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The High Inspector of Justice has sanctioned the inspection plan for prosecution offices and courts for 2025 at the General Meeting of Inspectors.

For the second consecutive year, thematic and institutional inspections are a priority of the work of the High Inspector of Justice, as an instrument to measure the efficiency of justice in the country, but also as the conclusion of the special working meeting, held last October, with the Unit of Inspectors and the Unit of Assistant Inspectors, to address the findings of the document “Common Position of the European Union”, in the framework of the

opening of Albania accession negotiations for the first group-chapter.

The delay of work processes by judges and prosecutors has been the most frequently identified cause of complaints addressed to the High Inspector of Justice during 2024, by citizens but also by institutions, which have forwarded proposals for thematic inspections.

At the General Meeting of Inspectors, it was noted that from the processing of data on complaints related to courts, the court with the highest number of complaints reviewed by the HIJ, with the sub-



ject of “delay”, was the Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction of Tirana, followed by the Court of Appeal of General Jurisdiction, the Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction of Saranda and the Administrative Court of Appeal.

Regarding the complaints reviewed during 2024, the courts for which were no complaints filed with HIJ related to the delays of the work processes are: the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction Dibër, the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction Gjirokastër, the Special Court of First Instance for Corruption and Organized Crime (GJKKO) and the Special Court of Appeal for Corruption and Organized Crime (GJPAKKO).

In regard to the prosecution offices, the office which had the largest number of com-

plaints reviewed with the object of “delay” is the the prosecution office at the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction Durrës, followed by the prosecution office at the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction Tirana, the prosecution office at the Court of Appeal of General Jurisdiction and the prosecution office at the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction Lezhë.

Related to the complaints reviewed during 2024, the prosecution offices for which there were no complaints of delaying the work processes are the prosecution office at the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction Berat, the prosecution office at the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction Gjirokastër, the prosecution office at the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction Kukës and the Special Structure against Cor-

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ruption and Organized Crime (SPAK).

Discussing the data and the findings of the Unit of Inspectors and that of the Unit of Assistant Inspectors, during the review of these complaints at different work stages during 2024, the General Meeting of Inspectors approved a total of 8 inspections to be carried out in 2025 where 7 of them are thematic inspections and 1 is institutional inspection.

The General Meeting of Inspectors approved 3 thematic inspections and 1 institutional inspection, sanctioned by the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, specifically:

Thematic inspection “Allocation of cases by draw, as well as checking of electronic system reports” will be carried out at the High Court, the General Court of Appeal, the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction Shkodra, for the period 01.01.2024-31.12.2024”. The inspection at these courts will be carried out during the period 01.04.2025-31.12.2025.

Thematic inspection “On the practice and

causes of replacement of prosecutors for the period 01.01.2024- 31.12.2024.” will be carried out at the prosecution office at the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction Dibër, the prosecution office at the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction Vlorë, the prosecution office at the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction Durës. This inspection will be carried out in the period 01.04.2025 – 31.12.2025.

A thematic inspection, part of the Justice Strategy 2025-2030 and the Rule of Law Roadmap within the framework of the EU integration process is “Documentation by judges on informing the parties about the possibility of resolving the case through mediation for the period 01.05.2024 – 31.07.2024”. This inspection will be carried out at the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction in Tirana, the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction in Elbasan and the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction in Vlora during the period 10.02.2025 – 31.03.2025.

The institutional inspection “On the process of document workflow from the mo-

ment of registration in the secretariat until the completion of its processing” will be carried out at the prosecution office at the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction in Dibër, for the period 01.04.2024 – 30.06.2024. The inspection will be carried out from 15.04.2025 to 15.09.2025.

At the General Meeting of Inspectors, were discussed proposals received from institutions such as the Ministry of Justice and the High Prosecutorial Council and were approved these specific thematic inspections:

Thematic inspection “On the processing of the reporting material by the prosecutor, within the framework of the elements defined in the Criminal Procedure Code for the period 01.01.2024-31.12.2024“, will be carried out at the prosecution office at the Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction in Korça and the prosecution office at the Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction in Saranda, from 01.04.2025 to 30.10.2025.

