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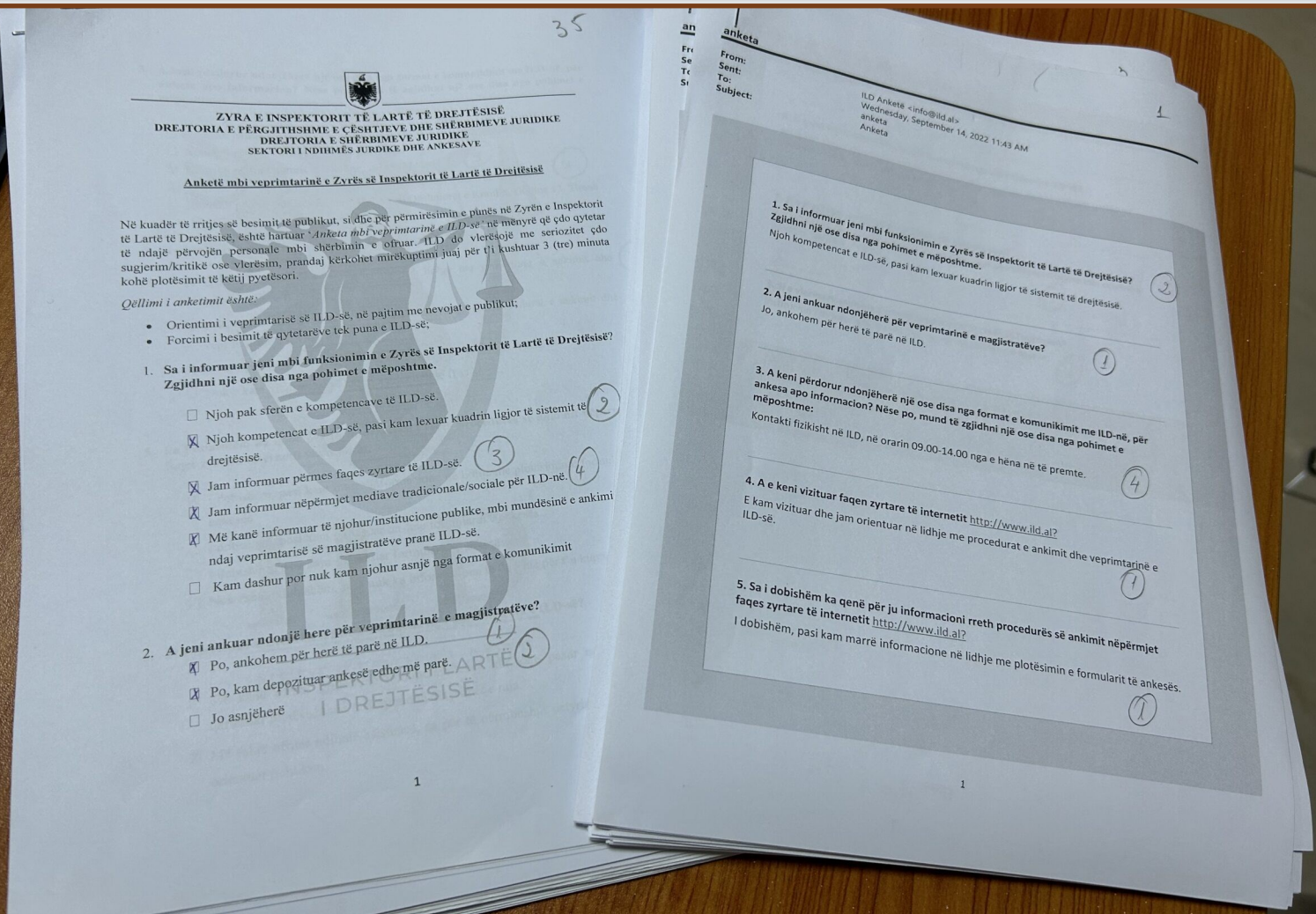


