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As part of the HIJ goal to have a real cooperation with the law faculties of our country's universities, High Inspector of Justice Mr. Artur Metani signed a memorandum of cooperation with Mr. Skender Topi, Rector of University of Elbasan "Aleksandër Xhuvani".

The purposes of this memorandum are to organize joint activities focusing on legal and professional education in the field of justice, including initiatives of research and academic nature, to use joint capacities for designing educational programs that serve the student community and especially to provide opportunities for students of the Department of Law to do internships at the High Inspector of Justice Office.

After signing the memorandum, Rector Prof. Dr. Skender Topi underlined that the implementation starts immediately, with the open lecture of the High Inspector of Justice with the students of the Department of Law.

"We have signed many agreements with local and foreign institutions, but I think this one today is a very big support coming from a high constitutional institution – the High Inspector of Justice. In addition to joint activities, open lectures, this agreement also provides for the best students to do their internships at the High Inspector of Justice Office, a valuable experience for their professional future," said Rector Topi.



“The memorandum that we signed today has three main purposes, firstly to present the work and functions of the HIJ, something that in fact should have been done from the beginning by each of us, new institutions of justice, so that the public opinion can understand our functions and roles in the architecture of the justice system, according to the predictions of the justice reform. Second, law students will have the

opportunity to do their internship at HIJ Office, a good opportunity to help them see first-hand how the work of judges and prosecutors is monitored. Thirdly, in addition to joint activities and lecturers, students themselves will have the opportunity to give a qualified professional opinion about the HIJ at request, helping, among other things, to spread the legal culture in the community”, said Mr. Metani.





At the beginning of the open lecture with the students of the law department of “Aleksandër Xhuvani” University, the dean of the Faculty of Economics Prof. As. Dr. Imelda Sejдини praised the HIJ work. Despite being a new institution, HIJ has managed to set work standards from the beginning, which is a challenging process, a fact also highlighted by the head of the Law Department,

Prof. Dr. Arbër Gjata.

During the lecture with the students of the law department of “Aleksandër Xhuvani” University, Mr. Metani talked about how young people see the justice system, its functioning, including here the institution responsible for disciplinary violations of judges and prosecutors at every level in the country, which is the High Inspector of Justice.





The European Center distributed informative leaflets about HIJ to the students, as part of HIJ's cooperation with CSOs, which monitor the new justice institutions.





HIJ supervising role on the system: The High Inspector of Justice Metani met with american ambassador Yuri Kim

The High Inspector of Justice held a working meeting with the U.S. ambassador to Albania, Mrs. Yuri Kim, on the progress of HIJ's work and the efforts of justice institutions to strengthen citizens' trust in justice. Ambassador Kim made this post on Twitter about the meeting with Mr. Metani.

one of the key institutions of justice reform.

The role of HIJ in supervising the discipline of judges, prosecutors, and members of Councils is fundamentally critical for the justice system in Albania.

"U.S. Ambassador Yuri Kim met with the High Inspector of Justice, Artur Metani, who heads

The U.S. will continue to help strengthen justice institutions, such as the HIJ, as they are strengthened to take further Albania's EU integration."





COMPLAINTS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTOR

Communication with citizens is part of the daily work of the High Inspector of Justice. For this reason, part of the changes in the organizational structure of the HIJ office, in order to make the institution as functional as possible, is the completion of the complaints sector with the dimension of public relations, "The "Complaints and Public Relations Sector" is responsible for guaranteeing citizens' right to information and transparency towards the public.

This sector follows the traceability of complaints in the system and provides answers to complainants, on the stage at which their complaint is being processed

Coordinator for the right to information is part of this sector





While assisting the complainants

The team of complaints office welcomes citizens-complainants every working day from 09:00 am to 02:00 pm, while for increased communication with interested citizens, in ad-

dition to communication through the website and official address, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice has made available the phone number **+355 4 2217217**.

*During the month of **April 2023**, the Complaints and Public Relations Sector received:*

***23 complainants**, who appeared at the premises of the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, and **10 phone calls** from citizens, who requested information on the stage of their complaints or Information on completing the TIP complaint form.*

Filling a complaint



COORDINATOR FOR THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION

In accordance with the principles and rules provided for in law no. 119/2014 "On the right to information", the coordinator for the right to information in the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, enables every applicant the right to be familiar with public information, as well as communicates according to the need with the applicant regarding the processing of the request for public information.

Requests for information are filed by citizens, legal entities, interested groups,

and can be sent through the "Albanian Post", e-mail at the address: info@ild.al, as well as the e-mail of the coordinator for the right to information: amanta.jasa@ild.al.

The information provided in the transparency program is published and continuously updated in the register of requests and responses, within the legal deadline.

MONTHLY FIGURES

During April 2023, at the Office of High Inspector of Justice, 13 requests for information were received, which were processed in all cases within 5 days (the law provides that applicants to return response within 10 days).

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, in the section "How to receive complaints".

APRI OF HIJ IN NUMBERS

During **April** the Office of High Inspector of Justice has administered **56** complaints, **53** of which were submitted by citizens and **3** submitted by institutions.

The High Inspector of Justice Office has performed the standard confirmation process of receiving complaints for all the new complaints submitted during **April 2023**. 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 decisions.

