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for 1 magistrate (prosecutor)

The citizen at HIJ

During March 2026:

- welcomed 28 **complainants**, which were present personally at the premises of the Office of the High Inspector of Justice;
- has had 24 **phone calls** from citizens, who requested information on the stage of their complaints or information on completing the complaint form;
- **28 requests** for information were received.



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The memorandum signed by the High Inspector of Justice, Mr. Artur Metani, and the Vice President of the High Judicial Council of Portugal, Mr. Luís Azevedo Mendes aims to create a framework of mutual and sustainable cooperation in the areas of judicial inspections, disciplinary investigations and matters of mutual interest, with the aim of strengthening integrity and professional ethics, institutional development and improving the capacities of the parties. The Office of the High Inspector of Justice and the High Judicial Council of Portugal agreed to cooperate through the exchange of information and documentation, study visits and staff exchanges, the organization of training activities and thematic meetings, the development of joint projects and initiatives, as well as other agreed forms of cooperation.

During the official meeting at the High Judicial Council of Portugal, the High Inspector of Justice, Mr. Artur Metani, together with the accompanying delegation, were introduced to the competences of the Council and the functioning of the inspection service for judges. For his part, Mr. Metani presented the functions of the HIJ, as the institution responsible for verifying complaints, investigating disciplinary violations, initiating disciplinary proceedings against judges and prosecutors of all levels, as well as for the institutional inspection of courts and prosecution' offices.

During the visit to the Supreme Court, the delegation from HIJ was introduced to the inspection process of Supreme Court judges and exchanged experiences on supervision practices.

The visit to the Court of Appeal of Porto included working sessions and discussions on the monitoring and evaluation of the performance of courts and judges, the disciplinary regime, sanctions and disciplinary procedures at all their stages. The MEENOS project was also presented, which aims to simplify the language used in judicial decisions to increase their clarity and accessibility. The MEENOS project (Modernization of the Justice Sector in Portugal) is an initiative of the Portuguese Judicial Council, which aims to improve the efficiency, transparency and clarity in the functioning of the judicial system, through innovative practices, training and advanced standards of professional communication.

The cooperation between the High Inspector of Justice and the Portuguese Judicial Council has been developing for a long time, also within the framework of the European Network of Justice Inspection Services (RESIJ), where both institutions are members, with a focus on the exchange of practices and the strengthening of inspection standards in justice.

Memorandum of understanding between the Office of the High Inspector of Justice of the Republic of Albania and the High Judicial Council of the Portuguese Republic



HIGH INSPECTOR OF JUSTICE
NEWSLETTER





LEGAL EDUCATION STARTS FROM SCHOOL: METANI MEETINGS IN PËRMET AND KËLCYRË



The High Inspector of Justice, Mr. Artur Metani, accompanied by inspectors and members of the ILD staff, held working meetings with students and teachers at “Nonda Bulka” School in Përmet and “Kamber Bënja” School in Këlcyrë, as part of the institution’s public communication strategy to promote legal education. These meetings aim to strengthen HIJ’s interaction with the community through direct contact with various social groups across the country.

At “Nonda Bulka” School in Përmet, the students had prepared and presented the case study “Dilemmas of Justice”, engaging in a structured debate divided into two teams, with arguments for and against the case under discussion. Their involvement and the level of discussion were recognized through the distribution of certificates to the participants.

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Speaking about the tradition that the HIJ has established through cooperation with university and school students, Mr. Metani noted that such interactions with justice institutions should continue in the future. The High Inspector of Justice emphasized that schools are the place where society is shaped, and that tomorrow these students will also become part of the justice system.

The school principals, Ms. Anida Hajredini of “Nonda Bulka” in Përmet and Mr. Arben Zoto of “Kamber Bënja”, in Këlcyrë, thanked the High Inspector of Justice for selecting these schools for this informative meeting and presented to Mr. Metani and his team the progress of educational activity and institutional tradition, reflected in the school museum.





“PETRO NINI LUARASI” HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, STUDY VISIT TO HIJ



The Office of the High Inspector of Justice hosted today a group of high school graduates from the “Petro Nini Luarasi” high school in Tirana, for a study visit to HIJ which is a consolidated practice of the institution in the framework of informing through legal education of young people, not only with educational institutions in Tirana, but also in the districts. At the start of the activity, the young people were greeted by the High Inspector of Justice Mr. Artur Metani, who among other things noted that it is important for HIJ to be as close as possible to schools, while explaining to them the concept of separation of powers, their independence and the role of HIJ between the three powers, the executive, the legislative and the judiciary. Mr. Metani said that the Constitution has provided for the HIJ as a mechanism to check and supervise the work of the judiciary, regarding violations or abuses, but without violating their independence in decision-making.

Next, the non-magistrate inspector Ms. Joana Sorraj and the assistant inspector Mr. Julis Zebi, introduced the graduates to how the Office of the High Inspector of Justice functions and how it can be used by citizens. They explained to the graduates the role and functions of the HIJ, the ways in which the work of the institution is carried out in practice and the challenges to make the justice system more efficient and more reliable for the public. The graduates also learned how to file a complaint with the HIJ, who has the right to file a complaint and whether the High Inspector of Justice himself can initiate a disciplinary procedure even without a complaint (meaning on his own initiative).