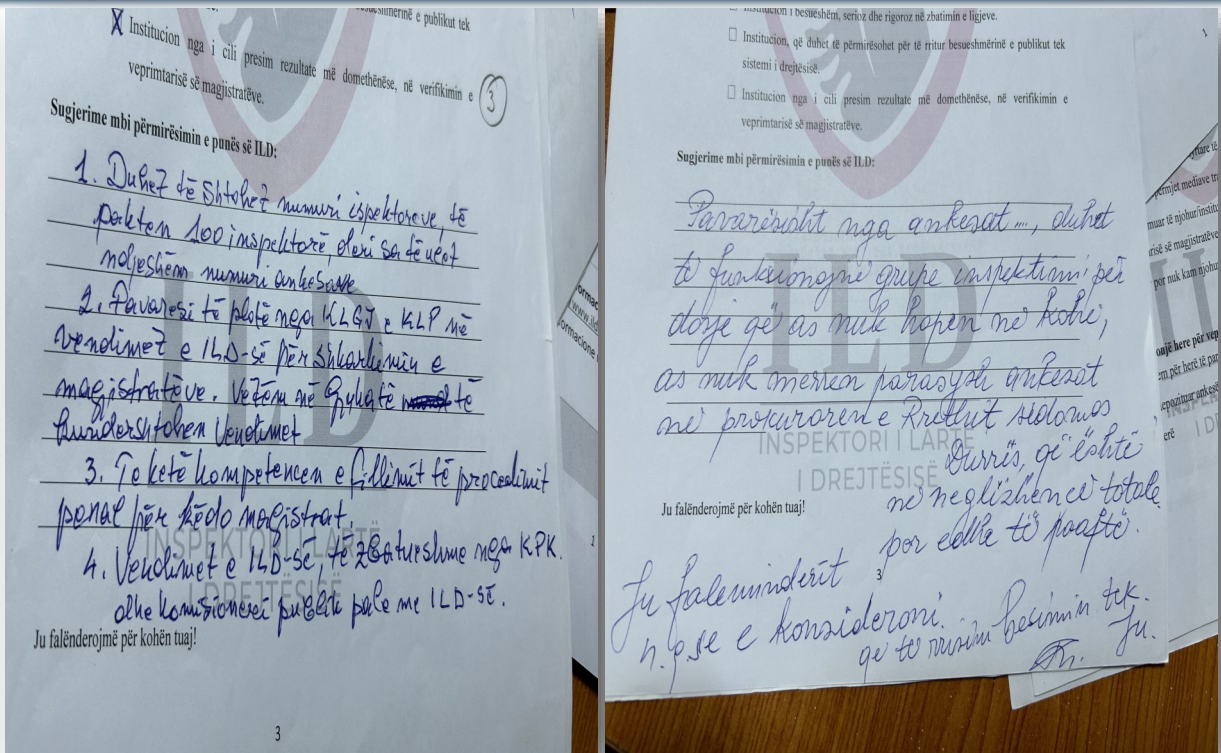
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A year ago, on the day of justice, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice published a survey on the activity of the institution, as an internal way of communication, to directly collect opinions from citizens, no matter whether they had had any experience with the HIJ or not.

Citizens were asked about the knowledge they had on the HIJ functions, if they had ever had any experience with it, the efficacy of communication with the institution, the addressing of the submitted complaint, as well as the HIJ performance during these three years, based on the contacts with the institution or through messages in the media and social networks

91 surveys were completed online and at the premises of the institution. In addition to their assessment for the correctness of the HIJ communication and the assistance provided during the complaint process, they have also made

suggestions on deadlines for reviewing complaints, increasing the number of inspectors and the competences of the institution itself, as well as more specifically, on increasing the number of inspections in prosecution offices and courts, in order to control the performance of prosecutors and judges regarding the implementation of the procedural law.

A year after the survey on the HIJ work, the High Inspector of Justice would like to thank the citizens for their feedback and suggestions, and assure them that every remark has been taken into account and will be reflected in the improvement of the institution work.

The survey is now a permanent section on the institution’s official website, as a way of an ongoing communication, which will enable a direct monitoring of the institution work by every citizen.

- Institucion, që duhet të përmirësohet për të rritur besueshmërinë e publikut tek sistemi i drejtësisë.
- Institucion nga i cili presim rezultate më domethënëse, në verifikimin e veprimtarisë së magistratëve.

mbi përmirësimin e punës së ILD:

*mje mendoj qe Rom dorëzoi ankese me ILD
 Rom dhe Rom zhuillor mje takim
 Sektorin e ankesave te cilet me Rom
 kompetencat e ILD dhe Rom degjuan
 shumë denoçitet problemim tim,
 sig te mavi mje përfijje brenda afekte*

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 I DREJTËSISË
 më për kohën tuaj!