VERIFICATIONS

34 verification decisions, of which:

- ⇒ **21** verification decisions, initial review (ILD);
- ⇒ **13** verification decisions (files backlog, by the former HJC)

DISCIPLINARY INVESTIGATIONS

1 decision to initiate a disciplinary investigation for 1 magistrate

2 decisions to close the disciplinary investigation for 5 magistrates

1 decision to continue the investigation for 1 magistrate

2 requests for disciplinary proceedings for 2 magistrates

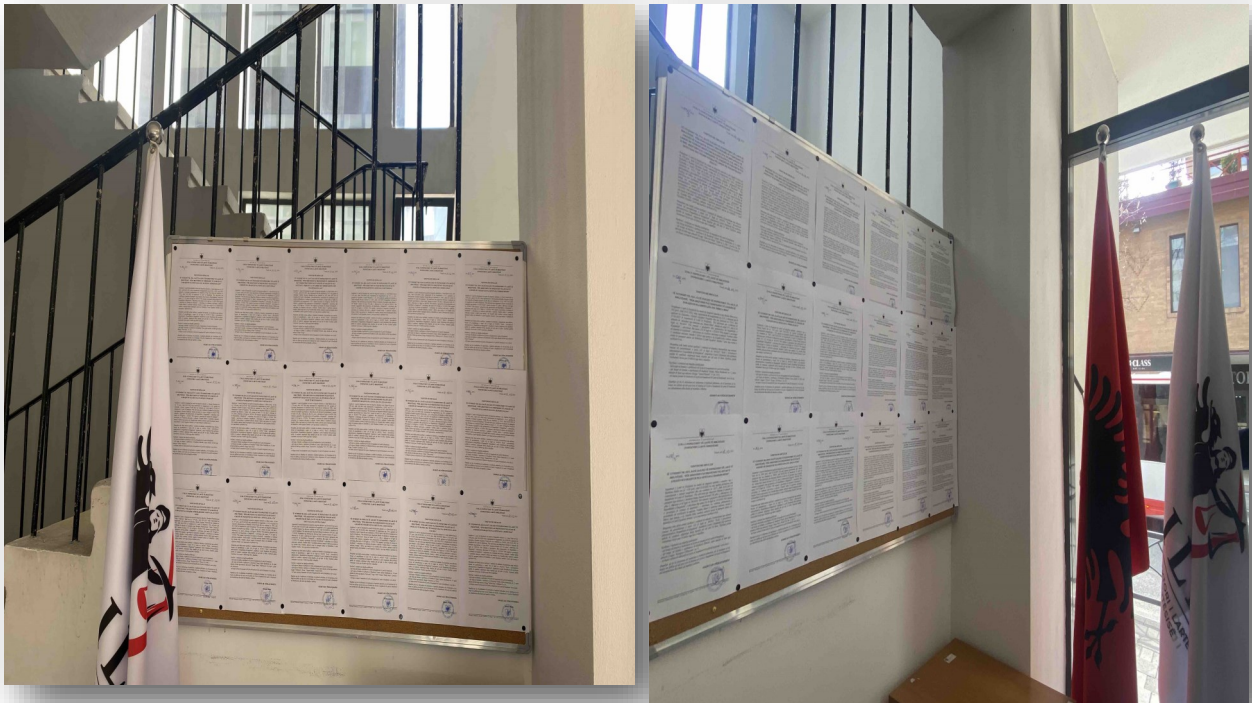
ARCHIVES

173 archiving decisions from 221 reviewed practices:

- ⇒ **59** archiving decisions after initial review (complaints received at HIJ);
- ⇒ **49** archiving decisions after the initial review (files carried by the former HJC);
- ⇒ **65** archiving decisions after verification, of which:
 - ◆ **10** archiving decisions after verification (complaints received at HIJ);
 - ◆ **55** archiving decisions after verification (files carried by the former HIJ)
- * **69** archiving decisions from 107 handled complaints (complaints received at HIJ)
- * **104** archiving decisions out of 114 handled complaints (files carried over from the former HJC)

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISIONS

Even during the month of **April**, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice made public announcements of archiving decisions for 26 complainants, who were unreachable at the addresses communicated by them. In addition to the stands of the ILD, according to the law, these announcements are also found on our official website and posted in the stands of the municipalities where the complainants come from. The Office of the High Inspector of Justice has made a total of 262 public announcements



INFORMATION

Due to the reconstruction of the building, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice has been transferred for a period of time to the address: Street "Abdi Toptani", Building No. 5, 3rd floor, Tirana (at the State Advocacy).

The schedules for communication with citizens who want information or to submit a complaint to the HIJ (High Inspector of Justice) will remain unchanged. The team of the Complaints Office will welcome you every working day from 09:00 am to 02:00 pm.

Citizens will be welcomed on the first floor of the institution.



THE ENVIRONMENT AS A COMMON SUBJECT OF EUROPEAN JUSTICE

The Office of the High Inspector of Justice participated in the next activity of the European Network of Justice Inspection Services (RESIJ), within the framework of the cooperation and exchange of experience for the protection of the environment by national justice inspection authorities.

The activity attended by HIJ advisors Isida Koka and Mimoza Kociu was held in the premises of the Superior Council of the Judiciary of Portugal, in Lisbon, under the auspices of the member of the Supreme Court of Justice, at the same time vice president of the Superior Council of the Judiciary Mr. José Lameira.





Heads of criminal justice and administrative authorities, from the Prosecutor General of the Republic, the Portuguese Environment Agency, The General Inspection of Agriculture, Sea, Environment and Spatial Planning, the police services that have responsibility in the field of environmental protection, National Republican Guard, presented the legal powers and the results of the work in envi-

ronmental protection. Concrete cases were presented by members of the Supreme Court of Justice of Lisbon.

Specific cases of criminal prosecution but also of civil liability for environmental issues were presented by the president of the Court of Appeals of Porto, members of this court and the Prosecutor General of the Republic.



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