

# High Inspector of Justice

## NEWSLETTER

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### HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE COMMENCES THE COOPERATION WITH INSPECTORATE OF BULGARIA

High Inspector of Justice Artur the two High Inspectors Metani received Mrs. Toedora confirmed their willingness to Tochkova, Inspector General of improve the bilateral cooperation the Inspectorate to the in the exchange of practices for Supreme Judicial Council of the the investigation of disciplinary Republic of Bulgaria and the violations and inspections as well accompanying delegation on a as in matters of common interest. working visit. During the meeting



Mr. Metani and Mrs. Tochkova pointed out that based on the function of their institutions, there is a common interest in guaranteeing the functioning of the rule of law, the independence of the justice system, the right to a fair trial and the protection of the public interest.



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### Cooperation between High Inspector of Justice and Inspectorate of Bulgaria

This working visit marks the beginning of a concrete cooperation between the High Inspector of Justice of the Republic of Albania and the Inspectorate to the Supreme Judicial Council of the Republic of Bulgaria and it is part of the contacts that the Office of the High Inspector of Justice is establishing with the European counterparts so as to exchange the best work practices.



## Complaint Process at HIJ

The Office of the High Inspector of Justice continues with intensive work to confirm the complaints carried and those administered since February 1, 2020, when it was established as an institution.

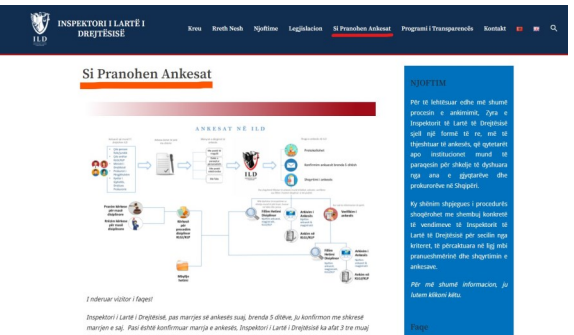
To facilitate this process for interested persons, HIJ has published on the official website a special complaint form, which:

- ⇒ can be completed directly and submitted online;
- ⇒ can be downloaded, completed and sent by email to info@ild.al
- ⇒ or by mail at the address Boulevard "Dëshmorët e Kombit", Building no.13, Tirana.
- ⇒ It can also be completed by presenting at the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, if necessary, to ask for assistance of

the team of the Complaints Office.

Upon receipt of the complaint, the High Inspector of Justice within 5 days confirms in writing its receipt.

The criteria for the admissibility of the complaint are published on the official website of HIJ [www.ild.al](http://www.ild.al), in the section "How to receive complaints".



***"The main commitment of the High Inspector of Justice Office is that judicial functions in the Republic of Albania must be performed independently, impartially and with integrity through a system of responsibility and accountability."***

### COMPLAINT SECTOR

The HIJ Complaint Sector is responsible for guaranteeing the right of citizens to information and transparency to the public. This Sector monitors the complaints traceability in the system and provides answers to complainants on their complaint stage. As part of the transparency program, in order to increase the communication with the interested citizens, the High Inspector of Justice Office in addition to the official address and the official Web, has made available the telephone number +355 4 2217217.

### STATISTICS

During **September**, the Office of High Inspector of Justice received **70 complaints** made by citizens and institutions.

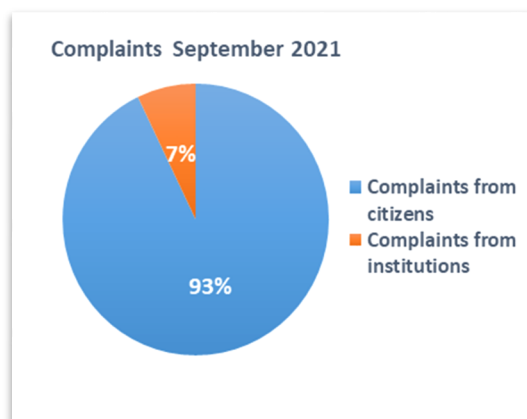
*This total figure resulted in:*

**65 complaints** filed by citizens;

**5 complaints** filed by institutions;

**37 phone calls** with citizens, who asked information about the stage of their complaints or asked for assistance in how to complete the Form of the Complaint.

**29 meetings** with citizens.



The High Inspector of Justice Office has performed the standard confirmation process of receiving complaints for all the new complaints submitted during September, 2021.

Complaints against judges and prosecutors are referred to the inspectors and they are at different stages of the process such as the initial consideration, verification and the archiving together with relevant

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED BETWEEN HIJ AND THE INSPECTORATE TO THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF BULGARIA

The High Inspector of Justice of Albania and the Inspectorate to the Supreme Judicial Council of the Republic of Bulgaria formalized the cooperation between them by signing a joint memorandum of understanding.



The memorandum, which was signed at the premises of HIJ, between High Inspector of Justice Artur Metani and Inspector General Toedora Tochkova, provides for the exchange of best practices and experiences, in the framework of verifying complaints procedures, investigating disciplinary violations, initiating disciplinary proceedings against magistrates, as well as implementing institutional and thematic inspections.

The exchange of information on the legal system and legislation in the field of disciplinary proceedings against magistrates, law enforcement measures in their areas of jurisdiction and their international experience applicable during the disciplinary investigation procedure, including the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights, is another dimension of the memorandum of understanding along with the exchange of experience on how to communicate with the public in order to guarantee the principle of transparency and protection of personal data and the integrity of magistrates.





## HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE, ENCOURAGEMENT FOR AMBITIOUS JURISDICTION STUDENTS

Office of the High Inspector of Justice as part of its vision, has the hospitality for professional practice of ambitious students, who want to deepen their knowledge, by looking closely at how HIJ works.

In September, Maxim Kasolowsky, a student from Germany who has chosen to study law at Oxford University, has joined the HIJ team for an internship.

Mr. Kasolowsky focused his practice at HIJ in disciplinary investigation against judges and prosecutors, a practice which in Albania is now carried out by a single institution, such as the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, as well as a comparison with European practices.

The High Inspector of Justice Metani and members of the cabinet attended the presentation of Mr. Kasolowski on the best practices of counterpart inspection institutions in Europe, a documentation of his research work at the Office of the High Inspector of Justice.

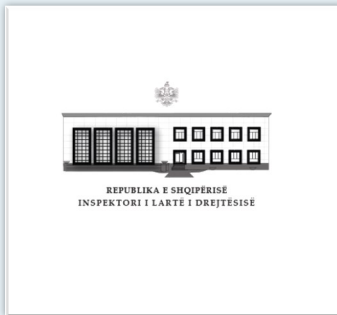


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