The duration of court proceedings will be analyzed with the thematic inspection “On

the duration of court proceedings with opposing parties for the period 01.04.2024 – 30.06.2024“, at the Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction Saranda and will be carried out from 15.04.2025 to 15.11.2025.

The thematic inspection “On the procedure for announcing and reasoning judicial decisions in the Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction Gjirokastër for the period 01.04.2024 – 30.06.2024.” will be carried out in the period 01.04.2025 – 30.09.2025.

The General Meeting of Inspectors has approved the proposal from the High Prosecutorial Council, sanctioning the thematic inspection “On cases processed for the first time by request or decision of the prosecutor for dismissal due to the statute of limitations of criminal prosecution, for the period 01.01.2024 – 31.12.2024” at the prosecution Office at the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction Berat and the prosecution office at the First Instance Court of General Jurisdiction Lezhë. This inspection will be carried out during the period 01.03.2025 - 31.10.2025.

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PARTICIPANTS OF THE AIEN CONDUCTED A STUDY TO HIJ

Participants of the Academy of European Integration and Negotiations (AIEN) conducted a study visit to the premises of the HIJ, during which they held a conversation with the High Inspector of Justice Mr. Artur Metani, within the “Rule of Law” module.

Engaged in public administration, non-public institutions, non-governmental organizations from the ranks of lawyers and the media, the participants of this academy were introduced by Mr. Metani to the role and functions of the High Inspector of Justice and the challenges of the insti-

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In response to the interest of the participants, Mr. Metani also spoke about the work philosophy of the HIJ, focusing on the dilemma of the institutional discussion about the balance between the public's trust and the trust of the magistrates in the institution, aiming to cultivate the spirit of independence in the ranks of the magistrates, together with the responsibility for the exercise of the profession with standards.

The conversation between AIEN participants and the High Inspector of Justice continued regarding the aspects of the sustainability of the justice reform, its progress, the areas for improvement in terms of increasing the effectiveness of the judicial supervision process in Albania, etc.

At the end of the conversation, the participants of the Academy of European Integration and Negotiations took a tour of the premises of the Office of the High Inspector of Justice.

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FROM THE STUDY VISIT OF STUDENTS FROM AIEN





HPC PARTIALLY ACCEPTS THE REQUEST OF THE HIJ FOR DISCIPLINARY MEASURE AGAINST MAGISTRATE K.LL.

In today's session, the High Prosecutorial Council partially accepted the request of the High Inspector of Justice related to the disciplinary proceeding against magistrate K.LL., who is a prosecutor at the Prosecution Office at the Court of First Instance of General Jurisdiction Saranda, imposing him the measure "Public reprimand".

The disciplinary investigation of the HIJ against the magistrate has been initiated based on the complaint of a citizen, submitted through the online form on the HIJ website, with the claim of delaying the investigation of the criminal proceeding by prosecutor K.LL.

The disciplinary investigation concluded that actions and lack of actions by prosecutor K. LL., relate to unjustified failure to fulfill his duties during the investigation, resulting in unjustified delays in procedural acts, which are mandatory for implementation by magistrates; the prosecutor's omissions were committed with direct intentional fault, by not fulfilling the duties assigned by the courts, taking no action

regarding the investigative file without action for a period of over 2 years.

The HIJ investigative report notes that as a result of the disciplinary violation committed by the magistrate subject to the disciplinary investigation, the prestige of the prosecutor image has been damaged, as well as the public's trust in justice has been damaged, while this inappropriate behavior may lay ground for other similar cases.

Taking into account that the magistrate has no disciplinary measure and has not committed any other disciplinary violation, HIJ proposed to the HPC to impose the disciplinary measure "Temporary salary reduction" of 40% for a period of one year against prosecutor K.LL., provided for by article 105, point 1, letter "c" and article 108 of the law "On the status of judges and prosecutors in the Republic of Albania", a request that was partially accepted by the High Prosecutorial Council, which decided to impose the measure "Public reprimand" for prosecutor K.LL.