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gjerime mbi përmirësimin e punës së ILD:

*Eshtë i nevojshëm institucion qe
 degjuan hallin e qytetarëve
 kam besim te plotë qe I.L.D
 do të zgjidhë problemin tim*

INSPEKTORI I LARTË
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 nderojmë për kohën tuaj!

The High Inspector of Justice would like to inform that in addition to the complaint process, which undoubtedly has the greatest attention of citizens, he has also paid attention to the inspection, which is the other dimension of the HIJ work.

The inspection plan for 2023 provides four the-

matic inspections in courts and prosecution offices throughout the country, whose object will be the allocation of cases by drawing lots, the reports of the electronic system, the procedure for announcing the reasoning of court decisions and the assignment of cases. The inspection plan for 2023 is published on the official website of the HIJ.

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*Duhet te ketë ndeshje te
 I.L.D në vendimarrjen e
 gj kotehi dhe prokurorise.*

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 I DREJTËSISË
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mbi përmirësimin e punës së ILD-së:

*sa takime me sektorin e ankesave prane zyres se IL
 kan orjentuar se ku duhet te drejtohem. Mendoj q
 nspektorve ne menyre qe dhe trajtimi i ankesave*



NATIONAL JUSTICE DAY, CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM THE HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE

Today, on the National Day of Justice, I felicitate every judge/prosecutor and every lawyer, who tries every day to respect and apply the law.

But today, more than celebrating, we must understand how important our profession is, the duties we perform, the responsibility we have in front of the citizens and the future.

Even more to be aware that people hope in the rule of law, they hope in justice institutions, people hope in the law and equality in front of it.

This hope must not be killed!

If the judges and prosecutors, and together with them, the rest of us, will resist the efforts of political, financial and other interests that seek to impose decision-making and impartiality, if we will keep the interests of the delivery of justice clean, then we have done a valuable service to society, democracy, the future of our children and our country.

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HIJ COMPLETED THE VERIFICATION PROCESS FOR THE CASE OF THE CITIZEN DAN HUTRA

The Office of the High Inspector of Justice has completed the verification of the information made public mainly in the media, regarding the tragic event that occurred in Tirana on March 1st, 2023, in which citizen Dan Hutra claimed the lives of three women and wounded three others including his cohabitant.

The HIJ considers in advance that the facts (acts or omissions of the magistrate), which may constitute disciplinary violations, pursuant to law no. 96/2016 "On the status of judges and prosecutors in the Republic of Albania" as amended, are not only the ones presented in the public information, but the ones that are analyzed by the High Inspector of Justice, or evaluated based on a process of verification or disciplinary investigation. A set of facts which are claimed to have occurred and which can constitute a disciplinary violation, may be made public and presented in a public information but it is the High Inspector of Justice who can correctly or differently define the facts and actions related to the disciplinary violation, no matter what the

public information claims.

In order to verify this case, the High Inspector of Justice has administered additional data and relevant documentation received from the Prosecution Office attached to the Judicial District Court of Tirana and the Judicial District Court in Tirana, the Court of Appeal of General Jurisdiction, the Prosecution Office attached to the Judicial District Court in Durrës and the Judicial District Court of Durrës, the Prosecution Office attached to the Judicial District Court in Korçë, the Prosecution Office attached to the Judicial District Court of Kukës and from the General Directorate of Prisons.

- From the verifications of the media information about the release from prison of citizen Dan Hutra, his release appears to have been as the result of a judicial process with the object "Request for cancellation of preventive measures", and the decision-making of judge G.H. was in accordance with the law, since the convict had completed the term of his sen-

tence due to his period of precautionary detention in prison, which is calculated as part of the imposed sentence.

- From the verifications of the media information related to the summary trial for citizen Dan Hutra, for the criminal offense “Domestic Violence”, it results that judge G.H., exercising his powers to assess the validity of a procedural act, according to the relevant regulation in the Code of Criminal Procedure, has also included the defendant’s position to be informed of the request of prosecutor R.K., by accepting the summary trial, as a trial that uses the facts and acts in the prosecutor’s case file. The defendant chooses not to argue the evidence or to request for invalidity, by accepting to be judged on the basis of the data obtained in the stage of preliminary investigations, thus benefiting from a reduction in 1/3 of the penalty, if convicted.
- From the verifications of the media information about the length of Dan Hutra prison sentence of 1 year and 6 months, it results that the request of the prosecutor and the decision-making of the judge are in accordance with the judicial discretion of the magistrate to reach a verdict based on the presented facts, including the previous conviction of the defendant for the murder of his wife and the legislation provisions for the criminal offense “Domestic Violence” (Article 130/a/1 of the Criminal Code), a decision also confirmed by the Court of Appeal of General Jurisdiction.
- In relation to the non-administration of the certificate of judicial status, referring to the analysis for the individualization of the punishment, under the conditions where in the context of the aggravating circumstance according to Article 50/1/ç of the Penal Code the defendant’s previous conviction for his wife murder was taken into consideration, it is

