Yes	(X)Yes	(X)Yes
	judgements	judgements	judgements	(X) No	() No	() No	() No
	(X)Yes	(X)Yes	(X)Yes				
	some	some	some				
	judgements	judgements	judgements				
	() No	() No	() No				
Criminal	() Yes all	() Yes all	() Yes all	() Yes	(X)Yes	(X)Yes	(X)Yes
	judgements	judgements	judgements	(X) No	() No	() No	() No
	(X)Yes	(X)Yes	(X)Yes				
	some	some	some				
	judgements	judgements	judgements				
	() No	() No	() No				
Administrative	() Yes all	() Yes all	() Yes all	() Yes	(X)Yes	(X)Yes	(X)Yes
	judgements	judgements	judgements	(X) No	() No	() No	() No
	(X) Yes	(X)Yes	(X) Yes				
	some	some	some				
	judgements	judgements	judgements				
	() No	() No	() No				

Comments - if it exists in other matters please specify

062-6. Is there a computerised national record centralising all criminal convictions?

(X) Yes

() No

Comments

062-6-1. If yes, please specify the following information:

[] Linkage with other European records of the same nature

[X] Content directly available through computerised means for judges and/or prosecutors

[X] Content directly available for purposes other than criminal (civil and administrative matters)

Comments - Please specify who is the authority delivering the access

3.5.4 Writing assistance tools

062-7. Are there writing assistance tools for which the content is coordinated at national level? (models or templates, paragraphs already pre-written, etc.)

(X) Yes

() No

Comment - if it exists in other matters please specify

062-7-1. If yes, please specify the following information:

Availability rate

Civil and/or commercial	(X) 100% (all templates are available for
	all courts of this matter)
	() 50-99% (most of the templates are
	available for all courts or all templates for
	most of the courts)
	() 10-49% (some of the templates are
	available for most of the courts or most of
	the templates for some of the courts)
	() 1-9% (just starting to become
	available or in testing phase)
	() 0% (NAP) (does not exist at all for
	this matter)
	[]NA
Criminal	(X) 100% (all templates are available for
	all courts of this matter)
	() 50-99% (most of the templates are
	available for all courts or all templates for
	most of the courts)
	() 10-49% (some of the templates are
	available for most of the courts or most of
	the templates for some of the courts)
	() 1-9% (just starting to become
	available or in testing phase)
	() 0% (NAP) (does not exist at all for
	this matter)
	[]NA
Administrative	(X) 100% (all templates are available for
	all courts of this matter)
	() 50-99% (most of the templates are
	available for all courts or all templates for
	most of the courts)
	() 10-49% (some of the templates are
	available for most of the courts or most of
	the templates for some of the courts)
	() 1-9% (just starting to become
	available or in testing phase)
	() 0% (NAP) (does not exist at all for
	this matter)
	[]NA

062-8. Are there voice recording tools?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

062-8-1. If yes, please specify:

Availability of simple dictation tools	Availability of multiple speakers recording tools	Voice recognition feature
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Civil and/or commercial	(X) in all courts	(X) in all courts	() Yes
	() in most of the	() in most of the	(X) Pilot testing
	courts	courts	() No
	() in some courts /	() in some courts /	[]NA
	some pilot phases	some pilot phases	
	() not available for	() not available for	
	this matter	this matter	
	[] NA	[] NA	
Criminal	(X) in all courts	(X) in all courts	() Yes
	() in most of the	() in most of the	(X) Pilot testing
	courts	courts	() No
	() in some courts /	() in some courts /	[] NA
	some pilot phases	some pilot phases	
	() not available for	() not available for	
	this matter	this matter	
	[] NA	[] NA	
Administrative	(X) in all courts	(X) in all courts	() Yes
	() in most of the	() in most of the	(X) Pilot testing
	courts	courts	() No
	() in some courts /	() in some courts /	[] NA
	some pilot phases	some pilot phases	
	() not available for	() not available for	
	this matter	this matter	
	[] NA	[] NA	

062-9. Is there an intranet site within the judicial system for distribution of news/novelties?

Availability rate:

(X) 100% - accessible to everyone in judiciary

() 50-99% - accessible for most judges/prosecutors in all instances

() 10-49% - in some courts only

() 1-9% - in one court only

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( ) 0% (NAP) - No access
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[]NA

Comments

3.5.5 Technologies used for administration of the courts and case management

063-1. Is there a case management system (CMS) ? (Software used for registering judicial proceedings and their management)

(X)Yes

() No

Comments - if it exists in other matters please specify

063-1-1. If yes, please specify the following information:

	CMS deployment rate	Status of case online	Centralised or interoperable database	Early warning signals (for active case management)	Status of integration/conn ection of a CMS with a statistical tool
Civil and/or commercial	(X)100% ()50-99% ()10-49% ()1-9% ()0% (NAP) []NA	 () Accessible to parties () Publication of decision online (X) Both () Not accessible at all [] NA [] NA 	(X)Yes ()No []NA []NAP	(X)Yes ()No []NA []NAP	 () Fully integrated including BI () Integrated (X) Not integrated but connected () Not connected at all [] NA [] NAP
Criminal	(X) 100% () 50-99% () 10-49% () 1-9% () 0% (NAP) [] NA	 () Accessible to parties () Publication of decision online (X) Both () Not accessible at all [] NA [] NAP 	(X)Yes ()No []NA []NAP	(X)Yes ()No []NA []NAP	() Fully integrated including BI () Integrated (X) Not integrated but connected () Not connected at all [] NA [] NAP
Administrative	(X) 100% () 50-99% () 10-49% () 1-9% () 0% (NAP) [] NA	 () Accessible to parties () Publication of decision online (X) Both () Not accessible at all [] NA [] NA 	E INTAD	(X)Yes ()No []NA []NAP	() Fully integrated including BI () Integrated (X) Not integrated but connected () Not connected at all [] NA [] NAP

Comment - If it exists in other matters please specify:

063-2. Computerised registries managed by courts

	Deployment rate	Data consolidated at national level	Service available online	Statistical module integrated or connected
Land registry	(X) 100% () 50-99% () 10-49% () 1-9% () 0% (NAP) [] NA	() Yes (X) No [] NA [] NAP	() Yes (X) No []NA []NAP	(X)Yes ()No []NA []NAP

Business registry	(X) 100% () 50-99%	() Yes (X) No	() Yes (X) No	(X) Yes () No
	() 10-49%	[]NA []NAP	[]NA	[]NA []NAP
	() 0% (NAP) [] NA			

Comment - if it exists in other matters please specify:

Budgetary and financial monitoring

063-6. Budgetary and financial management systems of courts

	Tool deployment rate	Data consolidated at national level	System communicating with other ministries (financial among others)
Budgetary and financial management of courts	 () 100% () 50-99% () 10-49% (X) 1-9% () 0% (NAP) [] NA 	(X)Yes ()No []NA []NAP	(X)Yes ()No []NA []NAP
Justice expenses management	 () 100% () 50-99% () 10-49% (X) 1-9% () 0% (NAP) [] NA 	(X)Yes ()No []NA []NAP	(X)Yes ()No []NA []NAP
Other (please specify in comments)	 () 100% () 50-99% () 10-49% () 1-9% () 0% (NAP) [X] NA 	() Yes (X) No []NA []NAP	() Yes (X) No []NA []NAP

Comments

Other tools of courts management

063-7. Measurement tools to assess the workload of judges, prosecutors and/or non-judge/non-prosecutor staff (tool quantifying the activity of judges, prosecutors and/or non-judge/non-prosecutor staff – for example the number of cases resolved)

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

063-7-1. If yes, please specify the following information:

Tools deployment rate	monitoring at	Data used for monitoring at court local level	Tool integrated in the CMS
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For judges	(X) 100% () 50-99% () 10-49% () 1-9% () 0% (NAP) [] NA	(X)Yes ()No []NA []NAP	(X)Yes ()No []NA []NAP	() Yes (X) No []NA []NAP
For prosecutors	() 100% () 50-99% () 10-49% () 1-9% (X) 0% (NAP)	() Yes (X) No [] NA [] NAP	() Yes (X) No []NA []NAP	() Yes (X) No []NA []NAP
For non-judge/non-prosecutor staff	() 100% () 50-99% () 10-49% () 1-9% (X) 0% (NAP)	() Yes (X) No [] NA [] NAP	() Yes (X) No []NA []NAP	() Yes (X) No []NA []NAP

3.5.6 Technologies used for communication between courts, professionals and/or court

users

064-2. Is there a possibility to submit a case to courts by electronic means?(possibility to introduce a case by electronic means, for example an e-mail or a form on a website)

(X) Yes

() No

Comments

064-2-1. If yes, please specify the following information:

	Availability rate	Simultaneous submission of cases in paper form remains mandatory	Specific legislative framework authorising the submission of a case	An integrated/connect ed tool with the CMS
Civil and/or commercial	(X) 100% () 50-99% () 10-49% () 1-9% () 0% (NAP) [] NA	() Yes (X) No []NA []NAP	(X)Yes ()No []NA []NAP	() Yes (X) No []NA []NAP
Criminal	 () 100% () 50-99% () 10-49% () 1-9% () 0% (NAP) [X] NA 	(X) Yes () No []NA []NAP	(X)Yes ()No []NA []NAP	() Yes (X) No []NA []NAP

Administrative	(X) 100% () 50-99% () 10-49% () 1-9%	(X)Yes ()No []NA []NAP	() Yes (X) No []NA []NAP
	() 0% (NAP)		

Comments - if it exist in other matters please specify

064-3. Is it possible to request legal aid by electronic means?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

064-3-1. If yes, please specify the following information:

	Requesting legal aid electronically
Availability rate	(X)100%
	() 50-99%
	() 10-49%
	() 1-9%
	() 0% (NAP)
	[]NA
Formalisation of the request in paper form remains mandatory	() Yes
	(X) No
	[]NA
	[] NAP
Specific legislative framework regarding requests for legal aid by electronic	(X) Yes
means	() No
	[] NA
	[] NAP
Granting legal aid is also electronic	() Yes
	(X) No
	[] NA
	[] NAP
Information available in CMS	(X) Yes
	() No
	[]NA
	[] NAP

064-4. Is it possible to transmit summons to a judicial meeting or a hearing by electronic means? (a judicial meeting relates to stages prior to a court hearing, with a view to mediation or conciliation)

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

064-4-1. If yes, please specify the following information:

	Summons produced by CMS	Simultaneous summon in paper form remains mandatory	Consent of the user to be notified by electronic means	Modalities (if other please specify in comments)	Specific legislative framework
Civil and/or commercial	[X]	[]	[X]	[] SMS [X] E-mail [] Specific computer application [X] Other	[X]
Criminal	[X]	[]	[X]	[] SMS [X] E-mail [] Specific computer application [X] Other	[X]
Administrative	[X]	[]	[X]	[] SMS [X] E-mail [] Specific computer application [X] Other	[X]

Comments Transmitting summons by fax can be an other modality of sending summons.

In terms of specific legislation framework in this matter, there should be mentioned the Code of criminal procedure and the Code of civil procedure

Use of information technologies for improving the quality of the communication between courts and professionals

064-6. Are there possibilities of electronic communication between courts and lawyers and/or parties? (sending of electronic files and data concerning a judicial proceeding with or without scanned documents, mainly to develop dematerialised communication)

Tool deployment rate	L .	Modalities (if there are different according to the trial phases or if other, please	Specific legal framework	Availability for
		specify in a comment)		

Civil and/or commercial	[X]100% []50-99% []10-49% []1-9% []0% (NAP) []NA	[X] Submission of a case to a court [X] Phases preparatory to a hearing [X] Schedule of hearings and/or deferrals [X] Transmission of court decisions	[X] E-mail [X] Specific computer application [] Other	[X] Yes	[] Lawyers [] Parties not represented by lawyer
Criminal	[X]100% []50-99% []10-49% []1-9% []0% (NAP) []NA	[X] Submission of a case to a court [X] Phases preparatory to a hearing [X] Schedule of hearings and/or deferrals [X] Transmission of	[] E-mail [X] Specific computer application [] Other	[X] Yes	[] Lawyers [] Parties not represented by lawyer
Administrative	[X]100% []50-99% []10-49% []1-9% []0% (NAP) []NA	court decisions[X]Submission of acase to a court[X] Phasespreparatory to ahearing[X]Schedule ofhearings and/ordeferrals[X]Transmission ofcourt decisions	[] E-mail [X] Specific computer application [] Other	[X] Yes	[] Lawyers [] Parties not represented by lawyer

064-7. Terms and conditions of electronic communication used by professionals other than lawyers (sending of electronic data concerning a judicial proceeding with or without scanned documents, mainly to develop dematerialised communication)

Tool deployment rate	Modalities (if there are different according to the deeds or if other, please specify in a comment)	
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Enforcement agents (as defined in Q169 and	[X] 100%	[X]E-mail	[X] Yes
following)	[] 50-99%	[] Specific	
	[] 10-49%	computer application	
	[] 1-9%	[] Other	
	[] 0% (NAP)		
	[]NA		
Notaries (as defined in Q192 and following)	[X] 100%	[X]E-mail	[X] Yes
rounes (as defined in Q172 and following)	[] 50-99%	[] Specific	[]~
	[] 10-49%	computer application	
	[] 1-9%	[] Other	
	[] 0% (NAP)		
	[] NA		
Experts (as defined in Q202 and following)	[X] 100%	[X] E-mail	[X] Yes
	[] 50-99%	[] Specific	
	[] 10-49%	computer application	
	[]1-9% []Other		
	[] 0% (NAP)		
	[]NA		
Judicial police services	[X] 100%	[X]E-mail	[X] Yes
F - T -	[] 50-99%	[] Specific	
	[] 10-49%	computer application	
	[]1-9%	[] Other	
	[] 0% (NAP)		

064-9. Are there online processing systems of specialised litigation (small claim litigation, undisputed claims, preparatory phases to the resolution of family conflicts, etc. – please, specify in "comments" section)?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments - Please describe the system that exists.

Use of information technologies between courts, professionals and users in the framework of judicial proceedings

064-10. Videoconferencing between courts, professionals and/or users (this concerns the use of audio-visual devices in the framework of judicial proceedings such as the hearing of parties, etc.)

