

# STRENGTHENING THE EFFECTIVE LEGAL REMEDIES TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SERBIA - HFII

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## MAIN OBJECTIVES

- Improving **national mechanisms for the consistent application of the European Convention on Human Rights and the ECtHR case law**, as well as the national judicial practice;
  - Fostering the **national implementation of European human rights standards**, including the execution of judgments of the ECtHR.
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## EXPECTED OUTPUTS AND RESULTS

1. Reinforced capacity of legal professionals, including judges, prosecutors, lawyers and legal assistants, to apply the provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights and the ECtHR case law and to adequately address human rights violations identified by the ECtHR;
  2. Strengthened case law departments in courts of all levels;
  3. Secured horizontal dialogue between Serbian courts on contentious legal issues;
  4. Strengthened mechanism for the execution of judgments of the ECtHR in relation to Serbia;
  5. Strengthened office of the Government's Agent before the ECtHR.
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## KEY ACTIVITIES

- Establishment of a **permanent inter-agency working group for effective legal remedies to human rights violations**;
  - Conducting **research** in respect to the harmonization of judicial and prosecutorial practices, reasonable time standard, references to the ECHR and the ECtHR case law made by judges, execution of ECtHR judgments in relation to Serbia, human rights education at the law faculties;
  - Organising **training sessions and working seminars on the application of ECHR standards in Serbia** for judges and prosecutors, trainees of judicial academy, law students and legal professional in civil society organisations, staff of the Government Agent's Office;
  - Supporting the development of the **HELP courses related to the human rights issues** relevant to Serbia;
  - Preparation of the **manuals/guidelines on application of ECHR and standards arising from ECtHR case law** (e.g. on (non) pecuniary damages awarded on the grounds of a breach of the reasonable time, etc.).
    - \* **Supporting coordination meetings between national institutions and peer-to-peer exchanges with european colleagues/experts related to the execution of ECtHR judgments in relation to Serbia.**
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## **PARTNERS AND BENEFICIARIES**

Constitutional Court, Government Agent before the European Court of Human Rights, High Judicial Council, Judicial Academy, Law Faculty of the University of Belgrade, Ministry of European Integrations, Ministry of Justice, Republic Public Prosecutor's Office, State Prosecutorial Council, Supreme Court of Cassation.