appreciated that the ascertained lack of administration of the certificate of judicial status cannot be assessed as failure to fulfill the function during the trial within the disciplinary violation, according to the provisions of Article 101 and Article 102, paragraph 1 letter “ç” no. 96/2016 “On the status of judges and prosecutors in the Republic of Albania”, as amended.

In the analysis of the administered documentation, it was found that regarding the legal procedures followed during the investigation, trial or execution phase of the criminal case registered in 2022, in the name of the citizen Dan Hutra for committing the criminal offense “Domestic Violence”, provided by Article 130/a of the Criminal Code, as well as the legal procedures followed during the investigation, trial or execution phase of other possible criminal cases registered in the name of citizen Dan Hutra, the High Inspector of Justice found no acts or omissions of the magistrates, which create a reasonable doubt for the HIJ to initiate the disciplinary investigation according to the requirements of article 122, paragraph 1 of law no. 96/2016 “On the status of judges and prosecutors in the Republic of Albania”, amended.

Under these circumstances, the High Inspector of Justice, pursuant to articles 120 and 121, paragraph 2, letter “a” of law no. 96/2016 “On the status of judges and prosecutors in the Republic of Albania”, as amended, article 204 , paragraph 1, letter “j” and article 2014 of law no. 115/2016 “On the governing bodies of the justice system”, as amended, has decided to archive this case, after the verification of the information made public mainly in the media regarding legal procedures followed during the investigation, trial or execution phase of criminal cases registered in the name of citizen Dan Hutra.



METANI: REFORM IS NOT A BATTLE OF JUSTICE INSTITUTIONS TO FIGHT ALONE

Elbasan, May 10, 2023 to the District Court, on the National Day of Justice.

High Inspector of Justice, Mr. Artur Metani participated in the roundtable discussion on “Challenges of Albanian justice from the Canon of Zhuri to the justice reform, within the framework of integration processes, chapter 23, Judiciary and fundamental rights”, organized by “Aleksandër Xhuvani” University of Elbasan in cooperation with the Prosecution Office attached

In his speech, “Independence of the judiciary and challenges in relation to this independence” Mr. Metani, focusing on the justice reform, singled out, among other things, the importance of conveying to citizens the principle of the separation and balancing of powers. “Based on the principle of separation and balancing of powers, the





justice reform needs to convey to the citizens, to the society, the importance of implementing this principle. Not as a way out to avoid responsibilities, but as the only standard that guarantees the future of the justice system independence. I am aware of the citizens rightful expectations, of their frustration of waiting for their court cases which have dragged on for 30 years now. Perhaps even society finds it almost impossible to cope with the situation of the justice system today. But, I am convinced that the only way to have an efficient justice

system tomorrow is to provide solutions today which are totally detached from the interest of the moment or the politics. The independence of judges and prosecutors is not a principle to protect the violations of law they may commit, or a pretext to avoid their legal responsibility. Not at all! However, if a judge or prosecutor is held accountable today, because society does not agree with his decision making, or because society does not orientate itself towards institutions which are established by the Constitution and the law specifically to handle





complaints against the judicial system, or even worse, because other powers want to take advantage of the impossibility of the public reaction of judges and prosecutors, then there is no reform that will succeed, but only a prolonged agony, in our development efforts.”

The rector of the University of Tirana, Prof. Dr. Artan Hoxha held a speech on “The reform in Justice, as a need to increase the public’s trust in it.”

Chairman of the High Prosecutorial Council, Mr. Alfred Balla spoke on the topic “The prosecution system today and

the challenges within the integration process”. “Challenges of Justice Reform in Albania” were addressed by Prof. Assoc. Dr. Rezarta Tahiraj, Head of the Center for Law and Economy.

Head of the “Jean Monnet” Chair, EEAABAC, Prof. Assoc. Dr. Arbër Gjeta brought to the attendees “The latest developments in the framework of the negotiations regarding chapter 23”.