JANUARY OF HIJ IN NUMBER

During **January 2025** the Office of High Inspector of Justice has **administered 120 complaints, which were submitted 119 by citizens and 1 by institution**. High Inspector of Justice Office has performed the standard confirmation process of receiving complaints for all the new complaints submitted during January 2025.

Complaints against judges and prosecutors are referred to the inspectors and they are at different stages of the processing such as the initial review, verification and the archiving together with relevant draft decisions.

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| <p>26 decisions from 48 practices handled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ 15 archiving decisions after initial review; ⇒ 11 archiving decisions after verification | <p>⇒ 2 verification decisions</p> | <p>⇒ 2 decisions for closing the disciplinary investigation for two magistrates (judges)</p> |

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 being present personally at the Office of the High Inspector of Justice and if necessary, asking assistance by the team of the Complaints and Public relations Office. Within 5 days Upon receiving the complaint, the High Inspector of Justice confirms in writing its receiving.

The criteria for the admissibility of the complaint are published on the official **website of HIJ www.ild.al, in the section "How complaints are accepted.**

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISIONS

Even during the month of January 2025, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice made public announcements of archiving decisions for **8 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 **January 2025**, the **Complaints and Public Relations Sector**:
- ⇒ **welcomed 27 complainants**, who were present personally at the premises of the Office of the High Inspector of Justice, and
- ⇒ **Has Had 7 phone calls** from citizens, who requested information on the stage of their complaints or Information on completing the complaint form.



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 NUMBERS

*During **January 2025**, at the Office of High Inspector of Justice, **17 requests** for information were received, which were processed in all cases within 5 days (the law provides that a response must be return to the applicant within 10 days).*

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- ✅ 1080 në proces trajtimi
- ✅ 204 në proces verifikimi
- ✅ 131 Magjistratë të hetuar
- ✅ 44 kërkesa për procedim disiplinor

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- ✅ 5675 të trajtuara
- ✅ 1129 në proces trajtimi
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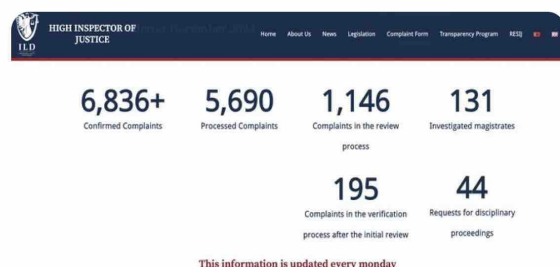


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- ✅ 6836 të konfirmuara
- ✅ 5690 të trajtuara
- ✅ 1146 në proces trajtimi
- ✅ 195 në proces verifikimi pas shqyrtimit fillestar

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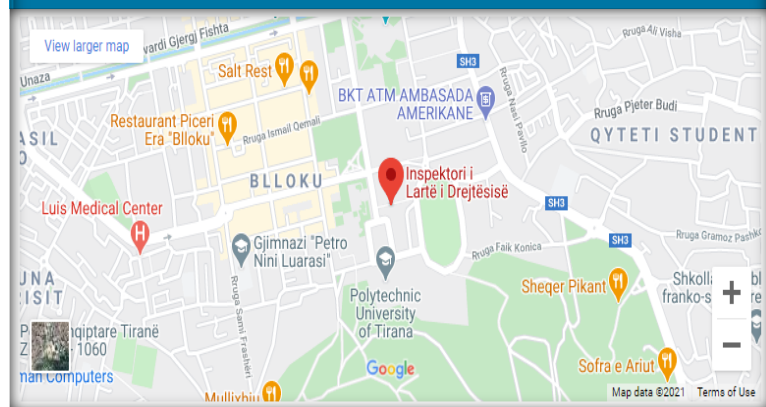


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