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Phase II

EU4JUSTICE



Support to Judicial Professionalism and the Fight against
Organised Crime and Corruption in Bosnia and Herzegovina

ABOUT THE PROJECT

PRINCIPLES FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND CREDIBILITY

The activities carried out by the EU4Justice project will be in line with the following underlying principles to ensure their sustainability and credibility:

- Building upon the results and lessons learned from the Phase I of the Project to continue supporting the rule of law in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) and enhance the capacities of the judiciary to meet European Union (EU) standards
- Always assessing and analysing the current status quo before proposing an intervention and acting upon it
- Creating a forum for policy dialogue on strategic subjects through involving a wide range of stakeholders
- Detailed and in-depth consultation with High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council (HJPC) of BiH staff (Secretariat and relevant departments) in order to have a complete and updated understanding of the state of play under each topic before actual interventions
- Regular attendance of Council and Standing Commissions sessions and conferences, and meetings with Council members, to ensure their full ownership, approval, and commitment of project activities
- Introducing a strong multidisciplinary and peer-to-peer approach with the different target groups of the Project beneficiaries
- Ensuring transparency of the planning and working process and providing adequate visibility for key Project results
- Equal involvement of beneficiaries and stakeholders from the Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brcko District BiH

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Contracting Authority:
European Commission

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Project duration:
36 months
1 December 2022
30 November 2025



Project budget:
€4.5 million

EU4Justice – Phase II project in BiH aims to strengthen the rule of law and fight against organised crime and corruption by enhancing the independence, effectiveness, accountability, and efficiency of the justice sector in BiH. The project is funded by the EU through an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) special measure and is implemented by EF, in partnership with IRZ and FIIAPP.

The Project **EU4JUSTICE – PHASE II: Support to Judicial Professionalism and the Fight against Organised Crime and Corruption in BiH** is funded by the European Union, and implemented by Expertise France (EF) in cooperation with the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ) and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP).

The **general objective** of the Project is to further align the justice system of BiH with European standards and the EU Acquis through strengthening the rule of law, notably by enhancing the independence, quality, effectiveness, accountability, and efficiency in the justice sector and its results in the fight against organised crime and corruption.

The **specific objectives** of the action are:

- The HJPC and the Ministry of Justice of BiH (MoJ BiH) effectively monitor the justice sector;
- Judicial Office Holders (JOHs) are better trained, controlled and advised on integrity;
- Efficiency, transparency, and security of the judiciary are improved;
- Organised crime and corruption cases are processed more effectively by the judiciary.

The EU4Justice – Phase II Project
has **4 main components** and **16 main activities**,
further broken down in **40 sub-activities**.

COMPONENT 1:

Strengthen the monitoring and evaluation capacities of the judiciary

Activity 1.1: Support the HJPC and MOJ BiH's capacities to monitor and evaluate the implementation of reform programmes

Activity 1.2: Support the HJPC's capacities to monitor the implementation of policies by institutions and JOHs

Activity 1.3: Strengthen HJPC's capacities in monitoring and enhancing the performance of the judiciary

COMPONENT 2:

Strengthen the integrity capacities of the HJPC

Activity 2.1: Support in preparing the establishment of the system for asset declaration and verification

Activity 2.2: Support to the implementation of a confidential counseling mechanism on ethics and integrity

Activity 2.3: Support in improving integrity-related training schemes

COMPONENT 3:

Strengthen the HJPC's capacities in areas relevant for the execution of its core competences

Activity 3.1: Support the HJPC in reinforcing the concept of judicial career management: initial appointment as a JOH

Activity 3.2: Support the HJPC in reinforcing the concept of judicial career management: internal transfers/promotions of JOHs

Activity 3.3: Support the HJPC in improving disciplinary liability of the judiciary

Activity 3.4: Support the HJPC in developing a security strategy of the judiciary

Activity 3.5: Provide legal opinions on draft legislative proposals

COMPONENT 4:

Support the coordination and cooperation within the criminal justice chain in tackling organised crime and corruption

Activity 4.1: Support the improvement of the management of trial proceedings

Activity 4.2: Support in reviewing efficiency and work on the proceedings of organised crime and corruption cases

Activity 4.3: Support in reinforcing transparency in processing high level organised crime and corruption

Activity 4.4: Assistance in fostering cooperation between prosecutors' offices and law enforcement agencies

Activity 4.5: *Ad hoc* assistance to Prosecutor's Office BiH (PO BiH) on complex organised crime and corruption cases

MAIN PARTNERS AND BENEFICIARIES:



OTHER NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS:

- The Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Centre of Federation of BiH and the Judicial and Prosecutorial Training Centre of Republika Srpska
- Asset recovery agencies
- Law enforcement agencies
- Civil society organisations
- Judges' and prosecutors' professional associations
- Bar association and lawyers
- Law faculties
- Stakeholders from the international community

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