

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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FOREWORD BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT, ARTA RAMA HAJRIZI

The Constitutional Court, as the ultimate authority for the interpretation of the Constitution and for the protection of fundamental human rights and freedoms in the Republic of Kosovo, closed 2019 with dense activities and with a larger number of cases reviewed than the previous year.

All activities carried out and decisions rendered in 2019 are presented in this annual working report of the Court, which, *inter alia*, contains statistical data on the number of the referrals filed, the structure of decisions, the ethnicity of the Applicants, the percentage of cases resolved and carried over, as well as the nature of the violations alleged by the parties.

Budget expenditures and financial statements, study and official visits, gender structure and number of current employees, capital and infrastructure investments, as well as the work of each department and organizational unit of the Court are also part of this annual report.

In addition to presenting the one-year work of each department and organizational unit, the report seeks to provide a comprehensive overview of the processing of the Court cases and decision-making.

When it comes to the decisions taken and the important referrals that were reviewed, the Court published a total of 184 decisions on its website last year, 16 of which were judgments.

Of all the referrals filed in which the Court found a violation of the right to fair and impartial trial, I wish to emphasize the following referrals:

In Referral KI10/18, filed by Mr. Fahri Deqani, who requested the constitutional review of Judgment Pml. No. 357/2017, of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo, of 22 December 2017, the Court held that in the Applicant's case, the regular courts did not justified the extension of the detention on remand against the Applicant and consequently the Court found a violation of Article 29, paragraph 1, item (2) of the Constitution.

Another important referral was also Referral KI87/18, filed by "IF Skadeforsikring", which requested the constitutional review of Judgment E. Rev. No. 27/2017 of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo of 24 January 2018. In this case, the Court found that the Supreme Court did not justify the change of its practice with regard to the assignment of the penalty interest, which had resulted in a breach of the principle of the consistency of the case law and legal certainty, to the detriment of the Applicant. The Court found a violation of the Applicant's right to fair and impartial trial.

Another important case was the Referral No. KI48/18, filed by Arban Abrashi and the Democratic League of Kosovo, who challenged two decisions of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo regarding the right to judicial protection of rights and electoral rights as well as participation guaranteed by Articles 54 and 45 of the Constitution. The Court held that the challenged decisions of the Supreme Court did not infringe the Applicants' rights and that they were rendered in accordance with Articles 54 and 45 of the Constitution.

In relation to the referrals submitted by the institutions authorized under Article 113 of the Constitution, the Court in 2019 also considered the case KO43/19, submitted by thirty two (32) deputies of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo, who requested the constitutional review of the Law No. 06/L-145 on the Duties, Responsibilities and Competences of the State

Delegation of the Republic of Kosovo in the Dialogue Process with Serbia. The Court declared the challenged law incompatible with the Constitution in entirety, as the substantive articles of the said law were in violation of Articles 4, 7, 65, 93 and 94 of the Constitution.

Last year, in addition to decision-making and reviewing cases, the Constitutional Court also conducted many other activities that took place in the form of official visits in the country and abroad, as well as participation in international conferences and professional trainings.

On 23 October 2019, the Court celebrated the 10th anniversary of its founding with a solemn ceremony in which, together with the institutional and international representatives in the country, the delegation of the highest level of the European Constitutional Courts and of the Venice Commission participated.

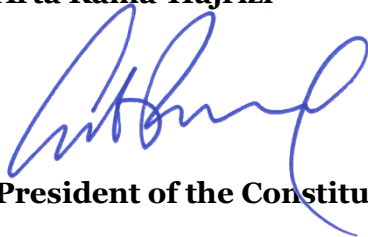
With the support of the Council of Europe Office in Prishtina and the Norwegian Embassy in Kosovo, last year the Constitutional Court also launched the project aimed at enhancing the professional capacities of the Court, with the aim of more effective implementation of the European standards in dealing with individual complaints and communication with the public.

For further details regarding the other activities and visits the Court conducted in 2019, you may refer to the content of this annual report.

In the end, I wish to thank all the judges and officials of the Constitutional Court for their commitment to the realization and successful accomplishment of the annual working plan.

I would also like to express special thanks to all the international partners and donors of the Constitutional Court, and in particular to: Council of Europe Office in Prishtina, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), German Agency for International Development (Germany) GIZ) and the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ).

Arta Rama-Hajrizi



President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo

INTRODUCTORY NOTE BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL MILOT VOKSHI

I have the special honor to present the Annual Work Report 2019 about the work of the Secretariat of the Court, a mechanism that supports the Constitutional Court and ensures an efficient and effective functioning of the Court administration.

Same as the previous annual reports, this annual report provides an overview of activities of the Court during the previous year, on the work and results of each department and unit of the administration of the Constitutional Court.

In 2019 too, the Secretariat was highly committed in reaching the work objectives and successfully concluding projects foreseen by the Work Plan 2019, as well as in drafting and fully implementing the Strategic Plan of the Court 2018 – 2020.

The Secretariat was in particular focused on filling vacant job positions, training and further development of professional capacity of staff and on further development, drafting and implementation of work rules and procedures, with the aim of ensuring a higher performance of the Secretariat, within the scope of its responsibilities.

The accomplishment of the identified objectives is a result of the team work of the Secretariat personnel, therefore, just like in the past years, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the staff of the Secretariat for the given contribution and for the results achieved in the implementation of the work plans, and in ensuring efficient and effective functioning of the Court.

Special thanks are given to donors, who during 2019 as well, with their assistance had an effect on the achievement of the general success of the Court.

In particular, on my behalf and on behalf of the Secretariat staff, I thank the judges and the President of the Court, Mr. sc. Arta Rama-Hajrizi for the encouragement, support and professional support they have given in overcoming the challenges.

The Secretariat will remain committed also in 2020 to implementing the Work Plan and the Strategic Plan for the period 2018-2020.

Milot Vokshi



Secretary General

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT

2019

The Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo is the final authority in the Republic of Kosovo for interpretation of the Constitution and for compliance of laws with the Constitution, and is fully independent in exercising its responsibilities.

In 2019, the Constitutional Court received 241 new referrals.

From the Referrals filed with the Court in 2019, it decided on 133 referrals, whereas it published in the website of the Court and served 128 decisions on the parties.

All decisions of the Court were published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo. In compliance with Article 115 of the Constitution, the Constitutional Court approved its annual report 2019, on 29 July 2020.

In compliance with Article 115.2 of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo and, in accordance with Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo 01/2018, the Secretariat organized 4 (four) administrative sessions, and rendered 23 (twenty three) decisions. Among the most important decisions were:

- Approval of the Annual Working Report for 2018;
- Approval of the amendments of the Regulation for the Legal Unit; and
- Approval of the Annual Working Plan of the Secretary General for 2019.

The Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo during 2019 was composed of:

Arta Rama-Hajrizi, President
Bajram Ljatifi, Deputy President
Bekim Sejdiu, Judge
Selvete Gërxhaliu-Krasniqi, Judge
Gresa Caka-Nimani, Judge
Safet Hoxha, Judge
Radomir Laban, Judge
Remzije Istrefi-Peci, Judge
Nexhmi Rexhepi, Judge



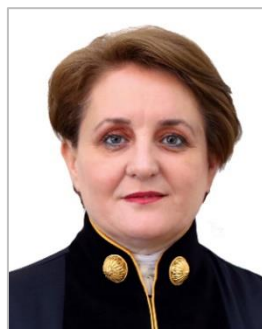
**Arta Rama-Hajrizi,
President**



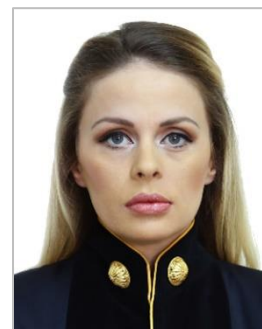
**Bajram Ljatifi,
Deputy President**



**Bekim Sejdiu,
Judge**



**Selvete Gerxhaliu-
Krasniqi,
Judge**



**Gresa Caka Nimani,
Judge**



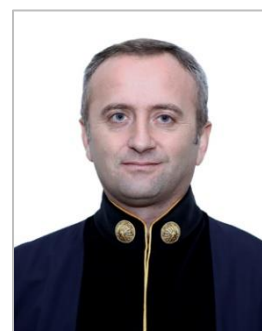
**Safet Hoxha,
Judge**



**Remzije Istrefi-
Peci,
Judge**



**Radomir Laban,
Judge**



**Nexhmi Rexhepi,
Judge**

SECRETARIAT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT

The Secretariat of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo, pursuant to Article 12 of the Law on the Constitutional Court and in accordance with Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure 01/2018, performed administrative work supporting the functioning of the Constitutional Court.

The Secretariat is managed by the Secretary General, who pursuant to Article 12.4 is responsible for the organization and management of the Secretariat. The organizational structure of the Secretariat consists of:

- Office of the Secretary General;
- Department of Administration and Human Resources (DAHR);
- Department for Case Registration, Statistics and Archive (DCRSA);
- Department of Professional Support (DPS);
- Department of Budget and Finance (DBF);
- Communication and Information Office (CIO);
- Internal Audit Unit (IAU);
- Procurement Unit (PU); and
- Information Technology, Communication and Multimedia Unit (ITCMU).

In the accomplishment of the objective of the Strategic Plan of the Constitutional Court for the period 2018-2020, out of the **150** activities envisaged for development in 2019, **131** of them have been successfully implemented.

The functioning of the Legal Unit (LU), which includes the positions of constitutional-legal advisors and other legal staff, as well as its structure and organization, are regulated by Regulation no. 03/2019 for Legal Unit. Constitutional-legal advisors support the professional work of judges.

In 2019, the Secretariat has accomplished these following objectives:

- Implementation of Strategic Plan 2018-2020;
- Drafting the Mid-Term Expenditure Framework for the 2018-2020;
- Designing the Risk Register for 2019;

In order to increase the level of transparency at work, in line with the objectives of the Strategic Plan of the Court (2018-2020), at the administrative session held on 13 May 2019, the judges of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo took a decision since June, that the public opinion and the media be informed about all cases reviewed and decided in the regular review sessions. Notices with summary information regarding the decisions adopted after each reviewing session, in addition to being sent to the media, are also published on the website of the Constitutional Court: www.gjk-ks.org. For judgments of particular importance to the public and the state institutions, the notifications about the decisions from the review sessions contain more detailed information regarding the decided case.

In the past year, the Secretariat of the Constitutional Court also published:

- Annual working report for 2018;
- Newsletter no. 8 (January-June 2019);
- Newsletter no. 9 (July-December 2019);
- Bulletin of case law 2018, in three languages.

**LEGAL UNIT
(LU)**

LEGAL UNIT (LU)

The Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo, based on the Law on the Constitutional Court and the Rules of Procedure of the Constitutional Court, has established the Legal Unit as a separate organizational structure that directly reports to the President and performs its duties in support of the professional work of judges.

The primary role of the Legal Unit is to provide professional support to the judges of the Court in the process of drafting preliminary reports; final decisions of the Court; as well as all other legal material necessary for the work of the Court. In this regard, the Legal Unit is responsible for assisting the Court in ensuring a high quality of decision-making and consistency of the case law. For such purposes, the Legal Unit conducts exhaustive legal research at the level of national law of the Republic of Kosovo; regional and international constitutional law; international and comparative law; opinions, recommendations and best practices announced under the auspices of the Council of Europe and the Venice Commission; the case law of the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court of Justice; and, where appropriate, other international courts.

Other important functions of the Legal Unit are: (i) meeting with the parties and assisting the Secretariat in receiving referrals and additional documents; (ii) filtering all new referrals filed with the Court and drafting an initial filtering report regarding the submitted referral; (iii) identifying the referrals with interim measure and other urgencies that a referral may present depending on the nature of the case; (iv) maintaining and updating databases such as: the database of the type of referrals and raised allegations; database for the implementation of Court decisions; and database to monitor the status of each case from the beginning until its publication. All decisions of the Court are filtered by the Legal Unit prior to publication on the website of the Court in order to provide easier scientific, professional and academic search for all citizens of the Republic of Kosovo and the legal community.

The Legal Unit is composed of: Chief Constitutional Legal Advisor; Juristconsult; Deputy Chief Constitutional Legal Advisors; Senior Constitutional Legal Advisors; Constitutional Legal Advisors; Senior Legal Advisor for Administration of Referrals; and Constitutional Legal Secretaries. Currently, the Legal Unit is composed of 14 members and is managed by the Chief Constitutional Legal Advisor and her two Deputy Chief Constitutional Legal Advisors. All three, including Juristconsult, are elected by the judges of the Court from among senior constitutional legal advisors. The Chief Constitutional Legal Advisor acts in a liaison capacity between the President of the Court and the Secretary-General and is responsible for the smooth operation of the Legal Unit. She assists and advises the Court in the performance of its functions and supervises and supports all members of the Legal Unit in performing their duties. The position of Juristconsult is a new role in the Legal Unit created in 2019. His main role is to advise the Court and to notify it about various matters related to the Court's own case law, with a view to ensuring the consistency of case law. In coordination with Chief Constitutional Legal Advisor, Juristconsult assists in monitoring the content of all draft decisions of the Court (Judgments, Resolutions and Decisions) in order to ensure the high quality of decision-making and the consistency of case law; and, in this respect, proposes relevant recommendations aimed at the consistency and quality of the Court's decision-making.