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

064-10-1. If yes, please specify the following information and describe in comments of this section the cases of actual use of videoconferencing and the expected benefits (for example, the use of this device to reduce the number of detainees' transfers to the court):

	Deployment rate (chose one only)	Proceeding phase	Specific legislative framework
Civil and/or commercial	[X] 100%	[] Prior to the	[X] Yes
	[] 50-99%	hearing	[] No
	[] 10-49%	[X] During the	
	[] 1-9%	hearing	
	[] 0% (NAP)	[] After the hearing	
Criminal	[X] 100%	[] Prior to the	[X] Yes
	[] 50-99%	hearing	[] No
	[] 10-49%	[X] During the	
	[] 1-9%	hearing	
	[] 0% (NAP)	[] After the hearing	
	[] NA		
Administrative	[] 100%	[] Prior to the	[X] Yes
	[X] 50-99%	hearing	[] No
	[] 10-49%	[X] During the	
	[] 1-9%	hearing	
	[] 0% (NAP)	[] After the hearing	
	[] NA		

064-11. Recording of hearings or debates (sound or audio-visual recording during the investigation and/or trial phase(s))

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

064-11-1. If yes, please specify the following information:

	Tool deployment rate	Type of recording	Specific legislative framework
Civil and/or commercial	(X) 100% () 50-99% () 10-49% () 1-9% () 0% (NAP) [] NA	(X) Sound () Video () Both []NA []NAP	(X)Yes ()No []NA []NAP
Criminal	(X) 100% () 50-99% () 10-49% () 1-9% () 0% (NAP) [] NA	(X) Sound () Video () Both []NA []NAP	(X)Yes ()No []NA []NAP

Administrative	(X)100%	(X) Sound	(X) Yes
	()50-99%	() Video	() No
	 () 10-49% () 1-9% () 0% (NAP) [] NA 	() Both []NA []NAP	[] NA [] NAP

064-12. Is electronic evidence admissible?

Admissibility of electronic evidence	Legislative framework
(X)Yes	() General law only
() No	(X) General and specialised
	law
	() Specialised law only [] NAP
(X)Yes	() General law only
() No	(X) General and specialised
	law
	() Specialised law only
(X)Yes	() General law only
() No	(X) General and specialised
	law
	() Specialised law only
	evidence (X) Yes () No (X) Yes () No (X) Yes (X) Yes

Comments - Other devices of electronic communication between courts, professionals and/or users

3.6.Performance and evaluation

3.6.1National policies applied in courts and public prosecution services

066. Are quality standards determined for the judicial system at national level (are there quality systems for the judiciary and/or judicial quality policies)?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

067. Do you have specialised personnel entrusted with implementation of these national level quality standards?

	Yes / No
within the courts	() Yes (X) No
within the public prosecution services	() Yes (X) No

Comments

077. Concerning court activities, have you defined performance and quality indicators?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

078. If yes, please select the main performance and quality indicators that have been defined for courts:

- [X] number of incoming cases
- [X] length of proceedings (timeframes)
- [X] number of resolved cases
- [X] number of pending cases
- [X] backlogs
- [X] productivity of judges and court staff
- [] satisfaction of court staff
- [] satisfaction of users (regarding the services delivered by the courts)
- [] costs of the judicial procedures
- [X] number of appeals
- [X] appeal ratio
- [X] clearance rate
- [X] disposition time
- [X] other (please specify):- e.g. suspended cases

Comments - e.g. suspended cases

077-1. Concerning public prosecution activities, have you defined performance and quality indicators?

- (X)Yes
- () No

Comments

078-1. If yes, please select the main performance and quality indicators for the public prosecution services that have been defined:

[X] number of incoming cases

- [X] length of proceedings (timeframes)
- [X] number of resolved cases
- [X] number of pending cases
- [X] backlogs
- [X] productivity of prosecutors and prosecution staff

[] satisfaction of prosecution staff

- [] satisfaction of users (regarding the services delivered by the public prosecutors)
- [] costs of the judicial procedures
- [X] clearance rate
- [X] disposition time
- [X] percentage of convictions and acquittals
- [] other (please specify):

Comments

073. Do you have a system to evaluate regularly court performance based primarily on the defined indicators?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

073-0. If yes, please specify the frequency:

- () Annual
- () Less frequent
- (X) More frequent

Comments - If "Less frequent" or "More frequent", please specify: biannual (twice a year)

073-1. Is this evaluation of the court activity used for the later allocation of resources within this court?

- (X) Yes
- () No

Comments

073-2. If yes, which courses of action are taken?

[X] Identifying to the causes of improved or deteriorated performance

[X] Reallocating resources (human/financial resources based on performance (treatment)

[X] Reengineering of internal procedures to increase efficiency (treatment)

[] Other (please specify):

Comments

073-3. Do you have a system to evaluate regularly the performance of the public prosecution services based primarily on the defined indicators?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

073-4. If yes, please specify the frequency:

- (X) Annual
- () Less frequent
- () More frequent

Comments - If "less frequent" or "more frequent", please specify:

073-5. Is this evaluation of the activity of public prosecution services used for the later allocation of resources within this public prosecution service?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

073-6. If yes, which courses of action are taken?

[X] Identifying to the causes of improved or deteriorated performance

[X] Reallocating resources (human/financial resources based on performance (treatment))

[X] Reengineering of internal procedures to increase efficiency (treatment)

[] Other (please specify):

Comments

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079. Who is responsible for evaluating the performance of the courts (multiple replies possible)?

- [X] High Judicial Council
- [] Ministry of Justice
- [X] Inspection authority
- [] Supreme Court
- [] External audit body
- [X] Other (please specify):PRESIDENTS OF THE COURTS

Comments "Other": president of the court

079-1. Who is responsible for evaluating the performance of the public prosecution services (multiple replies possible)?

- [X] Public Prosecutorial Council
- [X] Ministry of Justice
- [X] Head of the organisational unit or hierarchically superior public prosecutor
- [X] Prosecutor General /State public prosecutor
- [] External audit body
- [] Other (please specify):

Comments

070. Do you regularly monitor court activities (performance and quality) concerning:

- [X] number of incoming cases
- [X] length of proceedings (timeframes)
- [X] number of resolved cases
- [X] number of pending cases
- [X] backlogs
- [X] productivity of judges and court staff
- [X] satisfaction of court staff
- [X] satisfaction of users (regarding the services delivered by the courts)
- [] costs of the judicial procedures
- [X] number of appeals
- [X] appeal ratio
- [X] clearance rate
- [X] disposition time
- [X] other (please specify):

Comments ECRIS - case management and STATIS - statistics monitoring application including for court's efficiency assessment

070-1. Do you regularly monitor public prosecution activities (performance and quality) concerning:

- [X] number of incoming cases
- [X] length of proceedings (timeframes)
- [X] number of resolved cases
- [X] number of pending cases
- [X] backlogs
- [X] productivity of prosecutors and prosecution staff
- [X] satisfaction of prosecution staff
- [X] satisfaction of users (regarding the services delivered by the public prosecution)
- [] costs of the judicial procedures
- [X] clearance rate
- [X] disposition time
- [X] percentage of convictions and acquittals
- [] other (please specify):

Comments

071. Do you monitor the number of pending cases and cases that are not processed within a reasonable timeframe (backlogs) for:

[X] civil law cases

[X] criminal law cases

[X] administrative law cases

Comments STATIS - statistics monitoring application including for court's efficiency assessment

072. Do you monitor waiting time during judicial proceedings?

	Yes (If yes, please specify)	No
within the courts	(X)	()
within the public prosecution services	(X)	()

Comments There are statistical reports developed by an IT application called Statis that monitor the duration of a court trial on different levels - total time, preliminary proceedings, delays between the sessions, time for drafting the decision etc.

3.6.4Information regarding courts /public prosecution services activity

080. Is there a centralised institution that is responsible for collecting statistical data regarding the functioning of the courts?

(X) Yes (please indicate the name and the address of this institution):The Superior Council of Magistracy

() No

Comments There are also statistics departments in the Ministry of Justice and Prosecutors' Office by the High Court of Cassation and Justice. Each court implements in a shared application its own statistical information. Such data is centralized automatically in the statistics server managed by the Ministry of Justice. The access to the information is ensured to an equal extent also to the Judicial Statistics Unit within the Superior Council of Magistracy.

080-1. Are the statistics on the functioning of each court published?

- (X) Yes, on the internet
- () No, only internally (on an intranet website)
- () No

Comments

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080-2. Is there a centralised institution that is responsible for collecting statistical data regarding the functioning of the public prosecution services?

(X) Yes (please indicate the name and the address of this institution):STATISTICS DEPARTMENT OF PICCJ

() No

Comments

080-3. Are the statistics on the functioning of each public prosecution service published?

(X) Yes, on the internet

- () No, only internally (on an intranet website)
- () No

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081. Are individual courts required to prepare an activity report (that includes, for example, data on the number of resolved cases or pending cases, the number of judges and administrative staff, targets and assessment of the activity)?

(X) Yes

() No

Comments - If yes, please describe the content of the report and its audience (i.e. to whom the report is intended):

081-1. If yes, please specify in which form this report is released:

[X] Internet

[X] Intranet (internal) website

[X] Paper distribution

Comments

081-2. If yes, please, indicate the periodicity at which the report is released:

- () Annual
- () Less frequent
- (X) More frequent

Comments

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081-3. Are public prosecution services required to prepare an activity report (that includes, for example, data on the number of incoming cases, the number of decisions, the number of public prosecutors and administrative staff, targets and assessment of the activity)?

(X) Yes

() No

Comments - If yes, please describe the content of the report and its audience (i.e. to whom the report is intended): The Report is published on the web site of the Public Ministry.

081-4. If yes, please specify in which form this report is released:

[X] Internet

- [] Intranet (internal) website
- [] Paper distribution

Comments The report of the MP (MINISTERUL PUBLIC) is published twice a year.

081-5. If yes, please, indicate the periodicity at which the report is released:

- () Annual
- () Less frequent

Comments biannual (twice a year)

3.6.5 Courts administration

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082. Is there a process or structure of dialogue between the public prosecution services and courts regarding the way cases are presented before courts (for example the organisation, number and planning of hearings, on-call service for urgent cases, selection of simplified procedures of prosecution...)?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments - If yes, please specify: As mentioned in the previous cycle, indeed there are special appointed prosecutors that present the case files before the court and uphold the position of the prosecution service, aspect that describes moreover the procedural duties and competences of the prosecutors in the procedural stage where the case is being heard before the court, than as a dialogue between prosecutors and courts regarding the way cases are presented before the courts.

082-1. Is there in general a process or structure of dialogue between lawyers and courts regarding the way cases are presented before courts in other than criminal matters (e.g. organisation, number and planning of hearings, on-call service for urgent cases)?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

3.6.6 Performance and evaluation of judges and public prosecutors

083. Are there quantitative performance targets defined for each judge (e.g. the number of resolved cases in a month or year)?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments

083-1. Who is responsible for setting the individual targets for each judge?

- [] Executive power (for example the Ministry of Justice)
- [] Legislative power
- [] Judicial power (for example the High Judicial Council, Supreme Court)
- [] President of the court
- [] Other (please specify):

[X] NAP

Comments

114. Is there a system of qualitative individual assessment of the judges' work?

(X) Yes

() No

Comments According to the provisions of art. 39 of the Law no. 303/2004, amended and republished in 2018, judges and prosecutors are being periodically evaluated under the observance of the professional and performance criteria. The evaluation shall envisage the quality of their activity, efficiency, integrity as well as the fulfillment of the obligation to take part in in-service professional training and on managerial activity for those judges and prosecutors in leadership positions. The periodical evaluation shall be first carried out by the end of the first 2 years of activity after the entering in profession and shall be continued every 3/4/5 years depending on the seniority in profession (5-10 years, 10-15 years, over 15 years of seniority).

114-1. If yes, please specify the frequency of this assessment:

- () Annual
- (X) Less frequent
- () More frequent

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083-2. Are there quantitative performance targets defined for each public prosecutor (e.g. the number of decisions in a month or year)?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments

083-3. Who is responsible for setting the individual targets for each public prosecutor

- [] Executive power (for example the Ministry of Justice)
- [] Prosecutor General /State public prosecutor
- [] Public Prosecutorial Council
- [] Head of the organisational unit or hierarchically superior public prosecutor
- [] Other (please specify):

[X]NAP

Comments

120. Is there a system of qualitative individual assessment of the public prosecutors' work?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

120-1. If yes, please specify the frequency of this assessment:

() Annual

(X) Less frequent

() More frequent

Comments According to the provisions of art. 39 of the Law no. 303/2004, amended and republished in 2018, judges and prosecutors are being periodically evaluated under the observance of the professional and performance criteria. The evaluation shall envisage the quality of their activity, efficiency, integrity as well as the fulfillment of the obligation to take part in in-service professional training and on managerial activity for those judges and prosecutors in leadership positions. The periodical evaluation shall be first carried out by the end

of the first 2 years of activity after the entering in profession and shall be continued every 3/4/5 years depending on the seniority in profession (5-10 years, 10-15 years, over 15 years of seniority).

C4. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: Legislation on the statute of judges and prosecutors (Law no. 303/2004, amended and republished) and the Regulation on evaluation

4.Fair trial

4.1.Principles

4.1.1Principles of fair trial

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084. Percentage of first instance criminal in absentia judgments (cases in which the suspect is not attending the hearing in person nor is represented by a lawyer)?

[[X] NA [] NAP

Comments - Please add methodology for calculation used.

085. Is there a procedure to effectively challenge a judge (recusal), if a party considers that the judge is not impartial?

(X) Yes

() No

Comments - Please could you briefly specify:

085-1. If yes, what is the ratio between the total number of initiated procedures and the total number of recusals pronounced (in the reference year):

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[13]
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Comments

086. Is there in your country a monitoring system for the violations related to Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights?

[X] For civil procedures (non-enforcement)

[X] For civil procedures (timeframe)

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[X] For criminal procedures (timeframe)
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[] NAP

Comments - Please specify what are the terms and conditions of this monitoring system (information related to acknowledged violations

by ECHR at the State/courts level; implementation of internal systems to prevent other violations (that are similar) and if possible to measure an evolution of the established violations): In this respect, we should mention some aspects regarding the internal mechanism to ensure timely and effective execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights:

The mechanism's normative basis is represented by the Government Ordinance no. 94/30 August 1999, published in the Official Journal no. 424/31 August 1999, as modified by the Government Urgency Ordinances nos. 64/28 June 2003, published in the Official Journal no. 464/29 June 2003 and 48/21 April 2008, published in the Official Journal no. 330/25 April 2008 and approved by Law no. 191/21 October 2008, published in the Official Journal no. 728/28 October 2008. The enforcement of ECHR's judgments, regarding both individual and general measures, is supervised by the Directorate of the Government Agent for the European Court of Human Rights within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In this context, it also supervises the payment of the just satisfaction awarded by the European Court - by transmitting the necessary data to the Ministry of Public Finances in order for this authority to pay the sums awarded by the Court. Regarding individual measures other than the payment of just satisfaction, the aforementioned directorate informs the authorities involved about the measures of this nature required to enforce a ECHR judgment and the need to fulfill the obligations implied in order to fully execute the judgment. Concerning general measures, the directorate initiates and coordinates the actions of the actors involved. -Thus, it raises awareness as to the possible general measures implied by the European Court's judgments and consults and coordinates the authorities involved in order to carry into effect the necessary actions in order to fulfill the obligations required by the judgment. As for the modalities to liaise with persons or bodies responsible at the national level for deciding on the measures necessary to execute the judgments and the modalities to acquire information from other state actors, they are accomplished by means of written correspondence, consultations, meetings and inter-ministerial working groups. Another important aspect concerns the drawing-up of action plans/reports and related effective coordination/cooperation with the relevant actors at the national level for the same purpose of

implementing of the Court's judgments. It should be mentioned that the action plans/reports are drawn-up, in particular with regard to judgments revealing structural problems or special issues, following consultations held with the authorities concerned, meetings and interministerial working groups.

