



Implementation of Rule of Law

RULE OF LAW THROUGH EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

EULEX judges have delivered over 566 verdicts, including 423 verdicts on criminal cases such as corruption, organized crime and war crimes. These verdicts have included former judges, police officers, assembly members, prosecutors and other high-level officials.

The Mission investigated or filed indictments on 250 war crimes cases, thus substantially clearing the backlog of war crimes in Kosovo. Apart from the inherited cases, the Mission initiated 51 new war crime investigations and conducted the first investigations into rape as a war crime prosecuting a number of such cases. EULEX has obtained 30 verdicts in the field of war crimes, including in the first-ever cases prosecuting conflict-related sexual violence.

The Mission's prosecutors in the SPRK are involved in 256 cases – 130 war crimes, 15 financial crimes, 32 anti-corruption crimes, 69 organized crimes, and 10 counter terrorism.

Between 2009 and 2014, 10.658 cases were finalized by the Special Chamber of the Supreme Court which includes 8 international judges.

EULEX, through the Kosovo Property Claims Commission (KPCC), has adjudicated over 40.000 conflict related property cases. The final KPCC session was held in December 2014.

Also, the Kosovo Property Agency Appeals Panels at the Supreme Court decided over 450 appeals on decisions of the KPCC.

Through EULEX judges, criminal cases are again being heard at the Mitrovica Basic Court, giving the Mitrovica community better access to justice. Since the start of the Mission, over 90 cases have been heard in Mitrovica.

The Department for Forensic Medicine (DFM) has conducted 477 field operations to locate Missing Persons identifying the remains of 398 individuals. Thousands of documents have been reviewed and 2156 bone samples have been sent for DNA analysis.

EULEX pursued the excavation of the site of an alleged mass grave at Raska, which led, after several years of trying, to the discovery of the remains of more than 50 persons. The Mission continues to pursue the cases of Mejë/Meja, Lubeniq/Ljubenic and Krusha e Vogel/Mala Krusa. Partly due to EULEX's facilitation of international legal cooperation, Serbia indicted and recently convicted ten persons for the Qyshk/Cuska Massacre.

EULEX has been a key interlocutor between Kosovo and international policing organizations such as Interpol and Europol and Ministries of Justice worldwide. A joint EULEX/KP/ Europol operation in January 2013 led to the arrest of 100 suspects in several EU states.



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SUPPORT TO THE DIALOGUE, NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN PRISTINA AND BELGRADE, & RESTORATION OF RULE OF LAW THROUGHOUT NORTHERN KOSOVO

EULEX supported the training of the KP north Quick Response Team, which became operational on 9 May 2014. Since then it has conducted 15 operations and has proven itself in several crowd and riot control situations.

EULEX facilitated the integration of 287 Kosovo Serb police officers into the KP Command north.

EULEX, in cooperation with the EU Office and European Commission, copied and certified 12,391 books of Kosovo's original civil registry, which were located in Serbia. This project will help Kosovo to establish a reliable civil registry, enabling Kosovo to generate biometric IDs and civil documents for its citizens.

EULEX assisted KP with building a multi-ethnic specialized unit to provide protection for 23 religious and cultural heritage sites throughout Kosovo.

EULEX provided both advice and material support for the establishment and staffing of IBM Crossing Points (CPs). The six interim Crossing Points opened between December 2012 and February 2013. EULEX is now working with the European Commission and local authorities to support the construction of six permanent crossing points.

EULEX Officers at the joint northern Crossing Points have supported Kosovo Customs in implementing full customs controls for all traffic and the collection of associated revenues and taxes.

EULEX facilitated the implementation of the freedom of movement agreement, allowing Kosovo residents to travel freely through Serbia with ID cards and Kosovo vehicle licence plates. Starting on 15 November 2014, this arrangement was expanded to include two airports and four additional border crossing points with Hungary, Bulgaria, FYROM and Croatia.

RULE OF LAW DEVELOPMENT THROUGH MONITORING, MENTORING AND ADVISING (MMA)

EULEX supported the Kosovo Judicial Council and Kosovo Prosecutorial Council in building an independent, professional and accountable judicial and prosecutorial system that is capable of fighting political interference and implementing judicial reforms.

EULEX provided legislative assistance to Kosovo authorities with the drafting process of over 110 laws, administrative instructions and regulations.

EULEX supported structural changes in Kosovo Customs which aided in achieving a 5% increase in revenue collection. With EULEX mentoring to Kosovo Customs at Pristina airport, the amount of money seized increased 500%.

EULEX supported Kosovo authorities in developing operational and staffing plans for the new Podujevë/Podujevo High Security Prison, refurbishing Mitrovica Detention Centre, and improving prison security and constructive prisoner engagement.