The members of the Legal Unit have specific roles designed for the needs of the Court. They have the status of full-time employees and are not civil servants. Specific working conditions and precise descriptions of their duties are established in the Law on the Court, the Rules of

Procedure and the Regulation on the Legal Unit. In terms of the advice they provide, they are independent and free to express their professional opinion on any referral in which they work.

The Legal Unit holds regular meetings to discuss various legal and constitutional issues, to monitor the status of cases, to review the possibility of the internal acts of the Court and to hold consultations on the Court's own case law and of the ECtHR. The Legal Unit also prepares various materials for discussion during professional sessions held with judges and advisors of the Court.

An important factor in ensuring effective legal decision-making and improving the drafting of reports and decisions is the professional training of Court's staff in the field of constitutional, international and human rights law. In the framework of the activities of the Court, the members of the Legal Unit participate in professional workshops throughout the year. A full list of activities of legal advisors can be found in Section IX of this report (Court Activities).

The Legal Unit continues to be committed to enhancing its professionalism, through the implementation of various projects, provided and enabled by the strategic partners of the Constitutional Court. Consistently and throughout the year, the Constitutional Court is open to offer meetings with students or the primary and secondary school pupils with an aim of notifying all concerned about the work of the Constitutional Court, its role defined by the Constitution, and the Referrals filed with it.

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN
RESOURCES (DAHR)**

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES (DAHR)

I. Human resources and capacity building

In 2019, the DAHR in implementing the decisions of the Administrative Sessions, organized and supported the recruitment procedures through external vacancies and the promotion procedures through internal vacancies, as well as proceeding with the completion of two vacancies of 2018 which were carried over for the beginning of 2019.

- Closing the vacancy of 2018 to fill one (1) position of Senior Constitutional Law Advisor and two (2) positions of Constitutional Legal Advisor (2), the selected candidates were appointed in the Administrative Session of 21 January 2019, and commenced work on 1 February 2019;
- Organizing two (2) external vacancies to fill two (2) positions: one (1) position Subject Registration Officer, the selected candidate began work on April 1, 2019, and one (1) Officer position for Library, while the selected candidate started working on June 1st;
- Organizing five (5) promotion procedures, through internal vacancies: one (1) Case Registration Officer in the DCRSA, one (1) position Director of DAHR, one (1) position Senior Constitutional Legal Advisor, one (1) position Senior Advisor for Administration and Filtering Referrals, and one (1) Legal Officer in the Office of the Secretary-General;
- Three (3) new positions were added to the Court's Organizational Chart: one (1) position Personnel Manager, one (1) senior Advisor for Administration and Filtering Referrals, and one (1) position Juristconsult;
- Three (3) CCK officials terminated their employment relationship with the CCK, namely, one (1) decision to terminate the employment relationship upon the resignation in the position of Translator and two (2) decisions on termination of employment relationship according to the law, for the positions Director of DAHR and Director of PU;
- Nine (9) interns selected by the vacancy completed the internship and were awarded certificates;
- Regarding the recruitment/promotion procedures we received one (1) complaint addressed to the CCK Appeals Commission regarding the internal vacancy for the position of Director of Administration and Human Resources. Following the response of the Appeals Commission, the official addressed the Independent Oversight Board;
- In relation to the employment dispute, the DAHR, at the invitation of the Basic Court in Prishtina, represented (the Employee) in one (1) preparatory hearing and one (1) hearing session in the civil dispute upon the lawsuit of a former CCK official, whose probation period was not confirmed in 2016. It also attended one (1) main hearing in the Department of Administrative Affairs of the Basic Court, according to Employee's lawsuit against the decision of the TEIP on the same subject matter;
- All employment contracts and staff appointments of the CCK have been updated and harmonized with the payroll, and have been forwarded and executed by the MPA forms

for the correction and harmonization of the CCK allowances, in accordance with the requirements of the External Auditor;

- Nine (9) CCK officials completed ten (10) years of uninterrupted work at the Constitutional Court and were rewarded with a jubilee salary;
- Regarding the implementation of the Strategic Plan, the action plan of the Strategic Plan 2018-2020 is updated on a quarterly basis along with the risk register;
- At the end of this period, the process of annual performance evaluations for all constitutional administrative staff has been completed;
- Certificates of proof of employment have been prepared and provided as required by officials. Staff attendance has been regularly recorded and annual and medical leave records were updated;
- During this year, regarding special holidays, three (3) officials of the CCK used parental leave, with 70% of salary, two (2) officials used unpaid leave, one (1) official suspended with 50% salary suspension, as well as one (1) appointed official with agreed suspension;
- Out of the total number of 70 (seventy) employees allowed under the 2019 budget, at the end of this period, the total number of employees in the payroll is 68, of which 37 are males, or 54.4%, while 31 females, namely 45.6%, while 61% are Albanians (89.7%), 3 Serbs (4.4%), 1 Turkish (1.5%), 2 Bosnians (2.9%) and 1 Montenegrin (1.5%). This number also includes the former President of the CCK and the three officials appointed by him under applicable law.

Figure no. 1: Number of employees by ethnicity:

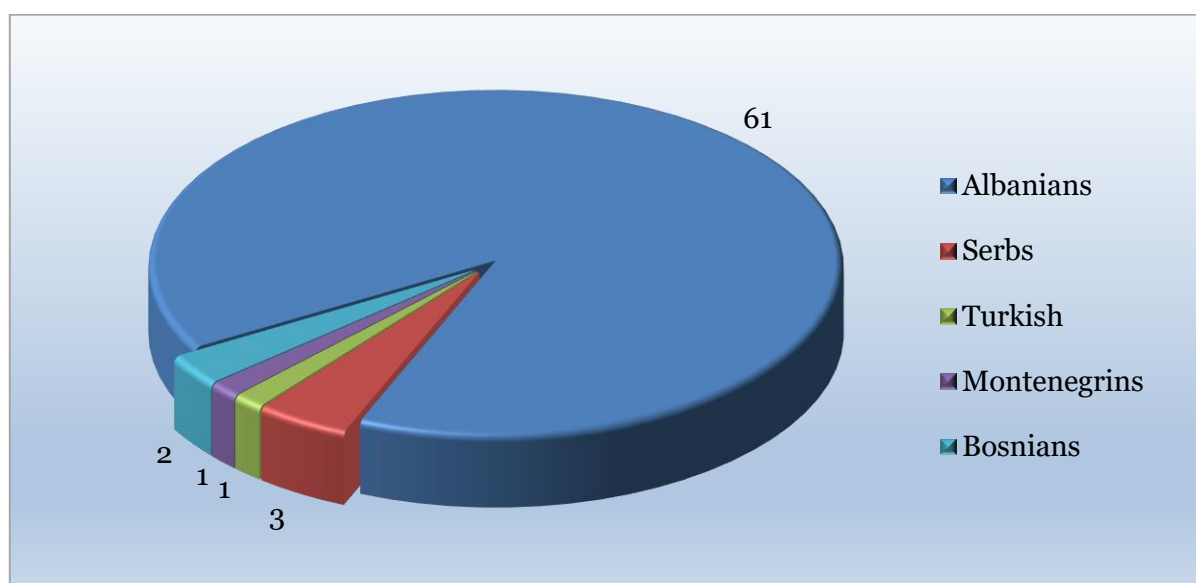
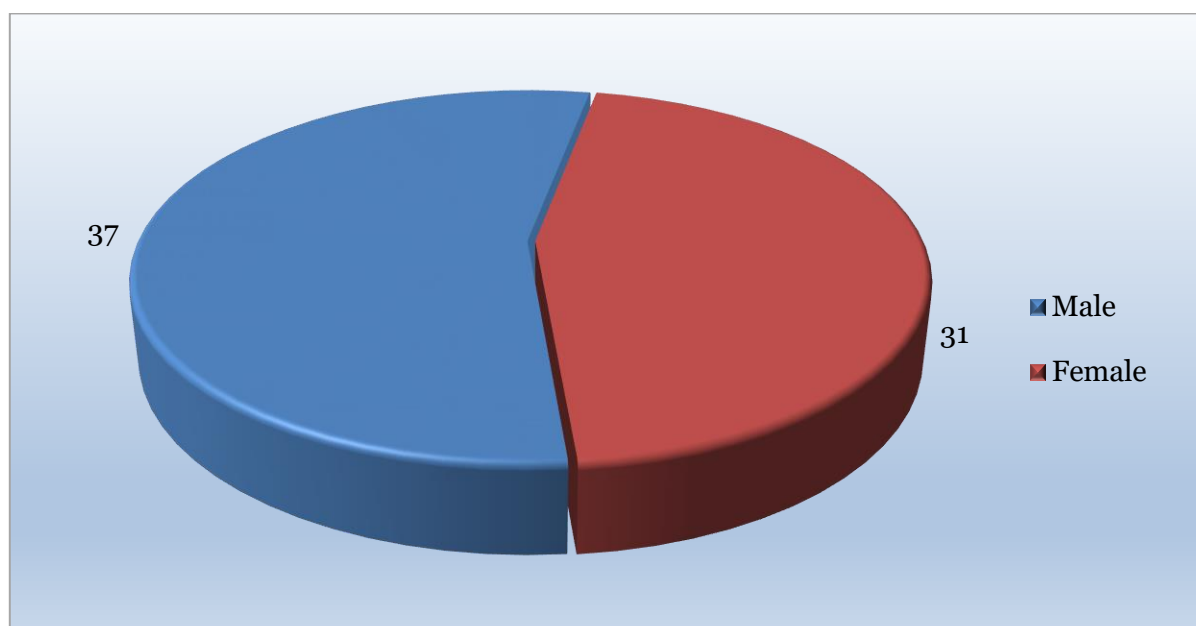


Figure no. 2: Number of employees by gender:



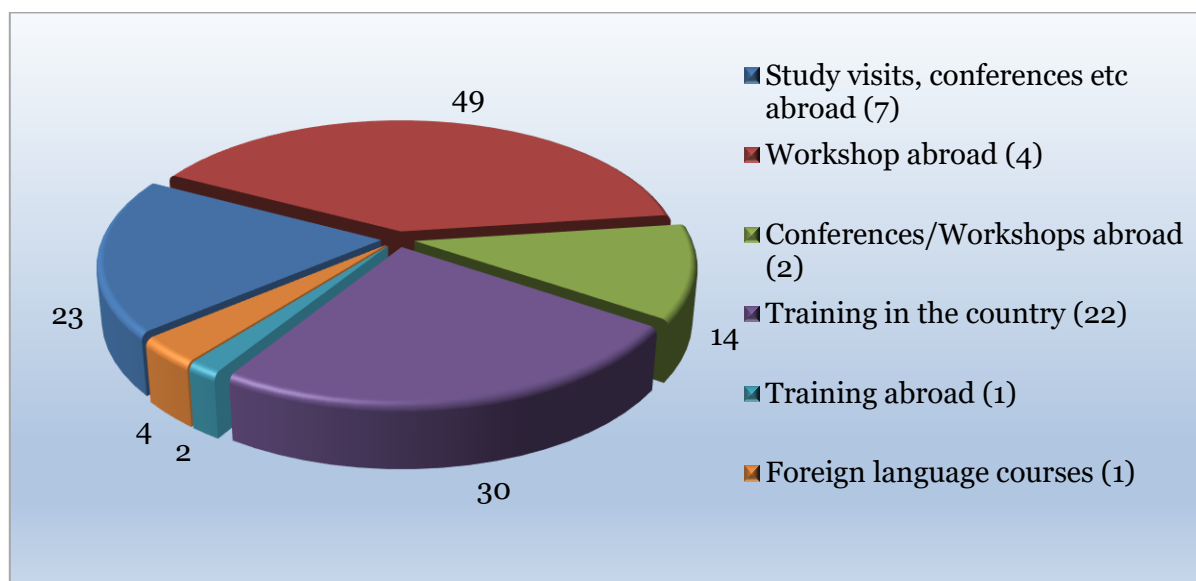
II. Capacity building (training and career development)

In 2019 a total of 7 study visits, conferences, working meetings, summer schools abroad, 4 workshops abroad, 1 workshop and 1 conference in the country, 1 training abroad, 22 trainings in the country, and 1 course of foreign languages, as follows:

- Three workshops were held in Durrës regarding the implementation of the Action Plan of the Constitutional Court, with a total of 48 members from the Court;
- The Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic, in co-operation with the Venice Commission, has organized a conference on the topic “World Conference on Constitutional Justice - 1st training on CODICES and the Venice Forum”, held in Santo Domingo, with 1 participant from the Court;
- A working visit was held in Washington, USA, supported by USAID, with 5 participants from the Constitutional Court;
- In Paris, the training on the topic “Introduction to French Judicial System” was held, organized by Campus France, supported by the French Embassy and the Constitutional Court, with 2 legal advisors from the Court;
- In Rome, Italy, the 18th meeting of the Joint Council of the Constitutional Justice (JCCJ) of the Venice Commission was held, organized by the Venice Commission, with 3 participants from the Court;
- A Study Visit for Legal Advisors was held in Podgorica, Montenegro, which was organized by the Constitutional Court of Montenegro, attended by 7 legal advisors of the Court;
- In Tirana, Albania, a Workshop on the Draft Law on Legal Acts was organized by the OSCE, with 1 legal advisor participant from the Court;