086-1. 1 Is there in your country a possibility to review a case after a finding of a violation of the European Convention on Human Rights by the European Court of Human Rights?

(X)Yes

() No

[] NAP

Comments

D1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: current legislation and statistics (ECRIS)

4.2. Timeframe of proceedings

4.2.1 General information

087. Are there specific procedures for urgent matters regarding:

[X] civil cases

[X] criminal cases

[X] administrative cases

[] There is no specific procedure for urgent matters

Comments - If yes, please specify:

088. Are there simplified procedures for:

- [X] civil cases (small disputes)
- [X] criminal cases (misdemeanour cases)
- [] administrative cases
- [] There is no simplified procedure

Comments - If yes, please specify:

088-1. For these simplified procedures, may judges deliver an oral judgement with a written order and without the full reasoning of the judgement ?

- [] civil cases
- [] criminal cases
- [] administrative cases

Comments - If yes, please specify:

089. Do courts and lawyers have the possibility to conclude agreements on arrangements for processing cases (presentation of files, decisions on timeframes for lawyers to submit their conclusions and on dates of hearings)?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments - If yes, please specify: According to art. 169 of the Civil Procedural Code, after initiating proceedings, is if all parties are represented by a lawyer or a legal counsel it is possible for them to agree to exchange documents directly. In this case the recipient will confirm the receiving of the document on the copy submitted to the court.

4.2.2 Case flow management – first instance

091. First instance courts: number of other than criminal law cases.

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases on 31 Dec. ref. year	Pending cases older than 2 years from the date the case came to the first instance court
Total of other than criminal law	587 819	1 282 448	1 239 954	630 313	28 684
cases (1+2+3+4)	[]NA []NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[]NA []NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP
1. Civil (and commercial)	543 619	1 174 754	1 175 845	542 528	21 415
litigious cases (including litigious	[] NA [] NAP	[]NA []NAP	[]NA []NAP	[]NA []NAP	[] NA [] NAP
enforcement cases and if possible					
without administrative law cases, see category 3)					
2. Non litigious cases	12 698	28 673	25 865	15 506	4 804
(2.1+2.2+2.3)	[]NA []NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[]NA []NAP	[] NA [] NAP

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2.1. General civil (and	2 453	22 356	20 821	3 988	106
commercial) non-litigious cases,	[] NA [] NAP	[]NA []NAP	[]NA []NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP
e.g. uncontested payment orders,					
request for a change of name,					
non-litigious enforcement cases					
etc. (if possible without					
administrative law cases, see					
category 3; without registry cases					
and other cases, see categories					
2.2 and 2.3)					
	10 245	6 317	5 044	11 518	4 698
2.2. Registry cases	10 243 []NA	[]NA	[]NA	[]NA	[] NA
(2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)	[] NAP	[] NAP	[]NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
2.2.1. Non litigious land registry	5 108	5 329	4 372	6 065	256
	[]NA	[] NA	[]NA	[] NA	[] NA
cases	[]NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
2.2.2 Non-litigious business	5 137	988	672	5 453	4 442
registry cases	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
2.2.3. Other registry cases					
	[]NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
2.3. Other non-litigious cases					
2.0. Caler non hagroup cases	[]NA	[] NA	[]NA	[]NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
3. Administrative law cases	31 502	79 021	38 244	72 279	2 465
	[]NA	[] NA	[]NA	[]NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[]NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
4. Other cases					
	[]NA	[] NA	[]NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP

Comments The decrease in the number of resolved cases in 2020 was caused by the context of the Covid-19 pandemic. The activity of al the courts was partially suspended between the 15-th of March until the end of May 2020 because a state of emergency was declared. During that period only few urgent cases were adjudicated. Some courts instituted preventive mesures even before the 15-th of March 2020 which included postponing non-urgent cases. After the state of emergency ended there were still in place measures that affected the normal activity of the courts like: the introduction of specific timeframes for each case, hearings through video conference, a strict limitation of human interaction at the auxiliary compartments of the courts that dealt directly with public like the Archive and the Registry office, so that requests and documents had to be submitted by post, fax or e-mail. These measures affected not only the court staff but all court users that had to adapt to the new circumstances and led to the postponement of many cases. There were also gaps in activity caused by cases of Covid-19 among the personnel of the courts. The same explanation is valid for the increased Disposition time which led to an increased numer of pending cases older than 3 years.

092. If courts deal with "civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases", please indicate the case categories included:

. Divorce with the consent of the parties, granting of legal personality, modification of the constitutive acts of legal persons, requests related to unions, non-litigious requests (civil, litigation with professionals, minors and family).

093. Please indicate the case categories included in the category "other cases":

. NAP

094. First instance courts: number of criminal law cases.

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases on 31 Dec. ref. year	Pending cases older than 2 years from the date the case came to the first instance court
Total of criminal law cases	106 622	341 899	342 634	105 887	4 316
(1+2+3)	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[]NA []NAP	[] NA [] NAP
1. Severe criminal cases					
	[]NA	[] NA	[]NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
2. Misdemeanour and / or minor					
criminal cases	[]NA	[] NA	[]NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
3. Other criminal cases					
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP

Comments - If you cannot make a distinction between misdemeanour criminal cases and severe criminal cases (according to the CEPEJ definitions), please specify what cases are reported in those categories. If "Other criminal cases", please specify As stated at Q91 the context of the Covid-19 pandemic affected the activity of the courts which led to the decrease in the number of resolved cases in 2020 an increased Disposition time and an increased numer of pending cases older than 3 years. In criminal law cases postponements were reccurent in cases involving persons serving a prison senstence, because generaly they have to be brought to every court hearing which was not always possibile due to the curantine measures taken by the prison administrations.

4.2.3 Case flow management - second instance

097. Second instance courts (appeal): Number of "other than criminal law" cases.

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases on 31 Dec. ref. year	Pending cases older than 2 years from the date the case came to the second instance court
Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)	72 979 [] NA [] NAP	169 147 [] NA [] NAP	163 922 []NA []NAP	78 204 [] NA [] NAP	1 765 [] NA [] NAP
1. Civil (and commercial) litigious cases (including litigious enforcement cases and if possible without administrative law cases, see category 3)	71 874 []NA []NAP	166 596 [] NA [] NAP	161 403 []NA []NAP	77 067 [] NA [] NAP	1 740 [] NA [] NAP

	1.105	0.551	2.510	1.107	25
2. Non litigious cases	1 105	2 551	2 519	1 137	25
(2.1+2.2+2.3)	[]NA []NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[]NA []NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP
	[] INAF	[] NAF	[] NAF	[] NAF	
2.1. General civil (and	364	1 132	1 072	424	12
commercial) non-litigious cases,	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
e.g. uncontested payment orders,	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
request for a change of name,					
non-litigious enforcement cases					
etc. (if possible without					
administrative law cases, see					
category 3; without registry cases					
••••••					
and other cases, see categories					
2.2 and 2.3)					
2.2. Registry cases	741	1 419	1 447	713	13
(2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
(2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.5)	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
2.2.1. Non litigious land registry	741	1 419	1 447	713	13
cases	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
Cases	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
2.2.2 Non-litigious business					
•	[]NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
registry cases	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
2.2.3. Other registry cases					
2.2.3. Other registry cases	[]NA	[] NA	[]NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
2.2 Other non litizious estat					
2.3. Other non-litigious cases	[]NA	[] NA	[]NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP	[X] NAP
		L ** J * 14 **			
3. Administrative law cases	5 J 3 J 4	r	5.3.57	r 1374	C 3 3 4
	[]NA	[]NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[X]NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
4. Other cases					
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[X]NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP

Comments - If "Other cases" please specify As stated at Q91 the context of the Covid-19 pandemic affected the activity of the courts which led to the decrease in the number of resolved cases in 2020 an increased Disposition time and an increased numer of pending cases older than 3 years.

098. Second instance courts (appeal): Number of criminal law cases.

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases on 31 Dec. ref. year	Pending cases older than 2 years from the date the case came to the second instance court
Total of criminal law cases	7 166	22 243	22 061	7 348	107
(1+2+3)	[]NA []NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP
1. Severe criminal cases					
	[] NA [X] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP

2. Misdemeanour and / or minor					
criminal cases	[] NA				
	[X] NAP				
3. Other cases	[]NA	[]NA	[]NA	[]NA	[] NA
	[X]NAP	[X]NAP	[X]NAP	[X]NAP	[X] NAP

Comments - If you cannot make a distinction between misdemeanour criminal cases and severe criminal cases (according to the CEPEJ definitions), please indicate the categories of cases reported in the category "serious offences" and cases reported in the category "minor offences". If "Other cases", please specify.

4.2.4 Case flow management - Supreme Court

099. Highest instance courts (Supreme Court): Number of "other than criminal law" cases:

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases on 31 Dec. ref. year	Pending cases older than 2 years from the date the case came to the Supreme Court
Total of other than criminal law cases (1+2+3+4)	39 454 [] NA [] NAP	49 338 []NA []NAP	51 922 []NA []NAP	36 870 []NA []NAP	882 [] NA [] NAP
1. Civil (and commercial) litigious cases (including litigious enforcement cases and if possible without administrative law cases, see category 3)	17 586 []NA []NAP	23 746 []NA []NAP	24 856 []NA []NAP	16 476 []NA []NAP	421 [] NA [] NAP
2. Non litigious cases (2.1+2.2+2.3)	111 []NA []NAP	208 []NA []NAP	221 []NA []NAP	98 []NA []NAP	1 []NA []NAP
2.1. General civil (and commercial) non-litigious cases, e.g. uncontested payment orders, request for a change of name, non-litigious enforcement cases etc. (if possible without administrative law cases, see category 3; without registry cases and other cases, see categories 2.2 and 2.3)	1 []NA []NAP	34 []NA []NAP	34 []NA []NAP	1 []NA []NAP	0 []NA []NAP
2.2. Registry cases (2.2.1+2.2.2+2.2.3)	110 []NA []NAP	174 [] NA [] NAP	187 [] NA [] NAP	97 []NA []NAP	1 []NA []NAP
2.2.1. Non litigious land registry cases	110 [] NA [] NAP	174 [] NA [] NAP	187 [] NA [] NAP	97 [] NA [] NAP	1 []NA []NAP
2.2.2 Non-litigious business registry cases	[] NA [X] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP

2.2.3. Other registry cases					
	[]NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP				
2.3. Other non-litigious cases					
	[] NA				
	[X] NAP				
3. Administrative law cases	21 757	25 384	26 845	20 296	460
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
4. Other cases					
	[] NA				
	[X]NAP	[X] NAP			

Comments - If "Other cases", please specify

099-1. At the level of the Highest court (Supreme Court), is there a procedure of manifest inadmissibility?

() Yes, please indicate the number of cases closed by this procedure:

(X) No

Comments

100. Highest instance courts (Supreme Court): Number of criminal law cases.

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases on 31 Dec. ref. year	Pending cases older than 2 years from the date the case came to the Supreme Court
Total of criminal law cases	145	353	364	134	4
(1+2+3)	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
(1+2+3)	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
1. Severe criminal cases					
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
2. Misdemeanour and / or minor					
criminal cases	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
criminal cases	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
3. Other criminal cases					
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP

Comment - If you cannot make a distinction between misdemeanour criminal cases and severe criminal cases (according to the CEPEJ definitions), please specify what cases are reported in those categories.. If "Other criminal cases", please specify

4.2.5 Case flow management and timeframes - specific cases

101. Number of specific litigious cases received and processed by first instance courts.

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases		Pending for more than 2 years
Litigious divorce cases	15 599	27 892	26 863	16 628	218
	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[]NA []NAP	[] NA [] NAP	[] NA [] NAP

Employment dismissal cases	1 339	2 074	1 638	1 775	55	
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	
	[] NAP					
Insolvency	27 048	19 859	22 409	24 498	4 177	
-	[]NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	
	[] NAP					
Robbery case	983	1 445	1 535	893	35	
	[]NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	
	[] NAP					
Intentional homicide	657	1 206	1 214	649	16	
	[]NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	
	[] NAP					

Comments The increase in the number of employment dismissal cases may be attributed to a complex set of socio-economical factors and we do not have the data analisis in this matter. However, at least some of the increase may be caused by the context of Covid 19 pandemic that affected a lot of economic sectors that may have caused a suge in employment dismissal cases.

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101-0. Number of procedures/cases relating to asylum seekers and to the right of entry and stay for aliens.

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases on 31 Dec ref. year	Pending for more than 2 years
Non-court procedures relating to asylum seekers (refugee status under the 1951 Geneva	[X] NA [] NAP	[X] NA [] NAP	[X] NA [] NAP	[X] NA []NAP	[X] NA [] NAP
Convention) Non-court procedures relating to the right of entry and stay for aliens	[X] NA [] NAP	[X] NA [] NAP	[X] NA [] NAP	[X] NA [] NAP	[X] NA [] NAP
Court cases relating to asylum seekers (refugee status under the 1951 Geneva Convention)	232 []NA []NAP	1 123 []NA []NAP	1 078 [] NA [] NAP	279 []NA []NAP	2 []NA []NAP
Court cases relating to the right of entry and stay for aliens	117 []NA []NAP	265 []NA []NAP	238 []NA []NAP	148 []NA []NAP	8 []NA []NAP

Comments In the national Statis system, the cases are recorded on different categories of pending cases. So, in the last column, there are number of cases pending for more than 3 years instead of 2.

As to the increased number of cases relating to asylum seekers at the beginning of 2020, the reason is the increased number of incoming cases in 2019 due to the increase of the migration as a phenomenon

101-1. Could you briefly describe the system in your country dealing with legal remedies relating to asylum seekers (refugee status under the 1951 Geneva Convention) and the right of entry and stay for aliens:

. The judicial remedies relating to asylum seekers is regulated by Law no 122/2006 on asylum in Romania.

The access to the asylum procedure is guaranteed to any foreign or stateless person that is on the Romanian territory or at the frontier and who requests orally or in writing the protection of the Romanian state, under the conditions of the law.

The application is filed at the competent authorities and it is then forwarded to the National Office for Immigration.

