KEY RESULTS EXPECTED FROM THE PROJECT

- Further developed methods for the identification of training needs of judges and prosecutors
- An elaborated competency framework for the judges and prosecutors
- Further developed professional capacities and training skills of judicial trainers
- Elaborated comprehensive training packages in the fields of criminal, civil, fiscal and commercial law
- Further developed training programs of Kosovo’s Judicial Institute (KJI)
- Enhanced capacities of KJI in strategic planning and management
- An updated and amended KJI database with additional modules / tools
- Enhanced professional capacities of KJI management and staff
- Delivered relevant trainings for KJI staff

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EU TWINNING PROJECTS

Twinning Projects are partnerships between public bodies of European Union member states and candidate or partner countries. With this instrument, the EU supports especially candidate countries in the EU accession process.

Kosovo is a potential European Union candidate that signed the Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) in October 2015. The SAA provides a comprehensive framework for improved political dialogue and economic relations between Kosovo and the EU. It has direct implications on the judicial sector by setting priorities in the field of justice, freedom and security, focusing on enforcing the rule of law, preventing and fighting corruption, supporting the recruitment and training of qualified staff within the judiciary.

This Twinning project will directly contribute to the said SAA by supporting the necessary reforms in the judicial sector, focusing on vocational education and training (VET) for judges and prosecutors.

In specific, the project provides institutional support to the main VET provider for judges and prosecutors, the Kosovo Judicial Institute (KJI). Main emphasis is placed on enhancing institutional training capacities and further developing training management. In this context, relevant professional competencies for judges and prosecutors will be established for needs assessments and for the elaboration of new training curricula. Trainers and KJI staff will be actively involved in this process.

SCOPE AND STRUCTURE OF THE PROJECT

This Twinning Project is financed by the EU funds (1,000,000 EUR). KJI will work in close cooperation with the German Foundation of International Legal Cooperation (IRZ) and the Dutch Center of International Legal Cooperation (CILC). The project’s duration is 30 months (from 1st of February 2016 until 31st of July 2018).

It is composed of two closely interrelated components.

Component 1:
Component 1 consists mainly of the elaboration of a competency framework for judges and prosecutors, comprehensive training needs assessment, development of new training curricula with particular training of trainers.

Component 2:
The support for training management at KJI ranges full-scale from needs assessment to training evaluation. KJI staff will be trained on the job and the electronic database will be updated.

MAIN OBJECTIVES

• The overall objective is to strengthen the rule of law via improving the legal education in Kosovo, particularly in further increasing capacities of relevant institutions as well as inter-institutional cooperation in the justice sector.

• The purpose is to increase the capacities of the justice sector by strengthening the capacities of the Kosovo Judicial Institute (KJI).

THE BENEFICIARIES

• The Kosovo Judicial Institute (KJI) as primary beneficiary and

• In general, the judicial sector of Kosovo, including the Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC), the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) and the Ministry of Justice (MoJ)

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