- The 7th Summer School (7th Summer School Program), was organized and held in Ankara, Turkey with 2 legal advisors from the Court;
- A study visit was organized in Strasbourg, France, namely in the European Court of Justice, organized and supported by the Council of Europe, with 3 legal advisors from the Court;
- The Regional Conference “Shared Responsibility in Implementing the ECHR: addressing challenges with (new) judicial tools” was held in Sarajevo, supported by the Council of Europe, with 2 legal advisors from the Court;
- International Conference on the topic: Freedom of Expression and Constitutional Jurisprudence in Western Balkans was held in Prishtina, organized by the Council of Europe with 13 participants from the Court;
- Within the ECDL package, training in the field of IT was held in Prishtina on the topic “IT Security”, organized by Cacctus, with 3 participants from the Court;
- Training on the new version of the E-asset system for IT officers, logistics officers, warehouse officers, property officers and internal auditors, was organized by the Information Society Agency, while it was held at the MPA with 6 participants from the Court;
- In the field of procurement, a total of 4 trainings organized by the PPRC were held in Prishtina where participated officers of the Court who deal with procurement;
- 5 trainings were held in the field of auditing and finance, such as: (i) Training for ISO 9001: 2015 Lead Auditor of Quality Management System, held in Prishtina, organized by Gentle Research Company in cooperation with "TRB Internationale Dokumentierung Technische Kontroll- und Überwachungswesen Industrie und Handel" with 1 participant; (ii) Training on “Internal Control” was held in England with 1 court participant; (iii) Workshop with representatives from the CHU and IAUs of Central Level, organized by CHUIA-MFE in Prishtina, with 1 participant informative meeting on “Audit of Financial Statements 2018, Key Issues”, organized by National Audit Office with 2 members from the Court; and (iv) Training organized by the Ministry of Finance regarding the implementation of the three Financial Administrative Instructions, with 2 participants from the Court;
- 7 trainings were organized in the field of administration and human resources organized by KIPA, with the following topics: (i) “Human Resource Planning, Management and Development”, with 1 participant; (ii) “Strategic planning, performance indicators, administrative instructions in the area of budget planning and budget changes” with 2 participants; (iii) “Introduction to Public Administration”, with 2 participants; (iv) “Personal Data Protection System”, with 1 participant; (v) “Quality Management in Public Administration”, with 1 participant; and (vi) “Right to information and local public administration”, with 2 participants; “Access to public documents”, with 2 participants from the Court.
- The French language course supported by the Swiss Embassy and organized by the French Alliance, was held in the Court with 4 participants.

Figure no. 3: Participation of Constitutional Court staff in study visits, conferences and summer schools abroad, conferences/workshops in the country and abroad, training in the country and abroad, foreign language courses:



III. Administrative and logistic support

- The regular maintenance and servicing of vehicles of the Court was supervised, and monthly reports regarding the expenditure of fuel were timely compiled;
- The control of incoming and outgoing office materials and IT equipment, as well as its registration in the E-asset Information Management System was made;
- A number of 240 invoices were registered in Free Balance System, after supply with the office materials and IT equipment and services for the work needs of the Court;
- A series of compiled documents addressed to the various institutions involved with the execution of various administrative requirements, and provision of services for the needs of the Court.

IV. Library of the Court (Library's services)

In the library field, these activities were carried out, namely this literature was received and registered:

- Two (2) books in the legal field, DE GRUYTER –Icl Journal (volume 13);
- Les cahiers Du Conseil Constitutionnel titre VII, book donated by the Constitutional Court of France;
- The Official Gazettes of the Republic of Kosovo; numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 15 and 16 of 2019, with 3 copies each, published by the Office for Publication of the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo;

- One (1) Magazine from the Kosovo Cadastral Agency with no. 8 and 9 of 2019;
- In the integrated library system of “Koha Library” the migration of new titles continued, where 113 titles were accommodated, which were arranged in their lockers with the corresponding field code, namely the Dual Decimal Code (DDC).

The Constitutional Court in 2019 was subscribed to Oxford international law journals, such as:

- Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law;
- Oxford Reports in International Law - International Human Rights Law;
- Oxford Reports in International Law - International Law in EU Courts;
- Oxford Constitutions of the World.

The Library of the Constitutional Court has also become a member of the Association of Electronic Libraries of Kosovo (AELK) during this year, which provides access to international electronic journals such as:

- Cambridge Journals Online;
- Edward Elgar Publishing;
- IMF- International Monetary Fund;
- OpenEdition Journals;
- ASTM- Compass.

**DEPARTMENT OF CASE REGISTRATION,
STATISTICS AND ARCHIVE (DCRSA)**

DEPARTMENT OF CASE REGISTRATION, STATISTICS AND ARCHIVE (DCRSA)

Status of cases

In 2019, the Court has processed a total of 410 referrals/cases, of which 243 are received and 167 were carried over from the past years:

