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COMPLAINTS AS A TRUST RELATIONSHIP WITH CITIZENS

Citizens have addressed the Office of the and prosecutors. High Inspector of Justice even during the month of August. During this month, 62 Citizens have submitted complaints from citizens processed.

Complaints from citizens to the High obstacles in court proceedings. Inspector of Justice are an essential mechanism for guaranteeing oversight The process of handling complaints in the and accountability in the justice system. office of the High Inspector of Justice is The Office of the High Inspector of Justice structured in such a way as to guarantee processes these complaints, carefully transparency and impartiality. Complaints examining each case, to identify, as the are examined independently and in detail, case may be, actions or omissions that based on clear evidence and relevant constitute disciplinary violations by judges legislation.

complaints were regarding the unprofessional behavior of administered, while 72 practices were judges or prosecutors, court decisions, which they believe were taken in violation of the law, or unjustifiable delays or

The process of handling complaints in the office of the High Inspector of Justice is structured in such a way as to guarantee transparency and impartiality. Complaints are examined independently and in detail, based on clear evidence and relevant legislation.

judicial and investigative institutions. mechanism problems in the system, contributing to the judges and prosecutors. overall improvement of justice services in Albania.

maintenance of high ethical and legal number or through the email of the HIJ. standards in the country's judicial system.

This mechanism is vital for maintaining This is part of the common mission of all citizens' trust in the justice system and for institutions and not only, but for improving strengthening the honesty and integrity of the quality of services in justice, as the that increases public Citizen complaints help identify and correct confidence in the integrity and work of

In this context, the office of the High Inspector of Justice has a permanent The High Inspector of Justice plays a key priority of communicating with citizens role in ensuring accountability and through the complaint process, assisting transparency in the justice system in them every day both physically in the Albania, monitoring and promoting the institution and through the telephone





Setting transparency to the public as the of citizens from Monday to Friday, are main priority of the program for public ways through which it is not only information and communication, the Office guaranteed in accordance with the law the of the High Inspector of Justice works right to information, but information is systematically to increase trust in every also provided on the powers of the High public actor, media or interest group.

Full access to communication with the institution for any interested individual or institution, such as through the official phone number, official email or reception

Inspector of Justice.

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INSTITUTIONAL RESPECT AS A MENTALITY FOR EFFECTIVE COOPERATION

institutions in the country.

Justice

Thank you, Madam Speaker!

Dear ambassadors!

Madam Speaker and to be honest, I'm glad the European Union requires more comthat firstly you took the initiative to organ- mitment, more coordination. In this sense, ize this and secondly for the message you that's why I see it more alive. Not to talk gave in the speech, because I share the just about the concerns we share, but

High Inspector of Justice Mr. Artur Metani same opinion with you, that the Assembly participated in the meeting that the Speak- should have another type of relationship er of the Assembly Mrs. Elisa Spiropali de- with independent institutions. Not formal, veloped with the heads of independent like what we have had so far in terms of proposals, legal changes that we think should be made by our institutions, or for The full speech of the High Inspector of the approval of the budgeting of our institutions, which are part of the work normality, after all.

I think the relationship between our institutions is much more lively, because such are the dynamics of the country. The politi-I listened very carefully to your speech, cal process of Albania's integration into

"I think the relationship between our institutions is much more lively, because such are the dynamics of the country. The political process of Albania's integration into the European Union requires more commitment, more coordination. In this sense, that's why I see it more alive" said Mr. Metani.

in the decades to come.

The reform in justice, in addition to creating other. a very good architecture in my personal view of the justice bodies, I think it also created a I say this, not because of any negative expevery strong foundation, not just for the rela-rience I had personally with the assembly, tions of justice institutions with the Assem- but I raise it as a matter of principle, exclud-

about the values that unite our institutions, bly, with politics and society, but for all othabout the values on which the future of Al- er institutions, based on a strong philosophy bania must be built. Maybe this seems a bit of separation of powers. This is probably utopian, a bit shallow as a tool, as an instru- nice to hear, but very difficult to implement, ment, but I think it is the most solid tool to because it requires what Ms. Tabaku said. It ensure a more democratic future and based requires respect, which we probably don't on the separation of powers for institutions, read explicitly written in books and in laws, but which is a political mentality, which we need to consolidate it in relation to each





ing the last year to be honest, but this is an which we should be based, to increase the episode.

