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MOJ – UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES *MAY – SEPTEMBER 2017*

- ❑ Wide public debate on **amendments to the Constitution** in the part relating to the judiciary
- ❑ In May 2017 the MoJ launched a consultative process with civil society. Public invitation for the participation in a consultative process was published on 19 May 2017 – [CSOs invited to submit proposals for amending the Constitution in the part related to the judiciary](#)
- ❑ Analysis of received comments/suggestions from the experts and CSOs and preparation of the proposal
- ❑ Two roundtables were organized (21 July and 7 September 2017) in Belgrade with CSOs where the proposals received were considered more closely. The organization of the third roundtable in Kragujevac is in progress.



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ROUND TABLES – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION – JULY/ SEPTEMBER



RAFU MOJ – UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES *MAY - SEPTEMBER 2017*

Chapter 23 related activities:

- ✓ **Reports on AP23 implementation in I & II quarter 2017**; preparations of the report for III quarter in progress <https://www.mpravde.gov.rs/tekst/16335/izvestaj-br-22017-o-sprovodjenju-akcionog-plana-za-poglavlje-23.php>
- ✓ Statistical reports on AP23 implementation in I & II quarter 2017
- ✓ Development of the ***Second Biannual Report on AP23 implementation for the European Commission***

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- ✓ *Government Priority Program*: collection and processing of relevant data for Implementation group 4
- ✓ Presentation of the system of whistle-blowers protection in the Republic of Serbia at the „*Regional Workshop on obstacles to good governance in the Western Balkans: how to effectively prevent and address corruption in the private sector*“ in Trieste, Italy
- ✓ Reports on human rights state of play (UPR, Lanzarote Committee, CEDAW)
- ✓ Support in drafting Law on Protection of Rights of National Minorities & Law on National Councils of National Minorities
- ✓ Templates for reporting for all stakeholders in charge of implementation of the National Strategy for the prosecution of war crimes (NSPWC) developed
- ✓ Rulebook on Procedure for the Working Body in charge of monitoring of the NSPWC drafted
- ✓ Monitoring tools package for the monitoring of the NSPWC implementation, including : model template for reporting; -reporting guidelines for focal points; reporting calendar; guidelines for reports evaluation; guidelines for presentation of the reform results.
- ✓ Development of elements of the methodology for recording the structure/range of resources in court proceedings per case in misdemeanor courts, basic courts and prosecutors offices for 5 selected criminal offences (Functional Review recommendations)
- ✓ Budgeting AP for harmonization of regulations on professions
- ✓ Development of instruction & methodology for description of typical positions in the field of finances in the judiciary
- ✓ Public presentation at the roundtables(21 July 2017) in Belgrade with CSOs on Constitutional amendments
- ✓ Drafting of Guidelines for the Improvement of Mediation in the Republic of Serbia
- ✓ Analysis of the EU acquis and international legislation on lobbying and Serbian legal framework; recommendations for alignment; Draft text of the Law on lobbying
- ✓ Civil Procedure Code – support to the WG
- ✓ Support to the WG for uniformity of case law
- ✓ Support to MoJ in quarterly reporting on implementation of the AP Ch 23 activities in ICT field
- ✓ Analysis of CMS from the perspective of interim benchmarks and the track record needs

RAFU MOJ – ACCESS TO JUSTICE *MAY – SEPTEMBER 2017*

Draft Law on Free Legal Aid

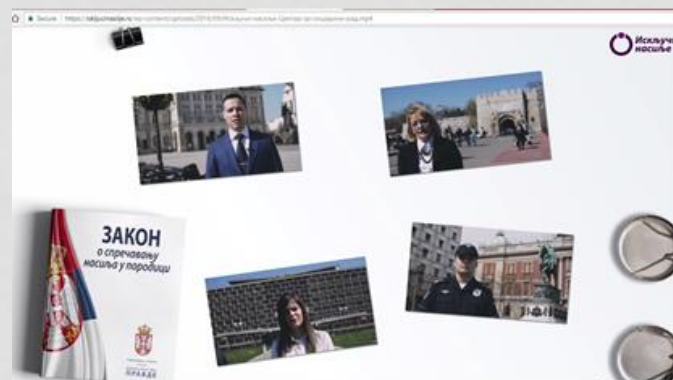
- ✓ Continuous negotiations with the Bar and CSOs in progress
- ✓ **Proposal for amendments to the Article 67 of the Constitution**
- ✓ **Round tables on FLA providers across Serbia starting from September** – presentation, identification of topics and relevant local stakeholders as partners in implementation

Developed **new Draft Law on Personal Data Protection** in line with the EU *acquis*

- ✓ Support provided in drafting the law; Draft submitted to an international expert for opinion
- ✓ Final analysis of the alignment in preparation, working meetings scheduled for 18 – 22 September

COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- Implementation of public campaign “Off violence” (supported by MDTF and USAID through technical advice and support for making videos ([video 1](#), [video 2](#), [video 3](#), [video 4](#), [video 5](#), [video 6](#)) and infographics, organization of media events, creation of social media posts etc.