In any phase of the asylum procedure, the applicant has the right to be assisted by a lawyer, the right to an interpreter, the right to contact and to be assisted by an official of UNCHR or a national or international NGO etc.

The applicant has free access to court, including legal assistance and exemption from cautio judicatum solvi.

101-2. Number of cases relating to child sexual abuse and child pornography received and processed by first instance courts.

	Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	Incoming cases	Resolved cases	Pending cases on 31 Dec ref. year	Pending cases older than 2 years from the date the case came to the first instance court
Child sexual abuse	297	418	323	390	3
	[]NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
Child pornography	66	159	111	111	1
	[] NA	[] NA	[]NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP

Comments - Please explain what are the legal definitions of these categories of offences in your system: Sexual intercourse with a minor, art. 220 CP: Sexual intercourse, oral or anal intercourse and other acts of vaginal or anal penetration

committed with a minor under 15 years or by a major with a minor aged between 15 and 18 years in some circumstances.

Sexual corruption of minors, art. 221 CP: a sexual act other than that referred to in art. 220 against a minor under the age of 13 years or the corruption of the minor to bear or carry out such an act; the sexual act of any nature committed by a major in the presence of a minor under the age of 13 years; a major corrupting a minor under the age of 13 years to assist in acts of flasher or performances in which they commit sexual acts of any kind and making available pornographic material.

child pornography - art. 374 CP: The production, possession, purchase, storage, display, promotion, distribution and making available in any way, of child pornography

102. Percentage of decisions subject to appeal, average length of proceedings and percentage of cases pending for more than 3 years for all instances for specific litigious cases. The average length of proceedings has to be calculated from the date the application for judicial review is lodged to the date the judgment is made, without taking into account the investigation phase in criminal cases as well as enforcement procedure.

	% of decisions subject to appeal	Average length in 1st instance (in days)		Average length in 3rd instance (in days)	length of the total	% of cases pending for more than 3 years for all instances
Civil and commercial litigious cases	Max numeric value allowed : 100 10 [] NA [] NAP	119 []NA []NAP	220 []NA []NAP	210 []NA []NAP	127 []NA []NAP	Max numeric value allowed : 100 4 [] NA [] NAP

Litigious divorce cases	Max numeric value allowed : 100 6	255 []NA []NAP	231 []NA []NAP	[] NA [X] NAP	252 []NA []NAP	Max numeric value allowed : 100 1
Employment dismissal cases	[]NA []NAP Max numeric value allowed : 100	234 []NA []NAP	186 [] NA [] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP	222 []NA []NAP	[] NA [] NAP Max numeric value allowed : 100
	56 []NA []NAP					3 []NA []NAP
Insolvency cases	Max numeric value allowed : 100 30 [] NA [] NAP	483 []NA []NAP	141 []NA []NAP	[] NA [X] NAP	393 []NA []NAP	Max numeric value allowed : 100 14 [] NA [] NAP
Robbery cases	Max numeric value allowed : 100 51 []NA []NA	215 []NA []NAP	160 [] NA [] NAP	[] NA [X] NAP	174 []NA []NAP	Max numeric value allowed : 100 1 [] NA [] NAP
Intentional homicide cases	Max numeric value allowed : 100 55 []NA []NAP	165 []NA []NAP	110 []NA []NAP	[] NA [X] NAP	171 []NA []NAP	Max numeric value allowed : 100 2 [] NA [] NAP

Comments "Average total length of the total procedure": for the present cycle a different methodology of calculation is applied, in compliance with the Explanatory Note. Accordingly, 2020 data are not comparable with previous data.

The amendments to the new Criminal Procedural Code for putting in accordance the new Code with the decisions of the Constitutional Court and with those of the High Court, might have influenced the modifications in terms of lengths of procedures (regarding the intentional homicide cases).

103. Where appropriate, please indicate the specific procedure regarding divorce cases (litigious and non-litigious):

. Two alternative divorce procedures were introduced by the new Civil Code, which entered into force on October 1st, 2011: the administrative divorce, at the civil status service, and the divorce in front of the public notary. These alternatives are available in the situation of the divorce through mutual consent. They are already contributing to a quicker dispute resolution and to relieving the burden on courts.

Details:

The non-litigious divorce is of the competence of the court of first instance, notary public or civil status officer. The procedure is different depending on each authority, but has the following commons rules:

- The existance of the spouses' agreement about the divorce and its consequences;
- Granting 30 days from the registration date of the application until the pronunciation of the divorce;
- Compulspry presence of the parties to express their consent to divorce, with the exceptions stipulated by law;
- Hearing the minor who reached 10 years (except the administrative procedure of the competence of the civil status officer which imposes no minor children);

- The compulsory settlement of the applications concerning the exercise of the parental authority and the contribution of the parents at the expenses for the children grow up and education, when the spouses have minor children, born before or during the marriage or adopted (except of course the administrative procedure of the competence of the civil status officer); the family name the spouses will

104. How is the length of proceedings calculated for the six case categories of question 102? Please give a description of the calculation method.

. The length of proceedings is calculated starting from the moment when the file is created and implemented in the IT system, until the moment when the case is closed in the IT system. This includes the time for drafting the decision.

4.2.6 Case flow management – public prosecution

105. Role and powers of the public prosecutor in the criminal procedure (multiple options possible):

- [X] to conduct or supervise police investigation
- [X] to conduct investigations
- [X] when necessary, to request investigation measures from the judge
- [X] to charge
- [X] to present the case in court
- [X] to propose a sentence to the judge
- [X] to appeal
- [X] to supervise the enforcement procedure
- [X] to discontinue a case without needing a decision by a judge (ensure consistency with question 36!)
- [] to end the case by imposing or negotiating a penalty or measure without requiring a judicial decision

[X] other significant powers (please specify):to defend the legitimate rights and interests of the minors, of the persons under interdiction, of the disappeared and of other persons in the legal conditions;

Comments "other": to defend the legitimate rights and interests of the minors, of the persons under interdiction, of the disappeared and of other persons in the legal conditions;

106. Does the public prosecutor also have a role in:

- [X] civil cases
- [X] administrative cases
- [] insolvency cases

Comments - If yes, please specify:

107. Public prosecutors: Total number of 1st instance criminal cases.

Number of cases

1.Pending cases on 1 Jan. ref. year	1 144 581
	[] NA
	[] NAP
2.Incoming/received cases	571 501
2. Incoming/received cases	[]NA
	[] NAP
3.Processed cases (3.1+3.2+3.3+3.4)	564 155
	[] NA
	[] NAP
3.1.Discontinued during the reference year (3.1.1+3.1.2+3.1.3+3.1.4.)	442 820
	[] NA
	[] NAP
3.1.1 Discontinued by the public prosecutor because the offender could not be	
identified	[X] NA
	[] NAP
3.1.2 Discontinued by the public prosecutor due to the lack of an established	
	[X] NA
offence or a specific legal situation	
3.1.3 Discontinued by the public prosecutor for reasons of opportunity	
	[X] NA
	[] NAP
3.1.4 Discontinued for other reasons	
5.1.4 Discontinued for other reasons	[X] NA
	[] NAP
3.2.Concluded by a penalty or a measure imposed or negotiated by the public	75 636
prosecutor	[] NA
	[] NAP
3.3. Cases closed by the public prosecutor for other reasons	
5.5. Cases closed by the public prosecutor for other reasons	[] NA
	[X]NAP
3.4.Cases brought to court	45 699
	[] NA
	[] NAP
1 Panding ages on 21 Dec. raf. year	1 161 346
4.Pending cases on 31 Dec. ref. year	[]NA
	[]NA []NAP

Comments There are no available data on grounds on which a decision to discontinue a case is taken by the public prosecutor.

107-1. If the guilty plea procedure exists, how many cases were concluded by this procedure?

	Total	Severe criminal cases	Misdemeanour and / or minor criminal cases
Total number of guilty plea procedures	2 175		
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
Before the main trial	2 175		
	[] NA	[] NA	[]NA
	[] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
During the main trial			
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP

Comments

109. Do the figures provided in Q107 include traffic offence cases?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments Only serious offenses that are considered crimes, such as drunk driving or involuntary manslaughter.

D2. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: Department of statistics of the Superior Council of Magistracy of Romania

5.Career of judges and public prosecutors

5.1.Recruitment and promotion

5.1.1Recruitment and promotion of judges

110. How are judges recruited?

- [X] mainly through a competitive exam (open competition)
- [] mainly through a recruitment procedure for experienced legal professionals (for example experienced lawyers)
- [] a combination of both (competitive exam and working experience)
- [] other (please specify):

Comments

111. Authority(ies) responsible for recruitment - are judges initially/at the beginning of their career recruited and nominated by:

- [X] An authority made up of judges only
- [] An authority made up of non-judges only
- [] An authority/authorities made up of judges and non-judges
- [] Other

Comments - Please indicate the name of the authority(ies) involved in the whole procedure of recruitment and nomination of judges. If there are several authorities, please describe their respective roles:

111-1. How many members compose this authority?

	Total	Male	Female
Members	9	2	7
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP

Comments - Please specify what is the status of this authority and who is proposing its members?

111-2. May non-selected candidates appeal against the decision on recruitment/appointment?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments - please specify which body is competent to decide on appeal?

112. Is the same authority (Q111) competent for the promotion of judges?

- (X)Yes
- () No

Comments

113. What is the procedure for the promotion of judges? (multiple answers possible)

- [X] Competitive test / Exam
- [] Other procedure (interview or other)
- [] No special procedure

Comments - Please specify how the promotion procedure for judges is organised (especially if there is no competition or examination):

113-1. Please indicate the criteria used for the promotion of a judge? (multiple replies possible)

- [X] Years of experience
- [X] Professional skills (and/or qualitative performance)
- [X] Performance (quantitative)
- [X] Subjective criteria (e.g. integrity, reputation)
- [] Other
- [] No criteria

Comments - Please specify any useful comment regarding the criteria (especially if you have checked the box "performance" or "other"):

5.1.2Status, recruitment and promotion of prosecutors

115. What is the status of public prosecution services?

- [] Has an independent status as a separate entity among state institutions
- [] Is part of the executive power but enjoys functional independence (please briefly explain how and to what extent)
- [] Is part of the executive power (without functional independence)
- [X] Is part of the judicial power but enjoys functional independence (please briefly explain how and to what extent)
- [] Is part of the judicial power (without functional independence)
- [] Is a mixed model (please explain)
- [] Has other status (please explain)

Comments - When appropriate, please specify the objective guarantees of this independence (such as funding) and where they are enshrined (Constitution, legislation etc.).Furthermore, if "mixed model" or "other", please specify.

115-1. Does the law or other regulation prevent specific instructions to prosecute or not, addressed to a public prosecutor?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

115-2. If you answered "Yes" to Q115-1, are there exceptions provided by the law/regulations?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments - Please describe these exceptions:

115-3. If you answered "No" to Q115-1, which authority can issue the specific instructions?

- [] General Prosecutor
- [] Higher prosecutor/Head of prosecution office
- [] Executive power
- [] Other

Comments - If "Other", please specify:

115-4. What form these instructions may take?

- [] Oral instruction
- [] Oral instruction with written confirmation
- [] Written instruction
- [] Other
- [X] NAP

Comments - If "Other", please specify:

115-5. In that case, are the instructions:

- [] Issued seeking prior advice from the competent public prosecutor
- [] Mandatory
- [] Reasoned
- [] Recorded in the case file
- [] Other

[X]NAP

Comments - If "Other", please specify:

115-6. What is the frequency of this type of instructions:

- () Exceptional
- () Occasional
- () Frequent
- () Systematic
- [X] NAP

Comments

115-7. Can the public prosecutor oppose/report an instruction to an independent body?

() Yes

() No

[X]NAP

Comments - If yes, please specify to which body/institution and please describe under which conditions.

116. How are public prosecutors recruited?

- [X] mainly through a competitive exam (open competition)
- [] mainly through a recruitment procedure for experienced legal professionals (for example experienced lawyers)
- [] a combination of both (competitive exam and working experience)
- [] other (please specify):

Comments

117. Authority(ies) responsible for recruitment - Are public prosecutors initially/at the beginning of their career recruited by:

- [X] An authority composed of public prosecutors only
- [] An authority composed of non-public prosecutors only
- [] An authority composed of public prosecutors and non-public prosecutors
- [] Other

Comments - Please indicate the name of the authority(ies) involved in the whole procedure of recruitment and nomination of public prosecutors. If there are several authorities, please describe their respective roles:

117-1. How many members compose this authority?

	Total	Male	Female
Members	5	4	1
	[]NA []NAP	[]NA []NAP	[]NA []NAP

Comments - Please specify what is the status of this authority and who is proposing its members?

117-2. May non-selected candidates appeal against the decision on recruitment/appointment?

- (X)Yes
- () No

Comments - Please specify which body is competent to decide on appeal?

118. Is the same authority (Q.117) formally responsible for the promotion of public prosecutors?

(X) Yes

() No, please specify which authority is competent for promoting public prosecutors

Comments

119. What is the procedure for the promotion of prosecutors? (multiple answers possible)

[X] Competitive test / exam

- [] Other procedure (interview or other)
- [] No special procedure

Comments - Please specify how the promotion procedure for prosecutors is organised (especially if there is no competition or examination):

119-2. Please indicate the criteria used for the promotion of a prosecutor:

- [X] Years of experience
- [X] Professional skills (and/or qualitative performance)
- [X] Performance (quantitative)
- [X] Subjective criteria (e.g. integrity, reputation)
- [] Other
- [] No criteria

Comments - Please, specify any useful comment regarding the criteria (especially if you have checked the box "performance" or "other"):

5.1.3Mandate and retirement of judges and prosecutors

121. Are judges appointed to office for an undetermined period (i.e. "for life" = until the official age of retirement)?

(X) Yes, please indicate the compulsory retirement age:65

() No

Comments - If yes, are there exceptions (e.g. dismissal as a disciplinary sanction)? Please specify:

121-1. Can a judge be transferred to another court without his/her consent:

- [X] For disciplinary reasons
- [] For organisational reasons
- [] For other reasons (please specify modalities and safeguards):
- [] No

Comments

122. Is there a probation period for judges (e.g. before being appointed "for life")? If yes, how long is this period?

(X) Yes, duration of the probation period (in years):2 years

() No

Comments

123. Are public prosecutors appointed to office for an undetermined period (i.e. "for life" = until the official age of retirement)?

(X) Yes, please indicate the compulsory retirement age:65

() No

Comments - If yes, are there exceptions (e.g. dismissal as a disciplinary sanction)? Please specify:

124. Is there a probation period for public prosecutors? If yes, how long is this period?

(${\bf X}$) Yes, duration of the probation period (in years):2 years

() No

Comments

125. If the mandate for judges is not for an undetermined period (see question 121), what is the length of the mandate (in years)?