The roundtable was greeted by the rector of University Prof. Dr. Aleksandër Xhuvani, Prof. Dr. Skënder Topi and Mr. Kreshnik Ajazi from the

Prosecution Office attached to the District Court, as co-organizer of the activity, as well as from the dean of the Faculty of Economics of the University of Elbasan, Prof. Assoc. Dr. Imelda Sejdini, the president of the Elbasan Court, Mrs. Matilda Fetau and the director of the Elbasan district police, Mr. Ilir Poda. Students, judges, prosecutors, lawyers, lecturers, etc. who attended this event, discussed the topics covered in it.





FULL SPEECH OF MR METANI AT THE ROUNDTABLE ON NATIONAL DAY OF JUSTICE

Elbasan, May 10, 2023

Hello to everyone,

It is a great pleasure to be here with you today and I would like to cordially thank the organizers, because the National Day of Justice is not only in Tirana, as justice is a topic of interest and should be reflected by the whole society, not only the institutions in Tirana.

The justice reform came as a necessity to address a number of needs and problems faced by the justice system – long procedures, parts of the system that prolonged judicial procedures unnecessarily, problems of professional, ethical and moral integrity of judges and prosecutors, issues of independence, but also of their “corporatism” evidenced in many cases, etc. All these issues were addressed by the justice reform and today the system has a completely new organizational architecture. But in my point of view, this reform has also laid the foundation of a stable

and long-term philosophy on how to run the country and lead the society, based on a very important pillar – the separation and balancing of powers. In my opinion, it is important to put emphasis on this, because we can all agree to operate in accordance with this principle, but the question is how to exercise legal powers based exactly on that principle, since there are different opinions and interpretations from citizens, and completely different ones from the specialists.

Based on the principle of separation and balancing of powers, the justice reform needs to convey to the citizens, to the society, the importance of implementing this principle. Not as a way out to avoid responsibilities, but as the only standard that guarantees the future of the justice system independence. I am aware of the citizens rightful expectations, of their frustration of waiting for their court cases which have dragged on for 30 years now. Perhaps even society finds it almost impossible to cope with the situation of the justice system today. But I am convinced that the only way to have an efficient

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METANI: DIALOGUE BETWEEN LEGAL PROFESSIONALS AS CO-OPERATION EVEN BETWEEN STATES

Vlora, May 20, 2023

High Inspector of Justice Artur Metani participated in the International Scientific Conference “Rolando Quadri Relectures in International Law”, organized by the Department of Law of University “Ismail Qemali” of Vlora.

Organized as a study day in honor of the prominent Italian jurist Rolando Quadri and his many years of contribution to International Law, the conference brought together legal

professionals and researchers, academics, representatives of institutions from Albania and Italy.

In his greeting address at the conference, High Inspector of Justice Artur Metani underlined his personal and professional satisfaction of being in an environment where the discussion is done at the academic level, as a very important process which provokes a debate useful.

With reference to the conference topic, Mr.

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MR. METANI'S ADDRESS AT THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE "ROLANDO QUADRI RELECTURES IN INTERNATIONAL LAW"

Dear Deputy Rector Prof. Frosina Londo;

Dear Dean Prof. Armela Panajoti;

Dear Head of the Department Dr. Erjon Hitaj;

Dear Guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to congratulate the organizers of this conference on taking this initiative and also thank them for the invitation.

I personally believe that the organization of such conferences, as well as the discussion at the academic level, constitute an important process. The contribution of the academic world is absolutely valuable as it provokes a useful debate.

Providing a qualified professional opinion, based on the theoretical and practical experi-

ence of researchers, constitutes a key tool for a complete analysis of the current situation related to this conference topic. At the same time, this process of engaging and developing the qualified legal and political thought even in the context of international relations, serves as a mechanism for identifying problems and needs for improvement.

When I became acquainted with the program of this activity, the topics of discussion as well as the issues that will be addressed, the first thought that came to my mind was the skepticism that has accompanied the development of the international law since ancient times.

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should be considered only as a matter of ethics or international positive morality.

Meanwhile, the General Codification of International Law has not been realized yet, since it has a universal character and it is obvious that not all states can agree on all issues.

The international community does not have a

central body to make this codification possible, since sovereign states have not delegated the right to codify.

Some researchers have considered it static and an obstacle to the development of international law. At the same time, the comparative aspect will always remain part of the discussions about norms, institutions and actors

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of international law. In this context, it is the states which have the right to codify and they do this through conferences or international meetings. This is the reason why I really do appreciate this conference.