- Managing of content on web site www.iskljucinasilje.rs
- Daily support to implementation of communication activities of the MoJ and managing of content on Social Networks related to the MoJ activities
- Preparation of texts and images that have been published in the Newsletters

RAFU MOJ – UPDATE ON TRAINING *MAY – SEPTEMBER 2017*

- Bilateral/multilateral consultative meetings – Roma Action Plan, amendments to the laws on national minorities & implementation of the AP for National Minorities
- Several Workshops in the field of finances and budgeting methodology implementation focused on budgeting strategic documents
- Staff training at the MOJ on reporting on UN mechanisms
- Staff training at OHMR on monitoring the AP Exercise of the Rights of National Minorities

Planned trainings/workshops

- ✓ On-the-job training– support to relevant departments at the MOJ in the process of implementation of the AP23
- ✓ Staff training at MoJ on access to justice initiatives (legislative, new competences)
- ✓ Staff training at MoJ on legislative changes arising from the acquis alignment in different fields

MOJ PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- ❑ Implementation of the activities in APCH23 and APCH24
- ❑ Amendments to the Constitution – preparatory activities, public debate
- ❑ Wide public debate across Serbia on the Draft Law on FLA and subsequent adoption
- ❑ Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code in line with the new EU acquis on procedural safeguards
- ❑ Adoption of the Law on Personal Data Protection
- ❑ Analysis of necessary amendments of legislative framework to fulfil recommendations of international human rights bodies
- ❑ Effective promotion of the activities related to APCH23 implementation
- ❑ Public campaigns related to achieved results, aimed at increasing citizens' awareness

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- Structure Support Program (IT and Office Equipment delivered to the SPC, Commercial Appellate Court in Belgrade, Commercial Court in Belgrade, Subotica, Uzice and Kragujevac)
 - to motivate courts to improve their efficiency and productivity in processing cases
 - based on the assessment of employees on the identification of equipment that will improve their court performance
- CERTIFICATION COURSES IN VARIOUS IT FIELDS- 209 employees from the SCC, HJC, the Court of Appeal in Belgrade, the Administrative Court and the Commercial Court in Belgrade passed exams for:
 - A. ECDL Start
 - B. ECDL Advanced
 - C. Administering Windows Server
 - D. Querying Microsoft SQL Server
 - E. Developing Microsoft SQL Server Databases
 - improvement of business skills and efficiency, thus providing equal career opportunities to everyone in terms of European integration

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- Second round of CERTIFICATION COURSES IN VARIOUS ISO FIELDS (ISO27001, ISO20000, ISO22301, ISO31000, ISO21500) for 62 employees from Appellate Public Prosecutor's Offices in Belgrade, Novi Sad and Nis; Higher Public Prosecutors Office in Nis; First, Second and Third Basic Public Prosecutor's Office in Belgrade; Basic Public Prosecutors Office in Nis and Leskovac; SPC, HJC, MOJ
- MULTI-SITE SYSTEM FOR THE SERBIA PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE WEBSITES (process in the tender evaluation phase):
 - Web design and templates production for basic, higher and appellate prosecutor's office
 - System ready, up and running, trainings completed, user manual delivered, support and remote assistance procedure delivered)

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PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- Certification courses in various IT-related subjects (ECDL base, Microsoft Word, Administering Windows Server 2012, Querying Microsoft SQL Server) for 749 participants from SCC, HJC, SPC, MOJ and other courts (Appellate courts, Higher Courts, Basic Courts, Misdemeanor Court of Appeal, Misdemeanor Courts, Commercial Court of Appeal, Commercial Courts)
- Trainings in AVP and SAPS for statisticians, registry offices/administrative/IT staff and secretaries of courts (Appellate courts, Higher Courts, Basic Courts, Misdemeanor Court of Appeal, Misdemeanor Courts, Commercial Court of Appeal, Commercial Courts) including SCC and HJC for ~ 600 participants
- Shopping of hardware and IT equipment for functioning of Prosecutor's Office websites (in accordance with specs that are to be prepared by Serbia Prosecutors' Office Websites Service Provider)
- Procurement of HR software and software for budget planning for SPC

SCC- UPDATE

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- ❑ European Judicial Academy (ERA) Summer Course on European Labor Law - participation of 2 judicial advisors from SCC, 3-7 July 2017
- ❑ European Judicial Academy (ERA) Summer Course on WTO and EU Trade Law, - participation of 2 judicial advisors from SCC, 3-7 July 2017
- ❑ European Judicial Academy (ERA) Summer Course on European Data Protection Law Trier, participation of 2 judicial advisors from SCC, 11-15 September 2017
- ❑ Semi-annual Report on Work of All Courts drafted, printed and disseminated to all courts and part of the donor community
- ❑ ICT training needs-assessment conducted, and, subsequently training designed
- ❑ BLR WG Meeting organized and conducted

SCC PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- ❑ "Criminal Legislation and European Integration" (Chapter 23) - 5 judicial advisors (from SCC Criminal Department) appointed to attend this conference, organized by the Serbian Association for Criminal Law and Practice, Zlatibor, 21-23 September 2017
- ❑ Fourth Meeting of 50 judicial advisors & judicial assistants from SCC, state-level courts, Appellate Courts and Higher Courts on the harmonization of jurisprudence, with a focus on the relationship between Strasbourg and the Luxembourg jurisprudence (as an issue being among top challenges of the European Case Law) in cooperation with the Council of Europe, Novi Sad, 24 October 2017
- ❑ Conference "Solved disputed legal issues regarding Law on Enforcement and Security – a summary of 5 round-tables for Basic, Higher and Commercial Courts held in 2017" (in cooperation of SCC, MDTF, JEP, USAID BEP & Council of Europe) , October 2017
- ❑ Visit to Court of Justice of EU (CJEU) Luxemburg for up to 14 SCC Justices, as a tool for acknowledgment on Court of Justice of EU Case-Law, 19-21 November 2017

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