Justice with the assembly has been func- each other. This is very important. This is tional. The needs of the High Inspector of the message I wanted to give and I hope to Justice have been met, either for budgeting continue communicating this way of in the or for structuring and so on. I am raising it future. to a very principled level, that we need to talk to each other about the values on Thank you!

quality of justice delivery in the justice bodies, but also the level of the mentality of The relationship of the High Inspector of the political culture or discussions between

"The reform in justice, in addition to creating a very good architecture in my personal view of the justice bodies, I think it also created a very strong foundation, not just for the relations of justice institutions with the Assembly, with politics and society, but for all other institutions, based on a strong philosophy of separation of powers" said Mr. Metani.



HIJ VALUES THE COOPERATION WITH THE EU-COE PROGRAM

High Inspector of Justice Mr. Artur Metani events of the Council of Europe, as with the participated in the second meeting of the Tirana Office, through Mr. Dekovi, the High Beneficiary Steering Committee of the Inspector of Justice, started the coopera-"Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans tion from the beginning of its operation as and Türkiye" (Horizontal Facility III) pro- an institution. I recall that we started with gramme. Mr. Metani singled out the coop- the initial assessment of the needs of the eration over the years of the HIJ Office with HIJ Office for professional capacity building, this joint initiative of the European Union identifying topics of interest for training, and the Council of Europe in the frame- work methodology and accompanying acwork of strengthening the quality and effi-tivities. ciency of justice in Albania.

The speech of the High Inspector of Justice, Over the years, the project of the Council Mr. Artur Metani

for the invitation!

of Europe and the European Commission Good afternoon, everyone and thank you for the efficiency of justice (CEPEJ) has had an important role in supporting the Albani-It is always a pleasure to return to the an institutions of justice, in the implemen-

"Since 2021, CEPEJ has supported the training activities in Tirana of the HIJ inspectors' team from their counterparts from the EU member states (France, Italy and Romania), both in disciplinary investigation and inspection practices in accordance with European standards" said Mr. Metani.

the efficiency and quality of the justice sys- EU member states (France, Italy and Romatem in our country and HIJ has been one of nia), both in disciplinary investigation and the beneficiaries, which has translated the inspection practices in accordance with Euroexperience gained into increased visibility pean standards. and networking with European counterparts, through full membership in the European The High Inspector of Justice, with the SEJ IV

tation of reforms that ensure the increase in tors' team from their counterparts from the

Network of Justice Inspection Services, RESIJ. project has carried out two important train-Thus, responding to the needs of the HIJ and ing modules in Tirana. The first was in June within the framework of cooperation with 2023, with French inspectors, who trained RESIJ, since 2021, CEPEJ has supported the the HIJ team with the European practices of training activities in Tirana of the HIJ inspec- the inspection of magistrates in cooperation





Inspectorate of Justice of France.

ening the capacities of inspectors in the de-tice. velopment of thematic inspections, with an innovation, the combination of a classic In this spirit, the office of the High Inspector planning of the HIJ.

The special thing is that the results and main findings of this activity were used in the Thank you for your attention.

with RESIJ, an event that was combined with preparation of a guide for conducting thean official visit of the Chief of the General matic inspections, which will be discussed in the next activity, after a few days, and which This year, i.e. in 2024, there was a collabora- will be an important and sustainable tool, tion between SEJ IV and EU4 Justice in re- which will facilitate the daily work of inspecsponse to the needs of the HIJ, for strength- tors, orienting it in accordance with EU prac-

training focused on the methodology of the of Justice remains interested in continuing preparation and development of an institu- the cooperation with the EU and Council of tional inspection in the courts and prosecu- Europe project for Strengthening the Quality tion offices, with a practical process, as was and Efficiency of Justice in Albania (SEJ IV), the concrete inspection in the prosecutor's and undoubtedly also to benefit from the office of Durrës, according to the annual expertise of CEPEJ, in the continuous efforts to strengthen the professional capacities of the HIJ with the best practices.

SEPTEMBER OF HIJ IN NUMBER

During **September** the Office of High Inspector of Justice has administered **75** complaints, **72** of which were submitted by citizens and 3 submitted by institution . High Inspector of Justice Office has performed the standard confirmation process of receiving complaints for all the new complaints submitted during September 2024.

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 .

	ARCHIVED	VERIFICATION	DISCIPLINARY PROCESS
•	72 decisions from 92 cases processed Specifically:		 3 decisions to start disciplinary investigation for 3
•	61 decisions to archive following initial review, out of 74 cases reviewed	16 verification decisions	magistrates (Judge)
•	11 decisions to archive following verification, out of 18 cases processed		

AUGUST OF HIJ IN NUMBER

During **August** the Office of High Inspector of Justice has administered **62** complaints, of which were submitted by citizens. High Inspector of Justice Office has performed the standard confirmation process of receiving complaints for all the new complaints submitted during September 2024.