[[] NA [X] NAP

Comments

125-1. Is it renewable?

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() Yes () No [X] NAP

Comments

126. If the mandate for public prosecutors is not for an undetermined period (see question 123), what is the length of the mandate (in years)?

[[] NA [X] NAP

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Comments
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126-1. Is it renewable?

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() Yes () No

[X] NAP

Comments

E1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: legal provisions of the Law 303/2004 modified and republished in 2018 on statute of judges and prosecutors and the Romanian Constitution

5.2.Training

5.2.1Training of judges

127. Types of different trainings offered to judges:

Compulsory	Optional	No training proposed
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Initial training (e.g. attend a judicial school,	(X) Yes	() Yes	() Yes
traineeship in a court)	() No	(X) No	(X) No
General in-service training	(X)Yes	(X) Yes	() Yes
	()No	() No	(X) No
In-service training for specialised judicial functions (e.g. judge for economic or administrative issues)	() Yes (X) No	(X)Yes ()No	() Yes (X) No
In-service training for management functions	() Yes	(X)Yes	() Yes
of the court (e.g. court president)	(X) No	()No	(X) No
In-service training for the use of computer facilities in courts	() Yes	(X)Yes	() Yes
	(X) No	()No	(X) No
In-service training on ethics	() Yes	(X) Yes	() Yes
	(X) No	() No	(X) No
In-service training on child-friendly justice	() Yes	(X)Yes	() Yes
	(X) No	()No	(X) No

Comments

128. Frequency of the in-service training of judges:

	Frequency of the judges training
General in-service training	[X] Regularly (for example every
	year) [] Occasional (as needed) [] No training proposed
In-service training for specialised judicial functions (e.g. judge for economic or administrative issues)	[] Regularly (for example every year)
	[X] Occasional (as needed) [] No training proposed
In-service training for management functions of the court (e.g. court president)	[] Regularly (for example every year)
	[X] Occasional (as needed) [] No training proposed
In-service training for the use of computer facilities in courts	 [] Regularly (for example every year) [X] Occasional (as needed) [] No training proposed
In-service training on ethics	[] Regularly (for example every year) [X] Occasional (as needed) [] No training proposed
In-service training on child-friendly justice	[] Regularly (for example every year) [X] Occasional (as needed)
	[] No training proposed

Comments - Please indicate any information on the periodicity of the continuous training of judges: In 2020, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the continuous training activities were seriously affected. Thus, NIM did not conduct training activities in the field of use of computer

facilities and management functions of the court. Only 76 training activities were organized in 2020 in pandemic conditions, out of which 12 in specialized judicial functions and 1 in ethics. Also an online HELP tutored course on Child-friendly Justice and Children's Rights was available for judges and prosecutors.

5.2.2Training of prosecutors

	Compulsory	Optional	No training proposed
Initial training	(X)Yes	() Yes	() Yes
General in-service training	() No (X) Yes	(X) No (X) Yes	(X) No () Yes
	() No	() No	(X) No
In-service training for specialised functions	() Yes	(X)Yes	() Yes
(e.g. public prosecutors specialised in	(X) No	() No	(X) No
organised crime)			
In-service training for management functions	() Yes	(X)Yes	() Yes
(e.g. Head of prosecution office, manager)	(X) No	() No	(X) No
In-service training for the use of computer	() Yes	(X)Yes	() Yes
facilities in office	(X) No	() No	(X) No
In-service training on ethics	() Yes	(X)Yes	() Yes
-	(X) No	() No	(X) No
In-service training on child-friendly justice	() Yes	(X)Yes	() Yes
	(X) No	() No	(X) No

129. Types of different trainings offered to public prosecutors:

Comments

130. Frequency of the in-service training of public prosecutors :

	Frequency of the in-service training
General in-service training	[X] Regularly (for example every
	year)
	[] Occasional (as needed)
	[] No training proposed
In-service training for specialised functions (e.g. public prosecutor specialised	[] Regularly (for example every
in organised crime)	year)
	[X] Occasional (as needed)
	[] No training proposed
In-service training for management functions (e.g. Head of prosecution office,	[] Regularly (for example every
manager)	year)
	[X] Occasional (as needed)
	[] No training proposed
In-service training for the use of computer facilities in office	[] Regularly (for example every
	year)
	[X] Occasional (as needed)
	[] No training proposed

In-service training on ethics	[] Regularly (for example every
	year)
	[X] Occasional (as needed)
	[] No training proposed
In-service training on child-friendly justice	[] Regularly (for example every
year)	
	[X] Occasional (as needed)
	[] No training proposed

Comments - Please indicate any information on the periodicity of the in-service training of prosecutors: In 2020, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the continuous training activities were seriously affected. Thus, NIM did not conduct training activities in the field of use of computer facilities and management functions of the court. Only 76 training activities were organized in 2020 in pandemic conditions, out of which 12 in specialized judicial functions and 1 in ethics. Also an online HELP tutored course on Child-friendly Justice and Children's Rights was available for judges and prosecutors.

5.2.3 Training institutions

131. Do you have public training institutions for judges and / or prosecutors?

	Initial training only	Continuous training only	Initial and continuous training
Institution(s) for judges	[]	[]	[]
Institution(s) for prosecutors	[]	[]	[]
Institution(s) for both judges and prosecutors	[]	[]	[X]

Comments The National Institute of Magistracy is the public institution entitled to provide both initial and in-service professional training for both judges and prosecutors, as well as training of trainers and it functions under the coordination of the Superior Council of Magistracy. Moreover, in terms of in-service professional training both judges and prosecutors can take part in decentralized in-service programs organised countrywide and in other forms of training programs aboard on different subjects and domains of their professional interest. NIM organizes continuous training activities both at centralized and decentralized level on an annual basis. Thus, every year, the Institute develops centralized and decentralized continuous training programs, taking into account the dynamics of the legislative process and the training needs of judges and prosecutors.

131-0. If yes, what is the budget of such institution(s)?

	Budget of the institution(s) for the reference year, in \in
Institution(s) for judges	
	[] NA
	[X] NAP
Institution(s) for prosecutors	
r	[] NA
	[X] NAP
Institution(s) for both judges and prosecutors	11 092 181
	[] NA
	[] NAP

Comments NIM's budget is of 53.908.000 lei, according to the Activity Report for 2020.

The increase in the budget is explained by the increase of salaries for some categories of NIM staff: judges and prosecutors recruited as full time trainers, legal staff assimilated to judges and prosecutors and judicial trainees (justice auditors). NIM's budget also reflects national co-financing for training activities organised in projects financed through European structural funds / Norwegian Financial

Mechanism 2014-2021, projects that are submitted and implemented by NIM as solely / co-beneficiary.

131-1. If judges and/or prosecutors have no compulsory initial training in such institutions, please indicate briefly how these judges and/or prosecutors are trained?

. Initial training for judges and prosecutors is compulsory.

5.2.4 Number of trainings

131-2. Number of in-service training courses available and delivered (in days) by the public institution(s) responsible for training

	Number of in-person training courses available	Number of delivered in-person training courses in days	Online training courses available during the reference year (e- learning)
Total	304	71	85
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
1. For judges	42	37	5
j	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
2. For prosecutors	38	37	1
I	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
3. For other non-judge staff	2	2	66
jg	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
4. For other non-prosecutor staff	2	2	16
·····	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
5. Ttraining for other professionals	4	4	0
5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP

Comments – please specify if there are training courses of judges and/or prosecutors that include other professionals in the field of justice. Due to the pandemic restrictions, NIM organized 76 training sessions out of the total of 304 training sessions programmed for 2020. 2 training sessions opened for non-judge/non-prosecutor staff- assistent-magistrates, legal staff assimilated to judges and prosecutors 4 training sessions opened for other professionals - National Administration of Penitentiaries, police officers and other specialists in connected fields (financial specialists, psychologists, social workers etc). The 66/16 online training courses for non-judge-non-prosecutor staff were organised by the National School of Clerks. More precisely, in 2020 for non-judge staff there were 66 online courses lasting 210 days and for non-prosecutor staff there were 16 online courses lasting 166 days.

The discrepancies are due to the pandemic restrictions.

131-3. Number of participants of the training courses during the reference year

Number of participants in in- person training courses	Number of participants in online training courses (e- learning)
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Total	1 381	3 652
	[] NA	[]NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Judges	702	66
	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Prosecutors	547	7
	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Non-judge staff	9	3 026
	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Non-prosecutor staff	9	480
	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Other professionals	23	0
-t	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP

Comments NIM trained: 9 persons trained out of non-judge/non-prosecutor staff- assistent-magistrates, legal staff assimilated to judges and prosecutors

23 persons trained out of other professionals - 5 National Administration of Penitentiaries, 9 police officers and 9 other specialists in connected fields (financial specialists, psychologists, social workers etc).

NSC trained: 3026/480 participants at online courses for the non-judge/non-prosecutor staff.

5.3.Practice of the profession

5.3.1Salaries and benefits of judges and prosecutors

132. Salaries of judges and public prosecutors on 31 December of the reference year:

	Gross annual salary, in €	Net annual salary, in €	Gross annual salary, in local currency	Net annual salary, in local currency
First instance professional judge at the beginning of his/her career	43 223 []NA	25 285	210 468	123 124 []NA
Judge of the Supreme Court or the Highest Appellate Court (please indicate the average salary of a judge at this level, and not the salary of the Court President)	[] NAP 87 522 [] NA [] NAP	[] NAP 51 200 [] NA [] NAP	[] NAP 426 180 [] NA [] NAP	[]NAP 249 315 []NA []NAP
Public prosecutor at the beginning of his/her career	43 223 [] NA [] NAP	25 285 [] NA [] NAP	210 468 [] NA [] NAP	123 124 []NA []NAP
Public prosecutor of the Supreme Court or the Highest Appellate Instance (please indicate the average salary of a public prosecutor at this level, and not the salary of the Attorney General).	67 051 []NA []NAP	39 225 [] NA [] NAP	326 496 [] NA [] NAP	191 000 [] NA [] NAP

Comments

133. Do judges and public prosecutors have additional benefits?

	Judges	Public prosecutors
Reduced taxation	() Yes (X) No	() Yes (X) No
Special pension	(X) Yes () No	(X) Yes () No
Housing	(X) Yes () No	(X) Yes () No
Other financial benefit	(X)Yes ()No	(X) Yes () No

Comments Other financial benefits are essentially related to medical expenses and travel expenses (limited).

134. If "other financial benefit", please specify:

. Other financial benefits are essentially related to medical expenses and travel expenses (limited).

[] NAP

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135. Can judges combine their work with any of the following functions/activities?

	With remuneration	Without remuneration
Teaching	(X) Yes	(X)Yes
Research and publication	() No (X) Yes	() No (X) Yes
Arbitrator	() No () Yes	() No () Yes
Consultant	(X) No () Yes	(X) No () Yes
Cultural function	(X) No () Yes	(X) No (X) Yes
Political function	(X) No () Yes	() No () Yes
Mediator	(X) No () Yes	(X) No () Yes
Other function	(X) No (X) Yes	(X) No (X) Yes
	() No	() No

Comments - If rules exist in your country (e.g. authorisation needed to perform these activities), please specify. If "other function", please specify.

137. Can public prosecutors combine their work with any of the following functions/activities?

	With remuneration	Without remuneration
Teaching	(X)Yes	(X)Yes
	() No	() No
Research and publication	(\mathbf{X}) Yes	(X) Yes
Arbitrator	() No () Yes	() No () Yes
	(X) No	(X) No
Consultant	() Yes	() Yes
	(X) No	(X) No
Cultural function	() Yes	(X)Yes
	(X) No	() No
Political function	() Yes	() Yes
	(X) No	(X) No
Mediator	() Yes	() Yes
	(X) No	(X) No
Other function	(X)Yes	(X)Yes
	() No	() No

Comments - If rules exist in your country (e.g. authorisation needed to perform these activities), please specify. If "other function", please specify: similar to judges, see Q 135

139. Productivity bonuses: do judges receive bonuses based on the fulfilment of quantitative objectives in relation to the number of resolved cases (e.g. number of cases resolved over a given period of time)?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments - If yes, please specify the conditions and if possible the amounts:

5.3.2 Body/institution of ethics

138. Is there in your country an institution / body giving opinions on ethical questions of the conduct of judges (e.g. involvement in political life, use of social media by judges, etc.)

(X) Yes

() No

Comments

138-1. If yes, who are the members of this institution/body?

(X) Only judges

() Judges and other legal professionals

() Other, please specify:

Comments

138-2. Are the opinions of this institution / body publicly available?

(X) Yes () No

Comments - Please describe the work of this institution / body, the frequency of opinions, etc.

138-3. Is there in your country an institution / body giving opinions on ethical questions of the conduct of prosecutors (e.g. involvement in political life, use of social media by prosecutors, etc.)

(X) Yes

() No

Comments

138-4. If yes, who are the members of this institution/body?

(X) Only prosecutors

() Prosecutors and other legal professionals

() Other, please specify:

Comments

138-5. Are the opinions of this institution / body publicly available?

(X)Yes

() No

[] NAP

Comments - Please describe the work of this institution / body, the frequency of opinions, etc. In our judicial system, there are not only opinions in terms of ethics/deontology but a Deontological Code which is publicly available, the Superior Council of Magistracy being entitled to publish the Code, as previously mentioned and there are also decisions of the Sections for judges/prosecutors on alleged breaches of the deontological code which are also being published after being anonymised.

5.4.Disciplinary procedures

5.4.1Authorities responsible for disciplinary procedures and sanctions

140. Who is authorised to initiate disciplinary proceedings against judges (multiple replies possible)?

- [] Court users
- [] Relevant Court or hierarchical superior
- [] High Court / Supreme Court
- [] High Judicial Council
- [] Disciplinary court
- [X] Disciplinary body (disciplinary prosecutor, investigator etc.)
- [] Ombudsman
- [] Parliament

[] Executive power (please specify):

- [] Other (please specify):
- [] This is not possible

Comments

141. Who is authorised to initiate disciplinary proceedings against public prosecutors: (multiple replies possible):

- [] Citizens
- [] Head of the organisational unit or hierarchical superior public prosecutor
- [] Prosecutor General /State public prosecutor
- [] Public prosecutorial Council (High Judicial Council)
- [] Disciplinary court
- [X] Disciplinary body (disciplinary prosecutor, investigator etc.)
- [] Ombudsman
- [] Professional body
- [] Executive power (please specify):
- [] Other (please specify):
- [] This is not possible

Comments

142. Which authority has disciplinary power over judges? (multiple replies possible)

- [] Court
- [] Higher Court / Supreme Court
- [X] High Judicial Council
- [] Disciplinary court or body
- [] Ombudsman
- [] Parliament
- [] Executive power (please specify):
- [] Other (please specify):

Comments According to art. 44 para.1 of the Law no.317/2004 amended and republished, the Superior Council of Magistracy accomplishes through its Sections (for judges/for prosecutors) the role of a judicial court in the field of disciplinary liability of judges and prosecutors.