Inspector Joana Sorraj and Assistant Inspector Julis Zebi responded to the interest of high school students, who aspire to continue their studies in law, on the work processes of inspectors, the deadlines for reviewing complaints, the admissibility of a complaint and the position of the magistrate, during an investigation and disciplinary proceedings. Inspector Joana Sorraj emphasized the importance that the institution gives to respecting the independence of magistrates, the balance with their accountability, as well as the legitimate interest of citizens in the way justice is administered. Also, a point of discussion was related to the inspections of the HIJ in courts and prosecution offices and the results of these inspections.

Another topic that was discussed was the monitoring role of the HIJ in the justice system, through inspections in courts and prosecution offices, as well as the results that emerge from these inspections.

This study visit is part of the activities that the Office of the High Inspector of Justice organizes inside and outside the institution with various social groups, within the framework of the 2026–2028 program for information, legal education and public awareness, with the aim of acquiring legal knowledge and raising awareness about the importance of law application.





March OF HIJ IN NUMBERS

During March 2026, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice administered **136 complaints** which were submitted by **citizens**. The Office ensured the standardized confirmation process of receiving complaints for newly submitted complaints in accordance with procedural requirements.

Complaints involving judges and prosecutors were assigned to Inspectors and are currently at different stages of processing, including initial review, archiving, verification, or draft decision issuance.

ARCHIVED	VERIFICATION	DISCIPLINARY PROCESS
<p>Out of 142 cases reviewed, 83 decisions were rendered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· 54 archiving decisions after initial review· 29 archiving decisions after verification	<p>29 verification decisions</p>	<p>1 decision for the initiation of disciplinary investigation for 1 magistrate (1 prosecutor)</p>

COMPLAINT PROCESS AT HIJ

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".



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.



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISIONS

Even during the month of **March 2026**, the Office of the High Inspector of Justice made public announcements of archiving decisions for **9 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.



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: elis.kuci@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.

*During **March 2026**, at the Office of High Inspector of Justice, **28 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).*

HIJ IN TWITTER

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Our tradition of cooperating 🤝 with students 🎓 continues, aiming to make legal education about the HIJ ⚖️ and the justice system in Albania understandable and accessible. #HIJ #legaleducation #Përmet #Këlcyrë 📌



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Through sustainable cooperation in inspections and disciplinary investigations ⚖️, we build integrity, professional ethics, and stronger institutions. #HIJ #CSM 🇲🇩 🇲🇪 📌



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Today with Luís Azevedo Mendes, Vice-President of Portugal's Judicial Council we signed a memorandum to establish lasting cooperation in judicial inspections, disciplinary investigations, shared priorities, strengthening integrity, ethics and institutional capacity. #HIJ 🇲🇩 🇲🇪 #CSM 🇲🇩 🇲🇪



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At the Supreme Court of Portugal, Mr. Raúl Borges, Supreme Court Judge, shared his experience as inspector and actually as Extraordinary Inspector who assist in several high profile disciplinary cases of high court judges. #exchangingpractices ⚖️ #HIJ 🇲🇩 🇲🇪 #CSM 🇲🇩 🇲🇪



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An intensive workday today with sessions and discussions on monitoring and evaluating court and judge performance, comparing Portuguese and Albanian models of disciplinary regimes, sanctions, and procedures at all stages. #MEENOS #HIJ 🇲🇩 🇲🇪 #CSM 🇲🇩 🇲🇪



MEENOS Project:
A new paradigm of the
judiciary and inspections

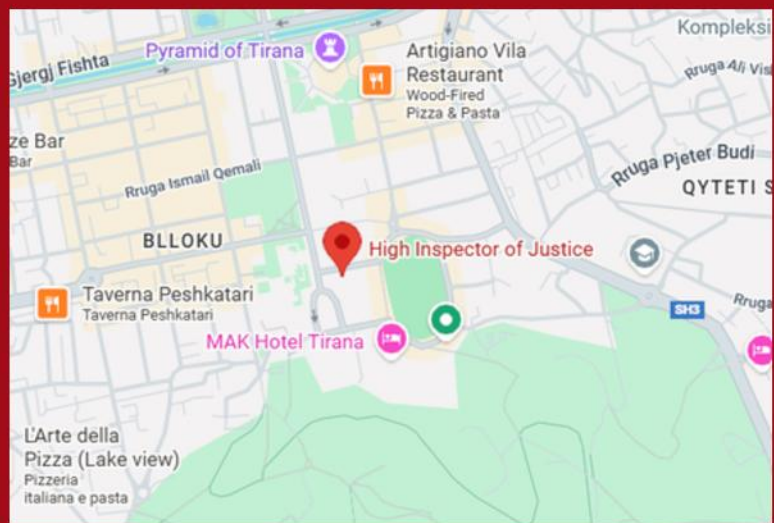
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