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ARCHIVED	VERIFICATION	DISCIPLINARY PROCESS
 45 decisions from 72 cases processed Specifically: 		
 38 decisions to ar- chive following ini- tial review, out of 58 cases reviewed 	8 verification decisions	
8 decisions to ar- chive following ver- ification, out of 12 cases processed		



HIJ DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Even during the month of August, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice has provided communication service from the institution, reception of citizens, their assistance in filling complaints and requests for information.

During the month of August, 8 citizens who showed up physically, were assisted and informed at the premises of the HIJ, while 4 citizens were assisted through the telephone number.

During the month of August, **5 requests** were submitted by citizens through e-mail and the postal service, which had as their object requests for information on the processing stage of the complaint, written notices on the decision-making regarding the complaints, etc.

During this month, 62 complaints were administered by the Archive-Protocol office, as well as **72** practices were processed.



COMPLAINT PROCESS AT HIJ

tinues with intensive work to confirm the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, if neccomplaints carried and those administered essary, to ask for assistance of the team of the since February 1, 2020, when it was estab- Complaints Office. lished as an institution.

a special complaint form, which:

- Can be completed directly and submitted online:
- address Boulevard "Dëshmorët e Kombit", complaints". **Building no.13, Tirana.**

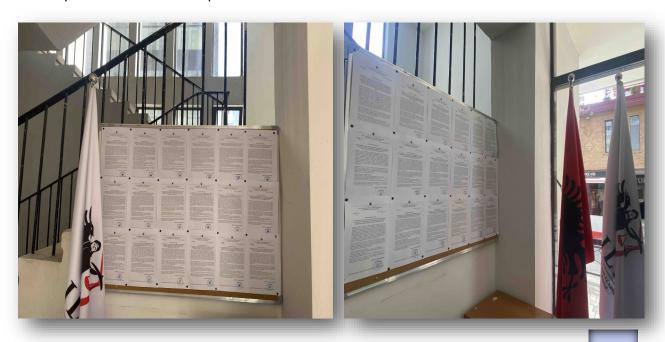
The Office of the High Inspector of Justice con- It can also be completed by presenting at the

To facilitate this process for interested per- Upon receipt of the complaint, the High Insons, HIJ has published on the official website spector of Justice within 5 days confirms in writing its receipt.

The criteria for the admissibility of the com-• Can be downloaded, completed and sent plaint are published on the official website of by email to info@ild.al or by mail at the HIJ www.ild.al, in the section "How to receive

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISIONS

Even during the month of September 2024, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice made public announcements of archiving decisions for 3 complainants, who were unreachable at the addresses communicated by them. In addition to the stands of the HIJ, 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.

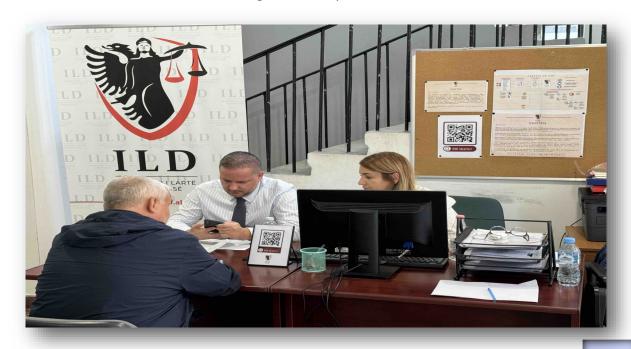




While assisting the complainants

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. Coordinator for the right to information is part of this sector.



During the month of **September 2024,** the Complaints and Public Relations Sector:

- received 27 complainants, who appeared at the premises of the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, and
- ⇒ 16 phone calls from citizens, who requested information on the stage of their complaints or Information on completing the TIP complaint form.



CORDINATOR 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 **September 2024,** at the Office of High Inspector of Justice, **21 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).

HIJ ON TWITTER



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Pritja e qytetarëve bëhet cdo ditë pune nga ora 09.00-14.00

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Dje patëm diskutime bilancesh pune në takimin e Komitetit Drejtues të Përfituesve të SEJIV, një iniciativë të përbashkët e BE dhe KiE në kuadër të forcimit të cilësisë dhe efikasitetit të drejtësisë në Shqipëri #ILD **I**

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Filozofia e ndarjes së pushteteve përfshin edhe konsolidimin e mentalitetit politik të respektimit institucional.

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