Today, through this conference, we will develop and build a continuous dialogue and communication between us as academics and as legal professionals.

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the framework of international law, but we will also share our opinions on the values that unite us, on the relationship that each of us has with the law, on its universality, institutional structures and cooperation between individuals or states.

I hope that the organization of this conference in Albania today will be the starting point of building a tradition that will continue.

Albania is a beautiful

and welcoming country.

Once again thank you for the invitation and I wish you all a great success for the conference!





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

addition 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 May 2023, the Complaints and Public Relations Sector received 18 complainants, who appeared at the premises of the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, and 25 phone calls from citizens, who requested information on the stage of their complaints or Information on completing the TIP complaint form

Coordinator for the right to information is part of this sector



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 send 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 **May** 2023, at the Office of High Inspector of Justice, **20 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".

MAY OF HJC IN NUMBER

During **May** the Office of High Inspector of Justice has administered **85 complaints**, which were submitted by citizens .

The High Inspector of Justice Office has performed the standard confirmation process of receiving complaints for all the new complaints submitted during May 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

14 verification decisions, of which:

- ⇒ 5 verification decisions (HIJ practices);
- ⇒ 9 verification decisions (files carried by the former KLD);

DISCIPLINARY

1 decision to initiate a disciplinary investigation for 1 judge;

2 decisions for completion of disciplinary investigation for 3 magistrates;

3 decisions to continue the disciplinary investigation for 1 prosecutor and 4 magistrate judges;

1 request for disciplinary proceedings for a prosecutor

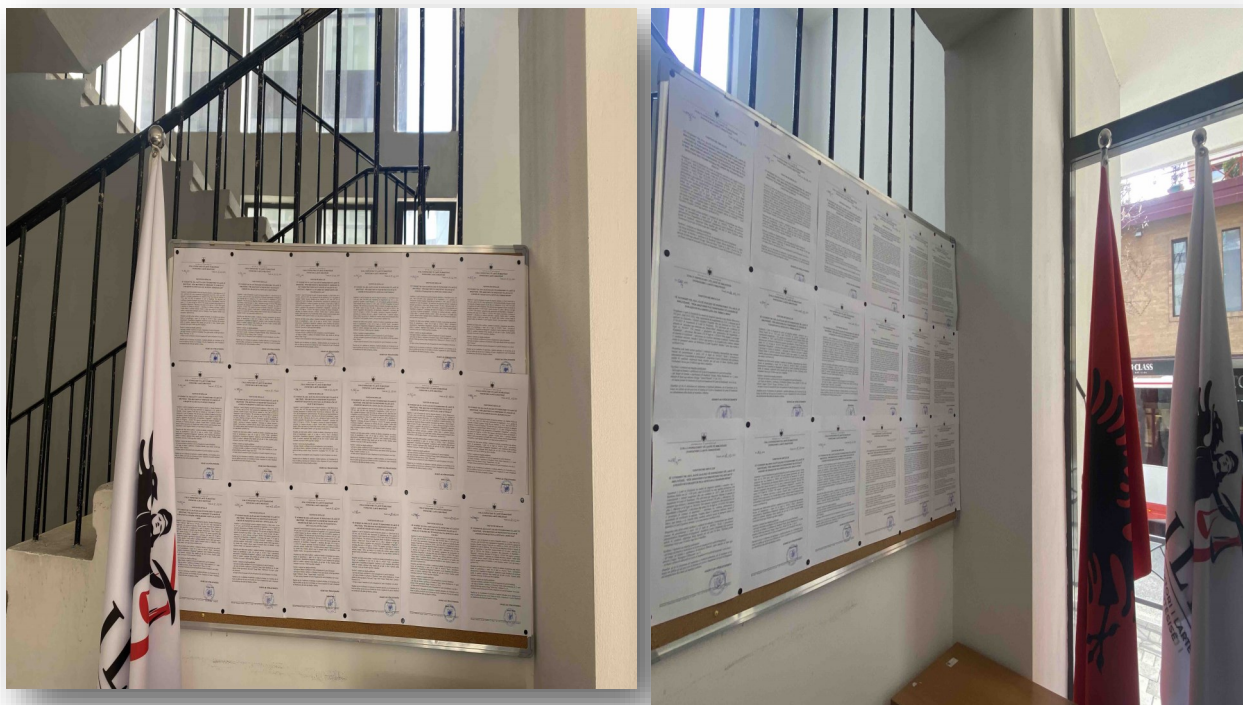
ARCHIVES

130 archiving decisions from 153 reviewed practices:

- ◆ 32 archiving decisions after the treatment of 47 HIJ practices, of which
 - ⇒ 27 archiving decisions after initial review
 - ⇒ 5 archiving decisions after verification
- ◆ 98 archiving decisions from 106 practices handled (files carried by the former HCJ)
 - ⇒ 65 archiving decisions after initial review
 - ⇒ 33 archiving decisions after verification

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISIONS

Even during the month of **May** , the Office of the High Inspector of Justice made public announcements of archiving decisions for **34** 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.



METANI ON A WORKING VISIT TO MONTENEGRO

Podgorica, May 4th, 2023

High Inspector of Justice Artur Metani was on a working visit to the High Judicial Council and the High Prosecutorial Council of Montenegro. The president of the High Judicial Council, Mrs. Vesna Simovic Zvicer and the High State Prosecutor, at the same time President of the High Prosecutorial Council, Mrs. Tatjana Begović, made in their respective meetings, a presentation on the competences of their relevant institutions and how these competences are exercised.

The High Inspector of Justice underlined in his speech, among other things, that the justice system reform is a common challenge of the two countries within the European integration process, focusing especially on the orientation

of the respective societies, towards a new culture and mindset related to the acknowledgment and enforcement of law, to the change of mentality in relation to the culture of impunity, the fight against corruption, or to the rule of law itself.

Mr. Metani answered the interlocutors' questions on the HIJ functions and in particular on the process of complaint, investigation and disciplinary proceedings. He noted that the system of responsibility and accountability of magistrates must function in a balance between the public's interest in the activity of judicial power bodies and the independence of magistrates by also playing a preventive role through the identification of problems related to the functioning or not of the justice systems, as well as the approval of recommendations for their improvement.



“The disciplinary system shall never serve as a means of pressure on the magistrates work, but as an important tool to measure the efficiency and quality of their work performance, professionalism or help to increase the quality of magistrates decision-making.”, said Mr. Metani.

Inspector of Justice Metani invited the presidents of the High Judicial Council and the High Prosecutorial Council of Montenegro to our country, with a view to exchanging the best practices and work models within this process.

Since Albania is implementing a deep legal and





HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE ON A WORKING VISIT TO NORTH MACEDONIA

Skopje, May 30, 2023

High Inspector of Justice Mr. Artur Metani was on a working visit to North Macedonia, where he met with President of the Council of Pub-

lic Prosecutors, Antonio Jolevski, and members of the Council as well as the President of the Judicial Council, Mr. Sashko Giorgiev and members of the Council.





The meeting focused on the working standards of prosecutors and judges and the challenges of the justice system in both countries with a view to strengthening public trust.

the justice reform in Albania and the work of new institutions and the efforts being made in North Macedonia to reform the system.

In the meeting with the President of Supreme Court, Ms. Besa Ademi and members of this court, Mr. Metani responded to the interest in

Mr. Metani had a working meeting with the President of the Association of Judges of North Macedonia, Mr. Xhemali Saiti and the President of the Association of Prosecutors, Mr. Elvin Veli.





PUNISHMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME TO THE ATTENTION OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES JUSTICE

Bucharest, 19 May 2023

High Inspector of Justice, Mr. Artur Metani participated in the study program, part of the CEPEJ project of the European Commission, "Cooperation for Environmental Protection through Justice Inspection Services", in Bucharest.

The event is in the framework of the activities of the European Justice Inspection Service Network (RESIJ), part of which is the Office of the High Inspector of Justice with observer status.

The participants from the Inspectorates of Justice of France, Italy, Portugal, Romania and Albania





were welcomed by the High Inspector of Justice of Romania Mrs. Roxana Ioana Petcu and became acquainted with the Romanian experience in the fight against environmental crime.

section), the World Wide Fund for Nature in Romania, lecturers and inspectors of justice presented the legal framework, problems, criminal investigation and challenges of Romania in the fight against environmental crime on land and at sea.

Heads of the courts and prosecution offices, judges and prosecutors, the head of national environmental guard, the border police, the ministry of the environment, the environmental protection agency (EMAS

The participants also had a meeting with the President of the Supreme Judicial Council and a working visit to the Judicial Inspectorate of Romania.



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