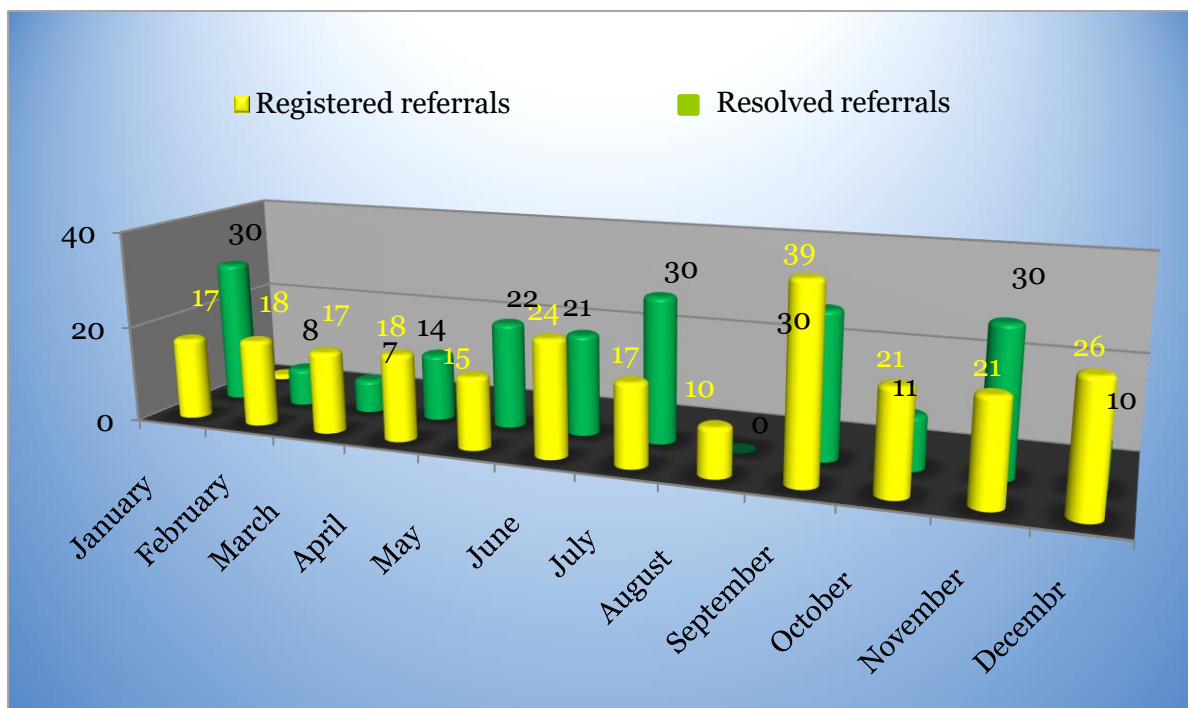
- 11 referrals carried over from 2017, which were all decided;
- 156 referrals of 2018 were carried over, of which 138 were resolved 18 are in the process;
- 243 referrals were received in 2019, of which 64 were resolved and 179 referrals are in the process.

In this period, a total of 213 referrals were decided or 60% more than last year or in number 80 referrals.

In this period, 183 decisions were published on the Court's webpage and served on the parties, while 19 other referrals are in the process of preparation and serving.

During this period, 20.2 referrals were received on average per month while 17.7 were decided, the monthly dynamics of the referrals received and resolved is as follows:

**DYNAMICS OF REFERRALS BY MONTH
(I – XII 2019)**



Filing of referrals

The jurisdiction and authorized parties to submit a referral to the Constitutional Court are determined by the Constitution and the Law on the Constitutional Court of Kosovo.

The trust of citizens in the Constitutional Court has increased significantly as a result of efficient, effective and impartial work. The Department for the Registration of Cases, Statistics and Archives has received 213 new referrals in 2019, of which 10 were KO.

The structure of the filed referrals is as follows:

- 205 referrals were filed by individuals (natural persons), or 84,4%, whereas
- 38 referrals were filed by other public authorities (legal persons), or 15,6%.

Allocation of referrals

In accordance with Article 22 of the Law on the Constitutional Court, the DCRSA has processed all submitted Referrals to the Court in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution.

The allocation of Referrals/Cases to Judge Rapporteurs was done in accordance with Rules 8 and 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court. An exception to this rule is the distribution of Referrals for the imposition of interim measures, which Referrals are processed pursuant to Rule 55 of the Rules of Procedure of the Constitutional Court, and *ad hoc* cases, which represent a conflict of interest, pursuant to Article 18 of the Law on Courts and Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Access to the Court and public trust in the work of the Court

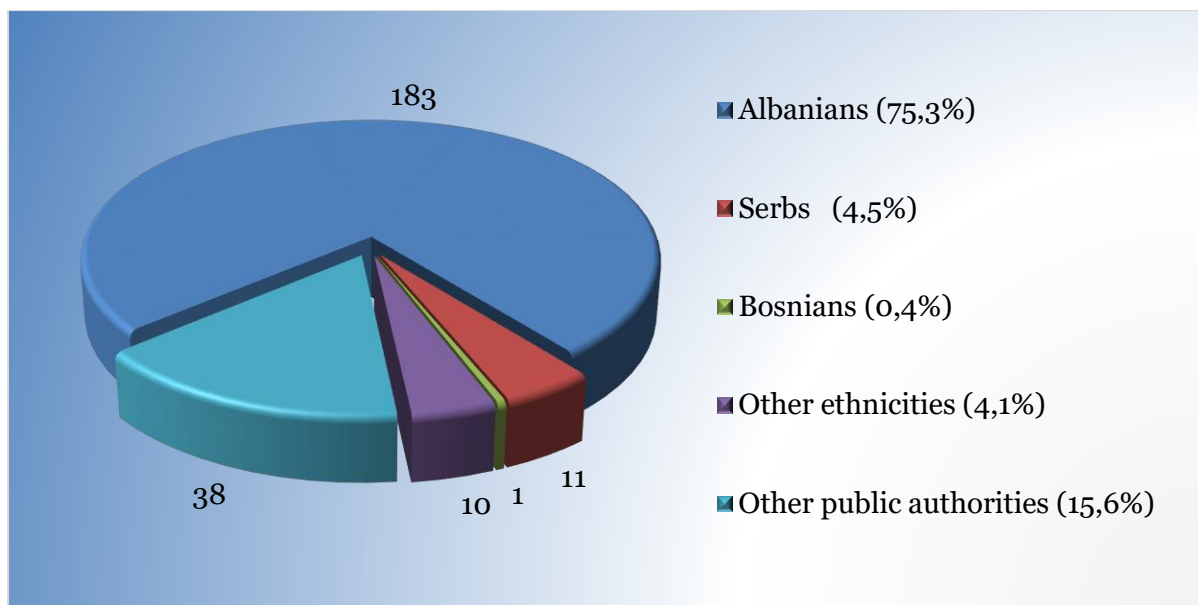
All Kosovo citizens, regardless of ethnic, religious or other background, have equal access to the Constitutional Court.

The ethnic access of individuals is indicated as follows:

- 183 Referrals by Albanians, or 75,3 %;
- 11 Referrals by the Serb community, or 4,5 %;
- 1 Referrals by Bosnian community, or 0,4 %;
- 10 Referrals by other ethnicities, or 4,1 %;
- and 38 Referrals were submitted by public authorities (legal persons), or 15,6%.

