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EFFECTIVE JUSTICE TO PROTECT THE FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS AND PRIVACY OF PEOPLE IN THE ONLINE SPACE

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FINAL BENEFICIARIES

Citizens including vulnerable groups; Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors; Public prosecutors; Judges; Personal Data Protection Agency; Ministry of Interior; Ministry of Justice; Civil Society Organisations; Legal Practitioners.

The overall objective of the action is to enhance the capacity of judiciary to protect citizens' privacy as well as other rights and fundamental freedoms affected by the new technologies in the online space in line with the EU regulation and standards.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. To increase the knowledge and understanding of present and future judges and public prosecutors about the data and privacy protection legislation and international standards
2. To provide a general framework for judicial actors to assess matters of privacy and data protection in the face of other fundamental rights
3. To promote and support broad policy dialogue between the judiciary, relevant government agencies (ex. Personal Data Protection Agency), CSOs and other stakeholder for improvement of legislation and policies regarding growing challenges for fundamental rights and freedoms imposed by the new technologies

The key facts & figures relevant to the project:

- Project duration: 24 months
- Start date of the project: 1st of February, 2023
- End date of the project: 31st of January, 2025

Figures

- Cost of the action: 175,411.5 EUR
- EU contribution: 166,640.93 EUR
- EU contribution percentage: 95%



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ACTIVITIES

1st Cluster – Capacity Building

- 1.1 Designing Training Needs Assessment and Training Action Plan for judiciary and prosecution
- 1.2 Drafting training curricula for judiciary and public prosecution
- 1.3 Consolidating training curricula with AJPP and integration in the annual training programme
- 1.4 Delivery of trainings on privacy, data protection and human rights in online space to judges and public prosecutors
- 1.5. Delivery of Training for Trainers (ToT) programme

2nd Cluster – Research and Policy Framework

- 2.1. Development of GAP assessment report and comparative analysis of the role of judiciary in North Macedonia in safeguarding privacy rights in the online space
- 2.2. Preparing Guidelines for Judicial actors on Privacy and Data Protection in North Macedonia

3rd Cluster – Advocacy and Policy Dialogue

- 3.1 Drafting 4 discussion papers in key ICT areas relevant for the judiciary regarding protection of privacy online
- 3.2 Strategic roundtables for policy discussions
- 3.3 Integrating the conclusions and recommendation from the expert roundtables in a policy document outlining key recommendations for increasing the capacity of the judiciary and prosecution
- 3.4 Public campaign to educate citizens on how they can claim their rights before judicial institutions.

RESULTS

- Strengthened protection of personal data and privacy affected by the new technologies
- Training needs assessment of judiciary and public prosecution
- Training curriculums, methodologies and materials on data protection and protection of privacy in civil and criminal matters
- Embedded training curriculum in the training programme of the AJPP
- Trainings delivered to 100 judges and court staff, 50 public prosecutors and prosecutorial administrative staff, 20 employees from the Ministry of Interior and created pool of 5 qualified and trained experts
- Comprehensive gap assessment measuring the level of compliance between domestic legislation, policies, practices and those of EU
- Guidelines for Judicial actors on Privacy and Data Protection in online space
- 4 discussion papers on (1) Institutional set-up for privacy protection; (2) Use of algorithms and artificial intelligence (AI) in judiciary; (3) Investigating and prosecuting privacy violations on social networks and web pages; (4) Digitalization of the judiciary and data protection
- Developed joint conclusions and recommendations from the four strategic policy forum discussions
- Policy study outlining key recommendations from the policy forums on how the judiciary can keep up with the ICT challenges in regards to citizens' rights and fundamental freedoms
- 2 videos and 6 infographics as practical guidelines for citizens on how to claim their privacy rights before the competent courts