

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT:

PARTNERSHIP JUSTITIA: REGAINING CITIZENS' TRUST

Project lead: European Policy Institute (EPI) – Skopje

Project partner: Association for Development Initiatives – Zenith

Associates: Association of Judges of the Republic of Macedonia

OVERALL OBJECTIVE: To contribute to regaining citizens' trust in Macedonia's justice sector by meaningful civil society involvement in substantive reforms.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- 1 To provide structured monitoring and comprehensive input to the implementation of the Justice Sector Reform Strategy by civil society;
- 2 To enhance the capacities of CSOs and justice sector stakeholders for participation in judicial reform processes by exchange of know-how, including transfer of EU best practices;
- 3 To support and promote meaningful dialogue between CSOs, justice sector stakeholders and citizens on justice sector reforms through public policy advocacy.

TARGET GROUP:

National and local CSOs; Media; Law students; Professional associations in the judiciary; Council on monitoring of the reform of the justice sector; Ministry of Justice; Supreme Court; basic and appellate courts and public prosecution offices; Judicial Council; Council of Public Prosecutors; Academy for judges and public prosecutors.

FINAL BENEFICIARIES:

Justice sector institutions (Ministry of justice, court and public prosecution system and related institutions and stakeholders), professional associations in the judiciary; CSOs, media, academia, citizens and the society at large.



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ESTIMATED RESULTS:

R1: Civil society works together with public institutions in evidence-based monitoring and implementation of the justice sector reform strategy;

R2: Increased knowledge and expertise of CSOs and justice sector institutions on regional and EU best practices related to the justice sector, as well as enhanced capacities for active participation in reform development, implementation, monitoring and/or evaluation;

R3: Increased public policy advocacy by CSOs and the justice sector institutions in front of decision-makers and citizens.

MAIN ACTIVITIES:

CLUSTER 1: MONITORING

- ✓ Developing a monitoring matrix with citizen-oriented performance based indicators;
- ✓ Tracking satisfaction of court users with performance surveys;
- ✓ Assessing the quality and uniformity of court decisions in 3 priority legal areas - criminal, misdemeanour and civil law.

CLUSTER 2: ADVANCE

- ✓ Study visit for representatives of key justice sector institutions to EU Member States;
- ✓ Transfer of best practices and peer-exchange from accession countries;
- ✓ Capacity-building workshop on strategic foresight and accession negotiation process.

CLUSTER 3: INFORM

- ✓ Annual policy dialogues workshops;
- ✓ Consultative meetings on reform progress;
- ✓ Consultations and networking;
- ✓ Communication and public policy advocacy.



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