The ethnic structure of the Applicants presented in the graph is as follows:

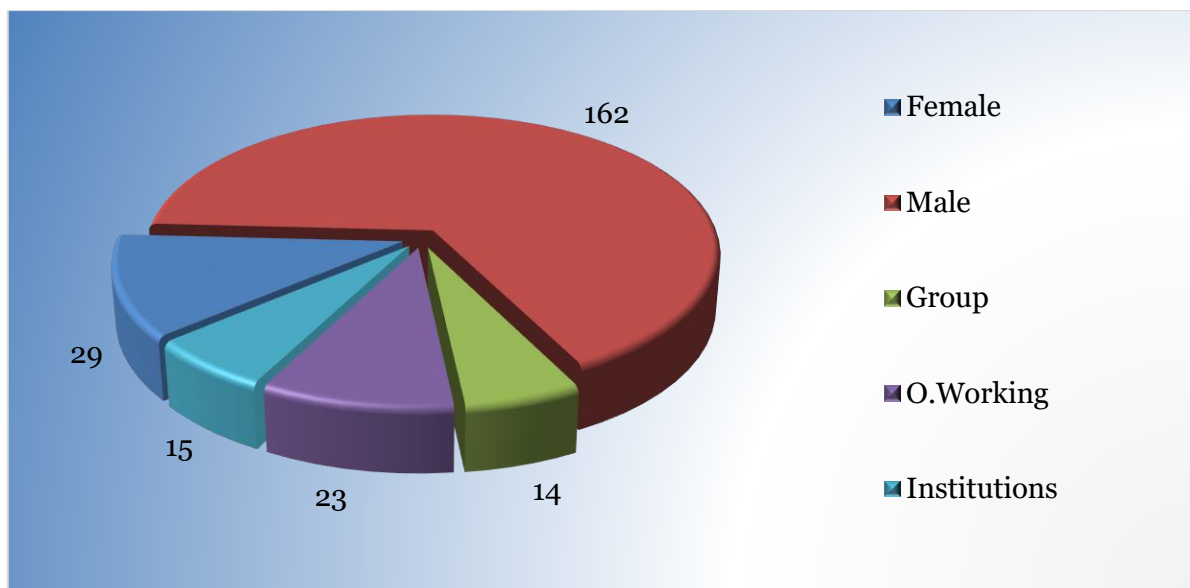
ETHNIC STRUCTURE OF APPLICANTS (I – XII 2019)



The Applicants' access by gender is as follows:

- 162 Referrals submitted by males, or 69,2%;
- 29 Referrals submitted by females, or 10,7%;
- 14 Referrals when the Applicants are in group, or 9,4%;
- 23 Referrals submitted by working organizations, or 10,1% and
- 15 Referrals submitted by institutions, or 0,6%.

GENDER STRUCTURE OF APPLICANTS (I – XII 2019)

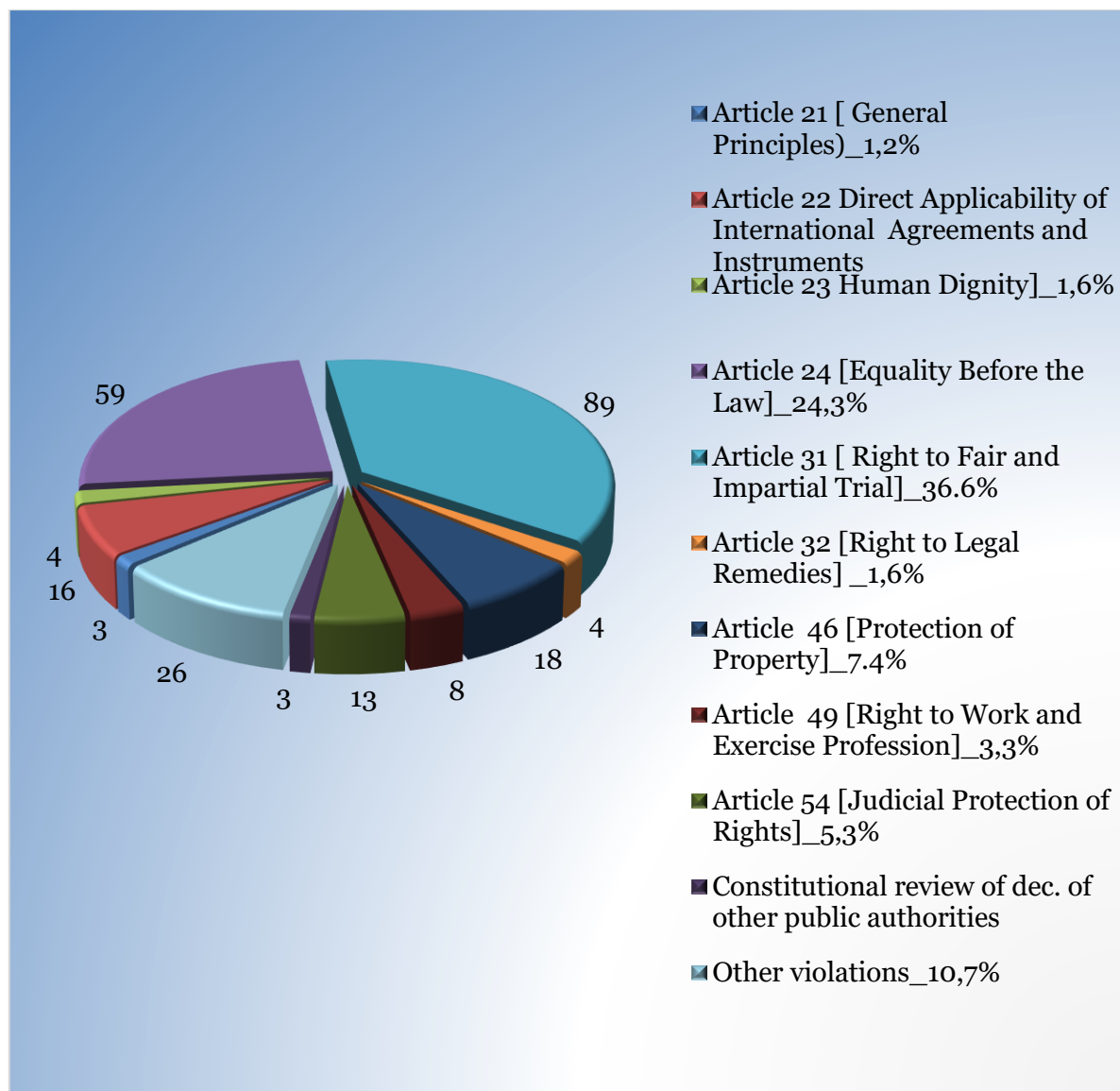


Alleged violations by type

Types of alleged violations from 243 Referrals received in 2019 are as follows:

- Article 21 [General Principles], 3 cases or 1,2%;
- Article 22 [Direct Applicability of International Agreements and Instruments], 16 cases or 6,6%;
- Article 23 [Human Dignity], 4 cases or 1,6%
- Article 24 [Equality Before Law], 59 cases or 24,3%;
- Article 31 [Right to Fair and Impartial Trial], 89 cases or 36,6%;
- Article 32 [Right to Legal Remedies], 4 cases or 1,6%
- Article 46 [Protection of Property], 18 cases or 7,4%;
- Article 49 [Right to Work and Exercise Profession], 8 cases or 3,3%;
- Article 54 [Judicial Protection of Rights], 13 cases or 5,3%;
- Constitutional Review of decisions of other public authorities, 3 cases or 1,2% and
- Other violations, 26 cases or 10,7 %.