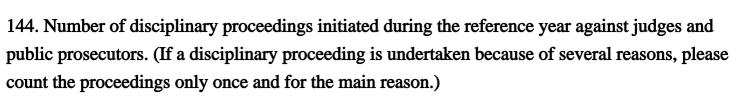
143. Which authority has disciplinary power over public prosecutors? (multiple replies possible)

- [] Supreme Court
- [] Head of the organisational unit or hierarchical superior
- [] Prosecutor General /State public prosecutor
- [X] Public prosecutorial Council (High Judicial Council)
- [] Disciplinary court or body
- [] Ombudsman

- [] Professional body
- [] Executive power (please specify):
- [] Other (please specify):

Comments According to art. 44 para.1 of the Law no.317/2004 amended and republished, the Superior Council of Magistracy accomplishes through its Sections (for judges/for prosecutors) the role of a judicial court in the field of disciplinary liability of judges and prosecutors.

5.4.2Number of disciplinary procedures and sanctions



	Judges	Prosecutors	
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Total number (1+2+3+4)	9	9	
	[] NA	[] NA	
	[] NAP	[] NAP	
1. Breach of professional ethics	3	6	
Ĩ	[] NA	[] NA	
	[] NAP	[] NAP	
2. Professional inadequacy	12	13	
	[] NA	[] NA	
	[] NAP	[] NAP	
3. Criminal offence			
	[] NA	[] NA	
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	
4. Other			
	[] NA	[] NA	
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	

Comments - If "other", please specify: As previously, in the table above we have indicated the number of disciplinary actions registered in the reference year (2020) before the Sections for judges and prosecutors of the Superior Council of Magistracy in disciplinary matters (9 disciplinary cases/disciplinary actions were registered before the Section for Judges of the SCM in disciplinary matters and 9 disciplinary cases were registered before the Section for Prosecutors of the SCM in disciplinary matters).

The discrepancies between the number of disciplinary actions and the number of breaches of professional ethics + breaches of the professional inadequacy are due to the fact that one disciplinary action can refer to not only one but more disciplinary offences, as well as to not only one but more magistrates.

The disciplinary offences are expressly regulated under the provisions of art. 99 of the Law no.303/2004 amended and republished in 2018.

145. Number of sanctions pronounced during the reference year against judges and public prosecutors:

	Judges	Prosecutors
Total number (total 1 to 10)	11 []NA []NAP	2 []NA []NAP
1. Reprimand	1 []NA []NAP	0 []NA []NAP

0. Second and	3	0	
2. Suspension	5 [] NA		
		[] NA	
	[] NAP	[] NAP	
3. Withdrawal from cases			
	[] NA	[] NA	
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	
4. Fine			
	[] NA	[] NA	
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	
5. Temporary reduction of salary	4	0	
5. Temporary reduction of satary	[] NA	[] NA	
	[] NAP	[] NAP	
6. Position downgrade	0	2	
	[] NA	[] NA	
	[] NAP	[] NAP	
7 Transfor to another accorrentian (accurt) location	0	0	
7. Transfer to another geographical (court) location	[] NA	[]NA	
	[] NAP	[]] NAP	
8. Resignation			
	[] NA	[] NA	
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	
9. Other			
	[] NA	[] NA	
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	
10. Dismissal	3	0	
	[] NA	[] NA	
	[] NAP	[] NAP	

Comments - If "other", please specify. If a significant difference exists between the number of disciplinary proceedings and the number of sanctions, please indicate the reasons. There should be taken into account that the above mentioned data reflect the number of the disciplinary sanctions rendered in the reference year (2020) irrespectively of the year the disciplinary action was registered in, therefore this number is not necessary equal to the number of disciplinary actions registered in 2020, as these sanctions can be rendered for disciplinary actions registered before 2020 while there are also disciplinary actions registered in 2020 but not yet solved before the end of 2020; moreover, most of the decisions are final but there are also several ones are not final yet (the recourse procedure). "Position downgrade" - this type of disciplinary sanction did not exist and it has been introduced by the Law no. 242/2018.

E3. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: The sources of these data are the registration archives of the Sections for Judges/prosecutors of the Superior Council of Magistracy in disciplinary matters.

6.Lawyers

6.1.Profession of lawyer

6.1.1Status of the profession of lawyers

146. Total number of lawyers practising in your country:

	Total	Male	Female
Number of lawyers	23 424	9 855	13 569

Comments There is no official explanation due to legal norms, in principle such fluctuations can be registered within the profession, as long as the total number has not registered significant fluctuations.

147. Does this figure include "legal advisors" who cannot represent their clients in court (for example, some solicitors or in-house counsellors)?

Yes ()

No (X)

Comments

148. Number of legal advisors who cannot represent their clients in court:

[[X] NA [] NAP

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Comments

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149. Is legal representation in courts exclusively exercised by lawyers in: (multiple replies possible)

	First instance	Second instance	Highest instance court (Supreme Court)
Civil cases	() Yes always	() Yes always	() Yes always
	() Yes in some cases	() Yes in some cases	() Yes in some cases
	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
Dismissal cases	() Yes always	() Yes always	() Yes always
	() Yes in some cases	() Yes in some cases	() Yes in some cases
	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
Criminal cases – Defendant	() Yes always	() Yes always	() Yes always
	() Yes in some cases	() Yes in some cases	() Yes in some cases
	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
Criminal cases – Victim	() Yes always	() Yes always	() Yes always
	() Yes in some cases	() Yes in some cases	() Yes in some cases
	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
Administrative cases	() Yes always	() Yes always	() Yes always
	() Yes in some cases	() Yes in some cases	() Yes in some cases
	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP

Comments - Please indicate any useful clarifications regarding the content of lawyers' exclusive rights: According to the provisions of the

Civil Procedure Code, as well as according to the provisions of Law no. 51/1995 for the exercise of the profession of lawyer, the party can be represented in the civil trial not only by the lawyer, but also by a person who does not have this capacity, nevertheless for the case in which the mandate is given to another person than to a lawyer. According to the procedural rules, if the mandate is given to another person than to a lawyer.

As in civil matters, legal representation in criminal and administrative proceedings at all instances can be carried out by lawyers but also by other persons/entities.

	First instance	Second instance	Highest instance court (Supreme Court)
Civil society organisation	(X) Yes	(X) Yes	(X)Yes
	() No	() No	()No
Family member	(X) Yes	(X) Yes	(X)Yes
	() No	() No	()No
Self-representation	(X) Yes	(X) Yes	(X)Yes
	() No	() No	()No
Trade union	(X) Yes	(X) Yes	(X)Yes
	() No	() No	()No
Other	(X) Yes	(X) Yes	(X)Yes
	() No	() No	()No

149-0. If other than lawyers may represent a client in court, please specify who:

Comments - If "other", please specify. In addition, for the categories selected please specify the types of cases concerned by this/these representation(s): consumer protection associations - have the right to take legal action to defend the rights and legitimate interests of consumers

149-1. In addition to the functions of legal representation and legal advice, can a lawyer exercise other activities?

- [] Notarial activity
- [X] Arbitration / mediation
- [] Proxy / representation
- [] Property manager
- [] Real estate agent
- [] Other law activities (please specify):

Comments

149-2. What are the statuses for exercising the profession of lawyer?

[X] Self-employed lawyer

- [] Staff lawyer
- [] In-house lawyer

Comments

150. Is the lawyer profession organised through:

[X] a national bar association

[] a regional bar association

Comments

151. Is there a specific initial training and/or exam to enter the profession of lawyer?

(X) Yes

() No

Comments - Please indicate if there are other specific requirements as regards diplomas or university degrees:

152. Is there a mandatory general in-service professional training system for lawyers?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

153. Is the specialisation in some legal fields linked to specific training, levels of qualification, specific diploma or specific authorisations?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

F1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: National Bar Association

6.1.2Practicing the profession

154. Can court users establish easily what the lawyers' fees will be (i.e. a prior information on the foreseeable amount of fees)?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments

155. Are lawyers' fees freely negotiated?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

156. Do laws or bar standards provide any rules on lawyers' fees (including those freely negotiated)?

[] Yes, laws provide rules

[] Yes, standards of the bar association provide rules

[X] No, neither laws nor bar association standards provide rules

Comments

6.1.3Quality standards and disciplinary procedures

157. Have quality standards been determined for lawyers?

(X) Yes

() No

Comments - If yes, what are the quality criteria used?

158. If yes, who is responsible for formulating these quality standards:

- [X] the bar association
- [X] the Parliament
- [] other (please specify):

Comments

159. Is it possible to file a complaint about:

- [X] the performance of lawyers
- [X] the amount of fees

Comments - Please specify:

160. Which authority is responsible for disciplinary procedures?

- [] a judge
- [] Ministry of Justice
- [X] a professional authority
- [] other (please specify):

Comments

161. Disciplinary proceedings initiated against lawyers. (If a disciplinary proceeding is undertaken because of several reasons, please count the proceedings only once and for the main reason.)

	Number of disciplinary proceedings
Total number of disciplinary proceedings initiated $(1 + 2 + 3 + 4)$	74
	[] NA [] NAP
1. Breach of professional ethics	65
	[] NA [] NAP
2. Professional inadequacy	1
	[] NA [] NAP
3. Criminal offence	0
	[] NA [] NAP

4. Other	8
	[] NA
	[] NAP

Comments - If "other", please specify: 4. Other

- initiating legal proceedings without a warrant, in violation of the warrant (1);

- breach of the obligation to represent oneself before the bodies of the profession (7);

162. Sanctions pronounced against lawyers.

	Number of sanctions
Total number of sanctions $(1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5)$	20
	[]NA []NAP
1. Reprimand	10
	[]NA []NAP
2. Suspension	3
	[] NA
3. Withdrawal from cases	[]NAP 0
5. Williawai 110iii cases	[] NA
	[]NAP 4
4. Fine	[]NA
	[]NAP
5. Other	3 []NA
	[] NAP

Comments - If "other", please specify. If a significant difference between the number of disciplinary proceedings and the number of sanctions exists, please indicate the reasons. 5. Other- warning (3)

Concernant the differences- following the disciplinary investigation, it was not necessary to exercise disciplinary action and sanction the lawyers

7. Court related mediation and other alternative Dispute Resolution

7.1. Court related mediation

7.1.1 Details on court related mediation

163. Does the judicial system provide for court-related mediation procedures?

(X) Yes

() No

Comments

163-1. In some fields, does the judicial system provide for mandatory mediation with a mediator?

- [] Before/instead of going to court
- [] Ordered by the court, the judge, the public prosecutor or a public authority in the course of a judicial proceeding
- [X] No mandatory mediation

Comments - If there is mandatory mediation, please specify which fields are concerned:

163-2. In some fields, does the legal system provide for mandatory informative sessions with a mediator?

- () Yes
- (X) No

Comments - If there are mandatory informative sessions, please specify which fields are concerned:

164. Please specify, by type of cases, who provides court-related mediation services:

	Private mediator	Public authority (other than the court)	Judge	Public prosecutor
Civil and commercial cases	(X)Yes	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes
	() No	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
Family cases	(X)Yes	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes
	() No	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
Administrative cases	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes
	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
Labour cases including employment	(X)Yes	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes
dismissals	() No	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
Criminal cases	(X)Yes	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes
	() No	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
Consumer cases	(X)Yes	() Yes	() Yes	() Yes
	() No	(X) No	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP

Comments

165. Is there a possibility to receive legal aid for court-related mediation or receive these services free of charge?

(X)Yes

() No

[] NAP

Comments - If yes, please specify (only one or both options)::

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166. Number of accredited or registered mediators for court-related mediation:

	Total	Males	Females
Number of mediators	11 259	4 584	6 675
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP

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Comments The data were communicated by the Mediation Council, reflecting the pace of the authorization process as a mediator by the Mediation Council (which may register fluctuations from year to year), of persons who meet the conditions provided by law.

167. Number of court-related mediations

	Number of cases for which the parties agreed to start mediation	Number of finished court-related mediations	Number of cases in which there is a settlement agreement
Total (1+2+3+4+5+6)			
10001(1+2+5++5+0)	[X] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
1. Civil and commercial cases			
	[X] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
2. Family cases			
	[X] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
3. Administrative cases			
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
4. Labour cases including employment			
dismissal cases	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
5. Criminal cases			
	[X] NA	[X] NA	[X]NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
5. Consumer cases			
	[X] NA	[X] NA	[X]NA
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP

Comments - Please indicate the source: Although we cannot offer a total of the cases of court-related mediation, divided into the categories above, according to the statistical system in the field (which is ongoing at this moment), we could extract a number of 614 mediation agreement authorized by the court (2020).

Background and legislation elements (remain valid from the last cycle):

The control of the state regarding the mediation is indirect and it concerns the agreement concluded by the parties after following the mediation procedure – such an agreement constitutes an act under private signature. In order to become an authentic act, it has to be authenticated by the notary public or authorized by the court. Thus, if the conflict has already been submitted to a court, the settlement by mediation of such a case can be possible at the initiative of the involved parties or at the recommendation of the court and accepted by the parties, concerning rights the parties can dispose over in accordance with the legal provisions. Mediation can deal with the total or partial settlement of the concerned litigation. The court shall, on the request of the parties, issue a decision in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Procedure Code regarding the expedient court decision.

According with the provisions of article 59 para. 2 of the Law no. 192/2006, the parties to the mediation agreement may go to court to request, in compliance with the legal proceedings, to give a decision to legalize their understanding. Competence shall lay with the court in whose jurisdiction any of the parties have their domicile or residence or, where appropriate, the head office or the court of first instance in whose jurisdiction is located the place where it has been signed mediation agreement. The decision whereby the court consents on the understanding between parties shall be delivered in the council room and shall be an enforcement order under the law. The provisions of articles 438 - 441 of the Law no 134/2010 (New Civil Procedure Code), republished, as amended, shall apply accordingly.

Mediation in case of a dispute before the law courts, according with the provisions of article 61 para. 1 of the Law no. 192/2006. in case the conflict was brought to justice, its settlement by mediation may take place at the initiative of the parties or at the proposal of any of them or on the recommendation of the court, concerning the rights which the parties may enjoy under the law. Mediation may have as subject settlement of all or part of the dispute. The mediator may not charge fees for informing the parties. Also, according with the provisions of art. 63 para. 1 of the Law no. 192/2006, in case the matter has been settled by means of mediation, the court shall deliver, at the request of the parties and in compliance with the requirements of law, a judgment, the provisions of articles 438 - 441 of the Law No

134/2010, republished, as amended, being applied accordingly.

