

APPENDIX II - ROAD MAP

1. RATIONALE

The project *"Support to the Reform of the Judiciary in Serbia in the light of the CoE Standards"* aims to assess the important judicial reforms undertaken in Serbia, in particular those envisaged by the National Judicial Reform Strategy (NJRS), in the light of European standards concerning the independence, efficiency, transparency and accessibility of justice. In addition, the project aims to make recommendations to the Serbian authorities on specific measures which would ensure a continued and sustainable reform of the judiciary in Serbia and put the judicial system further in line with the above-mentioned standards. A road map, including a rough time-table for the implementation of these recommendations, should be drawn up under the project.

The road map has been drawn up on the basis of the recommendations made in the final report of the project, which in turn have been formulated bearing in mind the structure and the goals of the NJRS. As a result, the road map's recommendations should be read in close connection with the report's recommendations. For easy reading, the former recommendations have been shortened and listed by order of priority.

It is quite evident that the road map's recommendations cannot be implemented all at once, or even during the same period of time. Some measures appear to be more urgent than others and some require more effort than others. Therefore, priorities had to be established for the implementation of the specific measures aimed at ensuring the proper development of the reform of the judiciary in Serbia. The measures listed below are divided into three different groups: short term, medium term and long term activities. This division is based upon the experts' views on the priority to be conferred on the different measures. Some of the measures, being particularly important for the proper functioning of the justice system and the meeting of society's expectations must be implemented immediately (i.e. within the coming months) and used as a platform for the successful implementation of further measures. Some other measures however, could be postponed as they appear to be less urgent or they depend on the implementation of other measures.