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COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

AND

THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE

“On the Harmonization, Implementation and Publication of National Justice System Statistical Data”

Today, on __, __, 2026, this Cooperation Agreement is concluded between the parties:

THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE with address: Boulevard “Zogu I”, represented by the Minister of Justice Mr. Toni Gogu, hereinafter referred to as the “Ministry”,

and

THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE, with address: Nënë Tereza Square, Building no. 13, Tirana, represented by the High Inspector of Justice, Mr. Artur Metani, hereinafter referred to as the “High Inspector of Justice”.

Appreciating the importance of national statistics on the justice system as a fundamental instrument for ensuring transparency, accountability and improving the performance of the justice

system, as well as taking into account the need for unification of key performance indicators in order to increase transparency and strengthen public trust in the justice system, with the aim of harmonizing the methodology for collecting, processing and publishing statistical data with the standards of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), within the framework of the European integration process, the implementation of the National Reform Agenda, ratified by Law No. 19/2025 “On the ratification of the Facility Agreement between the Republic of Albania, represented by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania, and the European Union, represented by the Commission, on the specific arrangements for the implementation of the European Union support to the Republic of Albania, within the framework of the Reform and Growth Facility” and the publication of the Statistical Yearbook.

The signatory parties agree to conclude this Cooperation Agreement for the Harmonization, Implementation and Publication of National Statistical Data on the Justice System, which aims to create the framework for inter-institutional cooperation and to regulate the processes of collection, processing, reporting and publication of statistical data on the justice system, in accordance with the methodology of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) and the national legislation in force.

Article 1

Object

The object of this agreement is to define the framework of inter-institutional cooperation for the harmonization and standardization of the methodology, as well as for the regulation of the processes of collection, processing, exchange, reporting and publication of statistical data in the justice system.

Article 2

Legal basis

This agreement is based on:

1. Articles 102, point 4, and 147/d of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania;
2. Article 5, point 3 and Article 6, point 15, of Law No. 8678, dated 14.05.2001 “On the organization and functioning of the Ministry of Justice”, as amended;
3. Article 170, point 5 and Article 204, point 1, letter “b”, of Law No. 115/2016 “On the governance institutions of the justice system”, as amended.

Article 3

Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to ensure increased transparency, accountability and access to justice system statistics, improve its performance, and strengthen public trust, through the processing, reporting and publication of accurate, comparable and international standard-compliant statistical data, including the CEPEJ methodology.

Article 4

Cooperation Principles

The Parties undertake to cooperate in the implementation of this Agreement on the basis of the principles of:

Legality – implementation of this Agreement in accordance with the legislation in force;

Transparency – ensuring public access to statistical data, in accordance with the relevant legal framework;

Accuracy and reliability of data – guaranteeing the quality of statistical data through the use of standardized methodologies;

Inter-institutional coordination – coordination of actions and regular exchange of information between the Parties;

Standardization – use of unified indicators and methodologies, in accordance with CEPEJ standards;

Accountability – compliance with the obligations set out in this Agreement by each Party;

Article 5

Obligations of the Parties

The institutions signing this agreement undertake the following obligations:

1. To ensure the harmonization of the processes of collection, processing and reporting of statistical data, in full compliance with Instruction No. 2, dated 26.06.2025, of the Minister of Justice, as well as with the CEPEJ methodology.
2. To guarantee the reporting of statistical data within the deadlines set out in Instruction No. 2, dated 26.06.2025.

3. To publish annual statistical data as defined in Instruction No. 2, dated 26.06.2025 (reviewed complaints and cases in the main, investigations, requests for disciplinary investigation and thematic and institutional inspections).
4. To designate the relevant structures or persons responsible for the coordination and effective implementation of this agreement.
5. To provide periodic reporting on the progress of the implementation of this agreement, as well as to identify and address in a timely manner the issues identified during its implementation.
6. To treat as confidential any information provided by nature and content, without prejudice to the obligations related to professional activity and any other legal obligations.
7. To not use the information for purposes other than those provided for in this Agreement.

Article 6

Contact persons and communication between the parties

1. The parties shall designate one or more contact persons from their staff, who shall be responsible for ensuring continuous and effective communication between the parties, for the exchange of data, as well as for the coordination and monitoring of the activities necessary for the implementation of this agreement. For the purposes of this article, the contact points are:

For the Ministry of Justice

Saimir Topuzi

Specialist in Monitoring, Implementation of Priorities and Statistics Sector

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For the High Inspector of Justice

Leonora Jata

Head of the Analysis, Monitoring of Inspection Recommendations Unit

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2. Communication between the parties shall be carried out in official written form or via electronic communication (e-mail), not excluding the fastest forms of communication, in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Administrative Procedures.
3. The Parties shall immediately notify each other of any change in the contact person and their respective details.

Article 7

Discrepancies in interpretation

Any discrepancies in the interpretation and/or implementation of this Cooperation Agreement shall be resolved amicably through direct consultations between the parties.

Article 8

Duration

This agreement shall remain in force until the establishment and full functioning of the electronic case management system. Until this moment, the collection and completion of forms with national statistical data of the justice system shall be carried out in Excel format, in accordance with the forms of the Instruction of the Minister of Justice No. 2, dated 26.06.2025.

Article 9

Final provision

1. The parties are obliged to respect this agreement for the entire duration provided for in Article 8 thereof.
2. This agreement does not constitute a source of monetary or financial obligations between the parties.
3. Any addition or amendment to this agreement shall be made only by written agreement between the parties.
4. This Cooperation Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signing and shall be published on the official websites of the signatory institutions.

In view of the above, the representatives of both parties sign this Cooperation Agreement in two original copies, in the Albanian language, with equal legal value.

FOR THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

MINISTER

TONI GOGU

FOR THE HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE

HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE

ARTUR METANI