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168. Do the following alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods exist in your country?

- [X] Mediation other than court-related mediation
- [X] Arbitration
- [] Conciliation (if different from mediation)
- [] Other ADR (please specify):

Comments

G1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Source: legislative background

8.Enforcement of court decisions

8.1.Execution of decisions in civil matters

8.1.1 Number of enforcement agents, status and mandate

169. Number and type of enforcement agents in your country.

	Total	Male	Female
Total (1+2+3+4)	880	634	246
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
1. Private professionals under the authority	880	634	246
(control) of public authorities	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
(control) of public authorities	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP
2. Enforcement agents working in a public			
institution (civil servants paid by state)	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
institution (civil servants paid by state)	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
3. Judges			
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP
4. Other			
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP

Comments - If other, please specify their status and competences:

170. What are the requirements to access the profession of enforcement agent (multiple replies possible)?

- [X] diploma
- [X] professional experience

- [X] specific exam
- [X] appointment procedure by the State
- [X] initial training
- [] other

Comments - If "other", please specify:

171. Are enforcement agents appointed to office for an undetermined period (i.e. "for life" = until the official age of retirement)?

(X) Yes, please indicate the age of retirement: 65 for men/63 for women

() No, please specify the duration of the appointment:

Comments - If yes, are there exceptions (e.g. dismissal as a disciplinary sanction)? Please specify: Article 23 of Law no.188/2000 provides the situations regarding the termination of the title/quality of enforcement agent

8.1.2 Activities/scope of competence

171-1. Which debtor's information can the enforcement agent access at the beginning of the enforcement procedure?

	Access to information	Direct electronic access to information
Address	(X) Yes () No	() Yes (X) No
Date of birth	(X) Yes () No	() Yes (X) No
Civil status	(X) Yes () No	() Yes (X) No
Cohabitant	(X) Yes () No	() Yes (X) No
Employer	(X)Yes ()No	() Yes (X) No
Motor vehicle	(X)Yes ()No	(X)Yes ()No
Movable property	(X)Yes ()No	() Yes (X) No
Immovable property	(X)Yes ()No	(X) Yes () No
Bank account	(X)Yes ()No	() Yes (X) No
Other enforcement proceedings underway	(X) Yes () No	() Yes (X) No
Insolvency proceedings (bankruptcy, judicial reorganisation, collective debt settlement etc.)	(X)Yes ()No	() Yes (X) No
Other	() Yes (X) No	() Yes (X) No

Comments - If "other", please specify:

171-2. Can the enforcement agent carry out the following civil enforcement proceedings:

	Option
Seizure of movable tangible properties	 (X) Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents () Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents () No [] NAP
Preventive seizure of movable tangible properties	 (X) Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents () Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents () No [] NAP
Seizure of immovable properties	 (X) Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents () Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents () No [] NAP
Preventive seizure of immovable properties	 (X) Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents () Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents () No [] NAP
Seizure from a third party of the debtor claims regarding a sum of money	 (X) Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents () Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents () No [] NAP
Seizure of remunerations	 (X) Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents () Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents () No [] NAP
Seizure of motorised vehicles	 (X) Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents () Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents () No [] NAP

Eviction measures Seizures of boats and ships	 (X) Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents No NAP (X) Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents No
Seizure of aircrafts Seizure of electronic assets (e.g cryptocurrency)	[]]NAP (X) Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents () Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents () No []NAP (X) Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents () Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents () Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents () Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents () No
Enforced sale by public tender of seized properties	 []NAP (X) Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents () Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents () No []NAP
Sale of shares	 (X) Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents () Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents () No [] NAP
Other	 () Yes, exclusively performed by enforcement agents (X) Yes, but not exclusively performed by enforcement agents () No [] NAP

Comments

171-3. Apart from the enforcement of court decisions, what are the other activities that can be carried out by enforcement agents?

[X] Service of judicial and extrajudicial documents

[X] Debt recovery

[X] Voluntary or public auctions of moveable or immoveable property

- [X] Custody of goods
- [X] Recording and reporting of evidence
- [] Court hearings service
- [X] Provision of legal advice
- [] Bankruptcy procedures
- [] Performing tasks assigned by judges
- [] Representing parties in courts
- [] Drawing up private deeds and documents
- [] Building manager
- [] Other

Comments

8.1.3 Training and ICT

172-1. Is there a system of mandatory general continuous training for enforcement agents?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

172-2. Do you have an e-learning training system established for enforcement agents?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

172-3. Does the content of the continuous training system also include ICT (related to enforcement

procedures)?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

172-4. Have an electronic service of documents or electronic notifications been introduced in your country?

(X) Yes

() No

Comments

172-5. Does the development of new technologies have an effect on the different stages of the enforcement procedure?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments - Please explain: -speeding up the procedure

-improving the access of interested persons

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8.1.4 Fees

174. Are enforcement fees easily established and transparent for parties?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

175-1. Are the fees charged in case of successful enforcement proceedings freely negotiated?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments

175-2. Who has to pay these fees if the enforcement proceedings are successful?

[X] The debtor

[] The creditor

[] Other – please specify

Comments

176. Do laws provide any rules on enforcement fees (including those freely negotiated)?

(X) Yes

() No

Comments

H0. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Source: Order of the Minister of Justice no.2834/C/2016 on the bringing up to date of the number of bailiffs for 2016, modify by the Order of the Minister of Justice 3800/C/2016

8.1.5 Organisation of profession and efficiency of enforcement services

177. Is there a body entrusted with supervising and monitoring the enforcement agents' activity?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

178. Which authority is responsible for supervising and monitoring enforcement agents?

[X] professional body

[X] judge

[X] Ministry of Justice

- [] public prosecutor
- [] other (please specify):

Comments

181. Is there a specific mechanism for executing court decisions rendered against public authorities, including supervising such execution?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

182. Is there a system for monitoring how the enforcement procedure is conducted by the enforcement agent?

() Yes

(X) No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

183. What are the main complaints made by users concerning the enforcement procedure? Please indicate a maximum of 3.

- [] no execution at all
- [] non execution of court decisions against public authorities
- [] lack of information
- [X] excessive length
- [] unlawful practices
- [] insufficient supervision
- [X] excessive cost
- [] unethical behaviour of enforcement agent
- [] other (please specify):

Comments

185. Is there a system measuring the length of enforcement procedures:

	Existence of the system
for civil cases	(X) Yes () No
for administrative cases	() Yes (X) No

Comments

186. Regarding a decision on debt collection, please estimate the average timeframe to serve and/or notify the decision to the parties who live in the city where the court sits (one option only):

() between 1 and 5 days

($\)$ between 6 and 10 days

() between 11 and 30 days

() more (please specify):

[X]NA

Comments

187. Number of disciplinary proceedings initiated against enforcement agents. (If a disciplinary proceeding is undertaken because of several reasons, please count the proceedings only once and for the main reason.)

	Number of disciplinary proceedings initiated
Total number of initiated disciplinary proceedings (1+2+3+4)	43
	[] NA [] NAP
1. For breach of professional ethics	13
	[]NA []NAP
2. For professional inadequacy	30
	[] NA [] NAP
3. For criminal offence	0
	[] NA [] NAP
4. Other	0
	[] NAP

Comments - If "other", please specify:

188. Number of sanctions pronounced against enforcement agents:

	Number of sanctions pronounced
Total number of sanctions (1+2+3+4+5)	39
	[]NA []NAP
1. Reprimand	12
	[]NA []NAP
2. Suspension	2
	[]NA []NAP
3. Withdrawal from cases	0
	[]NA []NAP
4. Fine	18
	[]NA []NAP
5. Other	7
	[]NA []NAP

Comments - If "other", please specify. If a significant difference between the number of disciplinary proceedings and the number of sanctions exists, please indicate the reasons: Other sanction pronounced against enforcement agents- exclusion from the profession

H1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Source: Ministry of Justice

8.2. Execution of decisions in criminal matters

8.2.1Functioning of execution in criminal matters

189. Which authority is in charge of the enforcement of judgments in criminal matters? (multiple replies possible)

[X] Judge

- [] Public prosecutor
- [] Prison and Probation Services
- [] Enforcement agent
- [] Other authority (please specify):

Comments - Please specify his/her functions and duties (e.g. initiative or monitoring functions).

190. Are the effective recovery rates of fines decided by a criminal court evaluated by studies?

- () Yes
- (X) No

Comments

191. If yes, what is the recovery rate?

- () 80-100%
- () 50-79%
- () less than 50%

Comments - Please indicate the source for answering this question:

9.Notaries

9.1. Profession of notary

9.1.1Number, status and mandate of notaries

192. Number and status of notaries in your country.

Total	Male	Female
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TOTAL (1+2+3+4)	2 696			
	[] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA	
	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	
1. Private professionals (without control from				
	[]NA	[] NA	[] NA	
public authorities)	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	
2. Holders of public offices appointed by the	2 696			
	[] NA	[X] NA	[X] NA	
State	[] NAP	[] NAP	[] NAP	
3. Civil servants (paid by the State)				
	[]NA	[] NA	[] NA	
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	
4. Other				
	[] NA	[] NA	[] NA	
	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	[X] NAP	

Comments - If "Other", please specify the status, or if "holder of a public office appointed by the State", please indicate which ministry is mainly engaged in the appointment procedure:

192-1. What are the access conditions to the profession of notary (multiple replies possible):

- [X] diploma
- [X] professional experience
- [X] specific exam
- [X] appointment procedure by the State
- [X] initial training
- [] other (please specify):

Comments The law provides three pathways to become a notary public:

a) through an examination to acquire the position of probationary notary public, followed by a two-year traineeship period and the passing of the final examination for admission in the notary public profession; b) through an examination for individuals who have exerted a specialised legal position for at least 6 years;

c) by appointment in the position of notary public, upon request, without examination, of the former judges serving at the High Court of Cassation and Justice (the supreme body in the hierarchy of Romanian courts of law) to whom the mandate for which they were appointed expired or, as the case may be, were released from their positions for non-imputable reasons.

No matter what pathway is chosen, the university degree in law is mandatory. The notaries public are appointed by order of the minister of justice and must take an oath before the minister of justice and the president of the National Union of Notaries Public.

This information can be found by consulting art. 22, 24 and 39 of the Law no. 36/1995 on Notaries Public and Notarial Activity, with the subsequent amendments.

192-2. Are notaries appointed to office for an undetermined period (i.e. "for life" = until the official age of retirement)?

[X] yes, please indicate the age of retirement:65. After reaching the age of 75, the notary public can exercise his / her function only if he / she annually presents a medical certificate that states that he/she is medically and psychologically capable to exercise this function.

[] no, please specify the duration of the appointment:

Comments - are there exceptions (e.g. dismissal as a disciplinary sanction)? Please specify: After reaching the age of 75, the notary public can exercise his / her function only if he / she annually presents a medical certificate that states that he/she is medically and psychologically capable to exercise this function.

According to art. 41 of the Law no. 36/1995 on Notaries Public and Notarial Activity, with the subsequent amendments, the quality of notary public ceases in the following cases:

a)written relinquishment of the quality of notary public;

b)ascertainment of the incapacity to work, according to the law;

c)uninterrupted and unjustified failure of the notary public to exert his function for at least 6 months;

d)exclusion from the profession as a disciplinary sanction, according to the provisions of the law;

e)obvious professional incapacity, ascertained through verification exercised under the provisions of the law; f)definitive conviction or postponement of the application of the punishment for committing a work-related criminal offence or a different intentional criminal offence;

g)the notary public no longer fulfils the provisions of article 22 letters a)-g) of the law (meaning that the person no longer fulfils the conditions to become a notary public);

h)ascertainment of an irreversible mental illness, through the procedure provided by art. 42 par. (3) of the law; i)death.

9.1.2 Activities/scope of competences

194. What kind of activities do notaries perform (multiple options possible):

	Please select one option
Authentication	 () Yes, exclusively performed by notaries (X) Yes, but not exclusively performed by notaries
	() No [] NAP
Certification of signatures	 () Yes, exclusively performed by notaries (X) Yes, but not exclusively performed by notaries () No [] NAP
Legalisation of signatures / Apostille	 () Yes, exclusively performed by notaries (X) Yes, but not exclusively performed by notaries () No [] NAP
Legality control of documents	 () Yes, exclusively performed by notaries () Yes, but not exclusively performed by notaries () No [X] NAP
Mediation	 () Yes, exclusively performed by notaries () Yes, but not exclusively performed by notaries (X) No [] NAP

Taking of oaths	() Yes, exclusively performed by
I AKING OF OALLIS	notaries
	(X) Yes, but not exclusively performed
	by notaries
	() No
	[]NAP
Non-contentious judicial procedures (e.g. acting as court commissioner in a	() Yes, exclusively performed by
successions file, performing divorce, division of estate, please specify)	notaries
	(X) Yes, but not exclusively performed
	by notaries
	() No
	[] NAP
Act as civil servant (for example performing marriage, please specify)	() Yes, exclusively performed by
	notaries
	() Yes, but not exclusively performed
	by notaries
	(X) No
	[]NAP
Other judicial functions (for example, payment orders)	() Yes, exclusively performed by
	notaries
	() Yes, but not exclusively performed
	by notaries
	(X) No
	[]NAP
Public auctions	() Yes, exclusively performed by
	notaries
	(X) Yes, but not exclusively performed
	by notaries
	() No
	[] NAP
Other (for example collect taxes, run registers etc.)	() Yes, exclusively performed by
	notaries
	(X) Yes, but not exclusively performed
	by notaries
	() No
	[] NAP

Comments - If "other", please specify. Please indicate any useful clarifications regarding the content of the notaries' exclusive rights or, on the opposite, other bodies that also have competences for the listed activities.

194-2. In which areas of law do notaries perform their activities (multiple options possible)?

[X] Real estate transaction

[X] Family law

[X] Succession law

[X] Company law

[] Legality control of gambling activities

[X] Protection of vulnerable persons

[X] Other

Comments

194-3. Do notaries use specialised ICT systems in their activity?

[X] In their relations with the State (e.g. courts, registries, chambers of commerce, tax authorities)

[X] In their relations with their clients

[X] In their relations with other notaries (e.g. videoconferencing, system to exchange documents)

Comments

194-4. Which computerised registries can notaries consult?

- [X] Land registry
- [X] Business registry

[X] Civil status / Population registry

[X] Succession / Family law registry

[X] Any other registry (please specify)

[] None

Comments

194-5. Are there registries/ registry infrastructures run by the notaries?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

194-6. In which computerised registries can notaries modify data (either directly or by submitting an online request)?

	Directly modifying	Indirectly modifying by submitting an online request
Land registry	() Yes	(X)Yes
	(X) No	() No
Business registry	() Yes	(X) Yes
	(X) No	() No [] NAP
Civil status/ Population registry	() Yes	(X)Yes
	(X) No]] NAP	() No [] NAP
Succession / Family law registry	(X)Yes	(X)Yes
	() No [] NAP	() No [] NAP
Any other registry (please specify)	(X)Yes	(X)Yes
	() No	() No
None	() Yes	() Yes
	(X) No	(X)No

194-7. What ICT tools are used by notaries in their relations with clients?

[] Videoconferencing (e.g. digital advice)
[X] Digital act
[] Digital identification
[X] Digital archiving
[X] Other, please specify
[] None

Comments

194-8. Who is responsible to run the digital archives?

[X] Notariat / Professional body

[] Other public authority

[] Another entity (please specify)

Comments

195. Is there an authority entrusted with supervising and monitoring the notaries' work?

(X) Yes

() No

Comments

196. If yes, which authority is responsible for supervising and monitoring notaries (multiple options possible)?

[X] professional body

[X] court

[X] Ministry of Justice

[] public prosecutor

[] other (please specify):

Comments

196-1. Is there a system of general continuous training for all notaries?

(X) Yes

() No

Comments

196-2. Do notaries have training on:

	Yes	No
European law	(X)	()

Law of another Member State (cross-border training	(X)	()	
programmes)			

Comments - If yes, please indicate the types (e.g. traditional courses, e-learning, webinar) and the major topics of the training activities:

I1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: The records of the Ministry of Justice, the applicable legislation (e.g. Law on Public Notaries and Notarial Activity no. 36/1995, republished, with the subsequent amendments).

10.Court interpreters

10.1.Details on profession of court interpreter

10.1.1Status of court interpreters

197. Is the title of court interpreters protected?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

198. Is the function of court interpreters regulated by legal norms?

(X) Yes

() No

Comments

199. Number of registered court interpreters:

[38 341] [] NA [] NAP

Comments

200. Are there binding provisions regarding the quality of court interpretation within judicial proceedings?

(X) Yes

() No

Comments - If yes, please specify (e.g. having passed a specific exam):

201. Are the courts responsible for selecting court interpreters?

[] Yes, for recruitment and/or appointment for a specific term of office

[X] Yes, for recruitment and/or appointment on an ad hoc basis, according to the specific needs of given proceedings

[] No, please specify which authority selects court interpreters

Comments

J1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: The records of the Ministry of Justice, the applicable legislation (e.g. Law no. 178/1997, with the subsequent amendments).

11.Judicial experts

11.1.Profession of judicial expert

11.1.1Status of judicial experts



202. In your system, what types of judicial experts can participate in judicial procedures (multiple replies possible):

[X] Experts designated by the parties in support of their arguments but bound by a duty of independence and impartiality to the court

[X] Experts appointed by the court or other authority independent of the parties

[] Other system of judicial expertise, please specify

Comments - Please specify who is proposing and appointing experts in an individual case.

202-1. Are there lists or any other form of official registration for judicial experts?

(X) Yes

() No

Comments

202-1-1. If yes, at which level is the list established (multiple replies possible):

- [X] national
- [] administrative district or federal entity
- [X] judicial district
- [] other

Comments - Please, indicate any other comment regarding these lists or databases of experts, if they do exist (e.g. does the expert take an oath? How are his/her skills evaluated? By whom?): The quality of judicial technical expert is acquired on the basis of an exam or an interview, organized by the Ministry of Justice, in compliance with the conditions stipulated by the provisions of art. 10, art. 101 and art. 12 of Ordinance no. 2/2000 regarding the organization of the activity of judicial and extrajudicial technical expertise.

The examination of judicial technical expert aims to verify the level of knowledge of future experts in the specialty for which they are applying, the level of knlowledge of the normative acts related to the respective specialty, of the provisions of the civil and criminal procedure codes regarding the expertise and of other normative acts regulating the activity of judicial technical expertise, the rights and obligations of experts.

The interview for acquiring the quality of judicial technical expert in a certain specialty aims to verify the level of knowledge of the provisions of the civil and criminal procedure codes regarding the expertise, as well as of the provisions of other normative acts regulating the activity of judicial technical expertise, as well as the rights and obligations of experts.

202-1-2. Are these lists publicly available?

(X) Yes, available on the internet

() Yes

() No

Comments

202-2. Which authority is competent for the registration of judicial experts?

- [X] Ministry of justice
- [] Courts
- [] Administrative body
- [X] Independent body (association of judicial experts)
- [] Other

Comments - Please also specify the registration criteria: The Ministry of Justice is responsible for registering judicial experts, excepting the accounting experts and tax consultants, who are registered by their professional bodies (The Body of Expert and Licensed Accountants of Romania and The Chamber of Tax Consultants from Romania).

202-3. Is the registration of judicial experts limited in time?

() Yes, for how long

(X) No

Comments

202-4. Can an expert who is not on the list or not registered be appointed in a case?

() Yes

(X) No

Comment - If yes, please specify in which cases:

203. Is the title of judicial experts protected?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments - If appropriate, please explain the meaning of this protection:

203-1. Does the judicial expert have an obligation of training?

	Obligation of training
Initial training	() Yes (X) No
Continuous training	(X) Yes () No

Comments

203-2. If yes, does this training concern:

[X] judicial proceedings

[X] the profession of expert

[] other

Comments

204. Is the function of judicial experts regulated by legal norms?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments

204-1. On the occasion of a task entrusted to him/her, does the judicial expert have to report any potential conflicts of interest?

(X)Yes

() No

Comments - If yes, please specify:

205. Number of accredited or registered judicial experts:

	Total	Male	Female
Number of experts	7 438	3 912	3 526
	[]NA []NAP	[]NA []NAP	[] NA [] NAP

Comments The observed fluctuations derive from the rhythm of organizing the contests and the results related to these contests.

206-1. Number of cases where expert opinion was ordered by a judge or requested by the parties

	Number of cases
Total (1+2+3+4)	
	[X] NA
	[] NAP
1. Civil and commercial litigious cases	
	[X] NA
	[] NAP
2.Administrative cases	
	[X] NA
	[] NAP
3.Criminal cases	
	[X] NA
	[] NAP
4. Other cases	
	[X] NA
	[] NAP

Comments

205-1. Who defines the amount of the expert remuneration?

In civil/administrative cases	In criminal cases

Defined by law/by-law or a special regulation	() Yes	() Yes
	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Defined by the court/judge	(X)Yes	(X)Yes
	() No	() No
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Defined by Ministry of Justice or another ministry (setting	() Yes	() Yes
a tariff for example)	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Salary of public official (in case of forensic or another	() Yes	() Yes
specialist – who is public employee)	(X) No	(X) No
specialist – who is public employee)	[] NAP	[] NAP
Freely agreed between expert and the parties	(X)Yes	(X)Yes
	() No	() No
	[] NAP	[] NAP
Other	() Yes	() Yes
	(X) No	(X) No
	[] NAP	[] NAP

Comments - If other, please specify:

206. Are there binding provisions for judicial experts regarding:

	Yes	No
Deadlines to provide expertise	()	(X)
Quality of expertise	()	(X)
Other	()	(X)

[] NAP

Comments - If yes, please specify, and provide details in case there are possible sanctions:

207-1. Does the judge or another body control the progress of the expertise?

(X)Yes

() No

If yes, please specify: Article 17 (1) of the Government Ordinance no. 2/2000 on the organisation of the activity of judicial and extrajudicial technical expertise

Article 331 (2) of the Civil Procedure Code

Article 175 (5) of the Criminal Procedure Code

207-2. Are judicial experts' associations involved in:

[X] Selection processes

[X] Initial or continuous training

[X] Disciplinary procedures

[] NAP

Comments * only for the accounting experts and tax consultants, who are registered by their professional bodies (The Body of Expert and Licensed Accountants of Romania and The Chamber of Tax Consultants from Romania).

K1. Please indicate the sources for answering the questions in this part

Sources: Ordinance of the Government no. 2/2000 regarding the organization of the activity of judicial and extrajudicial technical expertise.

12.Reforms in judiciary

12.1.Foreseen reforms

12.1.1Reforms

208. Can you provide information on the current debate in your country regarding the functioning of justice? Are there undergoing or foreseen reforms? If possible, please observe the following categories:

208-1. (Comprehensive) reform plans

- [] Yes (planned)
- [] Yes (adopted)
- [] Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- [] No
- [X]NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

208-2. Budget

- [] Yes (planned)
- [] Yes (adopted)
- [] Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- [] No
- [X]NA

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Comments - If yes, please specify:
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208-3. Courts and public prosecution services (e.g. powers and organisation, structural changes e.g. reduction of the number of courts (geographic locations), competences of the courts, management and working methods, information technologies, backlogs and efficiency, court fees, renovations and construction of new buildings)

- [] Yes (planned)
- [] Yes (adopted)
- [] Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- [] No

Comments - If yes, please specify: Several projects have been initiated by the Superior Council of Magistracy aiming at improving the judicial system, among which the following should be mentioned:

-Optimization of the courts and prosecution offices by designing an integrated management mechanism that ensure predictability in decision making process;

-Assuring a more transparent judicial system through developing an efficient mechanism aiming at resolving the issue of repetitive cases. These projects involve activities and measures intended to reach the goals of redistribution of tasks within courts, to allow magistrates to focus on their core judicial tasks and to ensure the optimization of the workload of courts and public prosecution services and have among their general objectives to identify the necessary mechanisms for the development of a modern judicial system, tailored to the requirements of the contemporary society, through the identification and development of necessary legal and infra legal mechanisms as well as to improve the management capacity by implementing standard integrated management tools, in order to create the necessary prerequisites for a predictable process of adopting managerial decisions, especially regarding human resource components, capacity to manage the workload, accurate estimation of the need for human resources and the distribution of tasks. Moreover, these initiatives have a technological component designed to modernize the administration of justice, to help both courts and prosecution offices to improve the cases' allocation and to simplify the judicial proceedings, as well as to improve access to justice through a more predictable and transparent process.

208-4. Access to justice and legal aid

- [] Yes (planned)
- [] Yes (adopted)
- [] Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- [] No
- [X]NA

Comments - If yes, please specify: The Superior Council of Magistracy carries out several projects in the matter of improving access to justice and legal aid out of which the following should be mentioned: - one of the projects aims at improving professional training and strengthening the judicial capacity under the Norwegian financing program 2014-2021, ongoing; among the scheduled activities to be carried out during October 2021 – June 2023 there should be mentioned a number of 9 workshops and 2 conferences to be organised on the topic of improving access to justice of vulnerable groups especially for Roma population. - another project on transparency, accessibility and judicial education that has been implemented by the CSM since 2018; among the activities the following should be mentioned: making available and submitting a number of 80000 informative packages on rights of vulnerable groups, namely on legal aid means, on social services they are entitled to access, anti-discriminatory measures available, against domestic violence, rights in terms of victims' protection etc. Moreover, there should be mentioned the 2021-2022 awareness champagne for citizens, in this matter, focused among other components on advertising spots in the outdoors and also through audio-visual and online channels, brochures for court users on the role of the institutions within the Judiciary, as well as guidance in court (materials that are being printed, including Braille and audio) or specialized brochures on criminal law, family law, citizens' rights etc. are being prepared, the general goal being to inform the general public and to increase the degree of legal education as well as to support and improve citizens' access information on the rights and obligations arising from the law.

208-5. High Judicial Council

- [] Yes (planned)
- [] Yes (adopted)
- [] Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- [] No
- [X]NA

Comments - If yes, please specify: Among the projects initiated by the Superior Council of Magistracy the following should be mentioned, namely the project on strengthening the Council's management capacity by assuring consistent decision making processes, a better management in terms of human resources, clear and functional work procedures, a more opened organizational culture and an

improved documents' management system.

208-6. Legal professionals (judges, public prosecutors, lawyers, notaries, enforcement agents, etc.): organisation, education and training, etc.

- [] Yes (planned)
- [] Yes (adopted)
- [] Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- [] No
- [X] NA

Comments - If yes, please specify: In terms of in-service professional training for legal professionals within the projects implemented by the Superior Council of Magistracy on improving professional training and judicial capacity, a high number of training activities are being organised, among which, 130 training activities in the matter of public procurement, administrative litigations, fiscal procedure, EECHR jurisprudence, judicial civil and criminal cooperation, hearing techniques for minors, improving access to justice for vulnerable groups etc.. some of these activities are ongoing and some are to be organised in the next period 2022-2023. Moreover, the in-service training for magistrates approaches both an European and a national component aiming at disseminating and implementing best practices in different judicial matters. Within the project dedicated to transparency, accessibility and judicial education a number of 36 training sessions are dedicated to communication within the judicial system and have been successfully organised during 2021.

208-7. Gender balance

- [] Yes (planned)
- [] Yes (adopted)
- [] Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- [] No
- [X]NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

208-8. Reforms regarding civil, criminal and administrative laws, international conventions and cooperation activities

- [] Yes (planned)
- [] Yes (adopted)
- [] Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- [] No
- [X]NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

208-9. Enforcement of court decisions and in particular regarding decisions against public authorities

- [] Yes (planned)
- [] Yes (adopted)
- [] Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- [] No
- [X]NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

208-10. Mediation and other Alternative Dispute Resolution

- [] Yes (planned)
- [] Yes (adopted)
- [] Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)

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[ ] No
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[ X ] NA
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Comments - If yes, please specify:

208-11. Fight against crime

- [] Yes (planned)
- [] Yes (adopted)
- [] Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- [] No

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[X]NA
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Comments - If yes, please specify:

208-12. Prison system

- [] Yes (planned)
- [] Yes (adopted)
- [] Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- [] No
- [X]NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

208-13. Child friendly justice

- [] Yes (planned)
- [] Yes (adopted)
- [] Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- [] No
- [X]NA

Comments - If yes, please specify: Within the project aiming at improving professional training and strengthening the judicial capacity implemented by the Superior Council of Magistracy under the Norwegian financing program 2014-2021, ongoing, a number of 15 seminars shall be organised in the matter of techniques of hearings for minors, especially for Roma population. Moreover a guidelines on best practices in this matter shall be drafted

208-14. Domestic violence

- [] Yes (planned)
- [] Yes (adopted)
- [] Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- [] No

[X]NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

208-15. New information and communication technologies

- [] Yes (planned)
- [] Yes (adopted)
- [] Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- [] No
- [X]NA

Comments - If yes, please specify:

208-16. Other

- [] Yes (planned)
- [] Yes (adopted)
- [] Yes (implemented during year of reference +1)
- [] No
- [X] NA

Comments - If yes, please specify: The Superior Council of Magistracy has also being implementing a project dedicated to improving the systems of recruitment of judges and prosecutors and to assist and evaluate them psychologically throughout the course of their professional development, including in terms of access to management, with the ultimate aim of increasing the quality of justice and improving the professional performance of the judicial system as a whole.