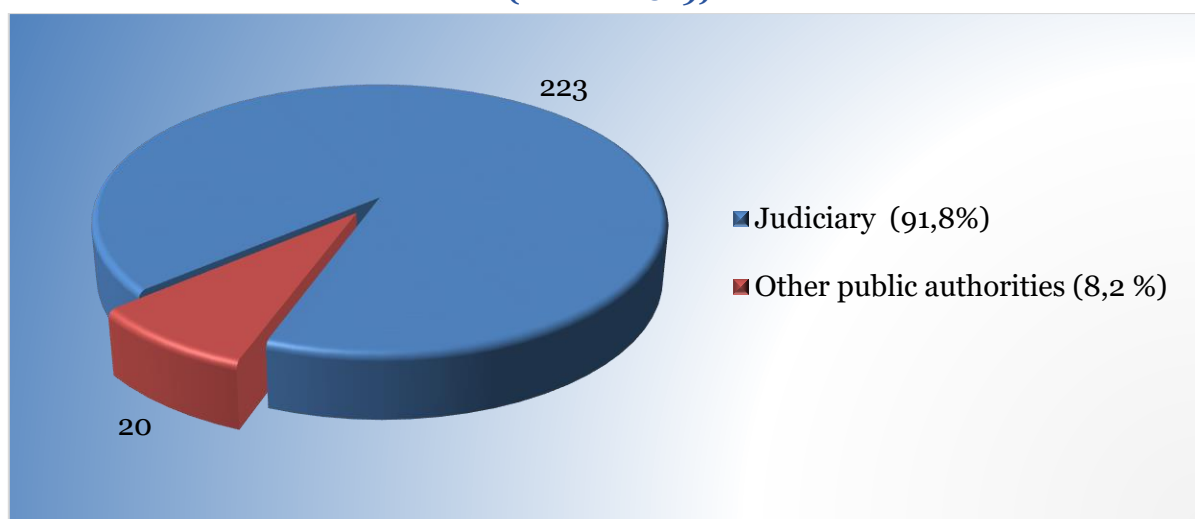
ALLEGED VIOLATIONS BY TYPE (I – XII 2019)



Alleged violators by authors

- 223 Referrals or 91,8% of them refer to regular courts' decisions,
- 20 Referrals or 8,2% thereof refer to other public authorities.

ALLEGED VIOLATORS OF RIGHTS (I – XII 2019)

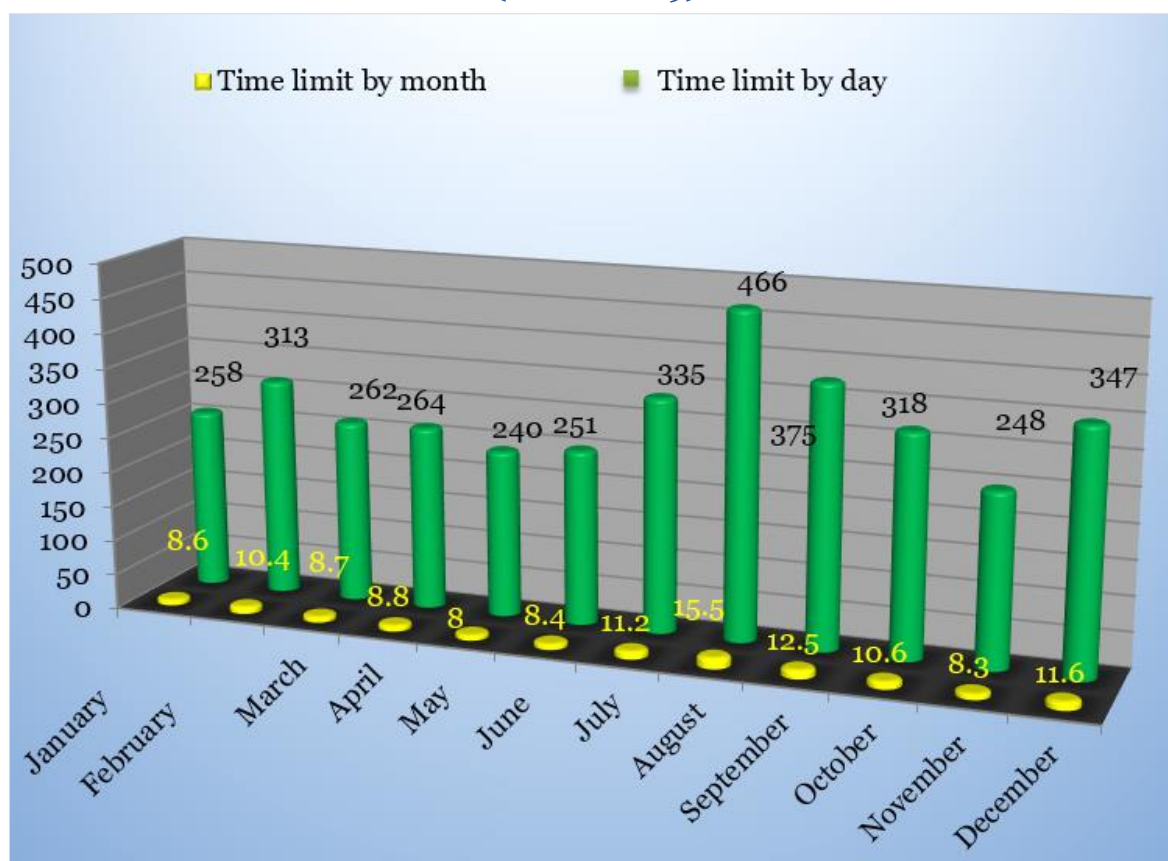


Time limit of resolving referrals

In 2019, the Constitutional Court has processed and published in total 183 decisions. On average, an approved and published decision took 10.7 months or 321 days.

The following chart shows the dynamics of the time limit for resolution and publication of referrals by months and days, varying from 8 months to 15.5 months or expressed in days from 240 to 466 days.

TIME LIMIT OF RESOLVING REFERRALS (I – XII 2019)



Sessions and Review Panels

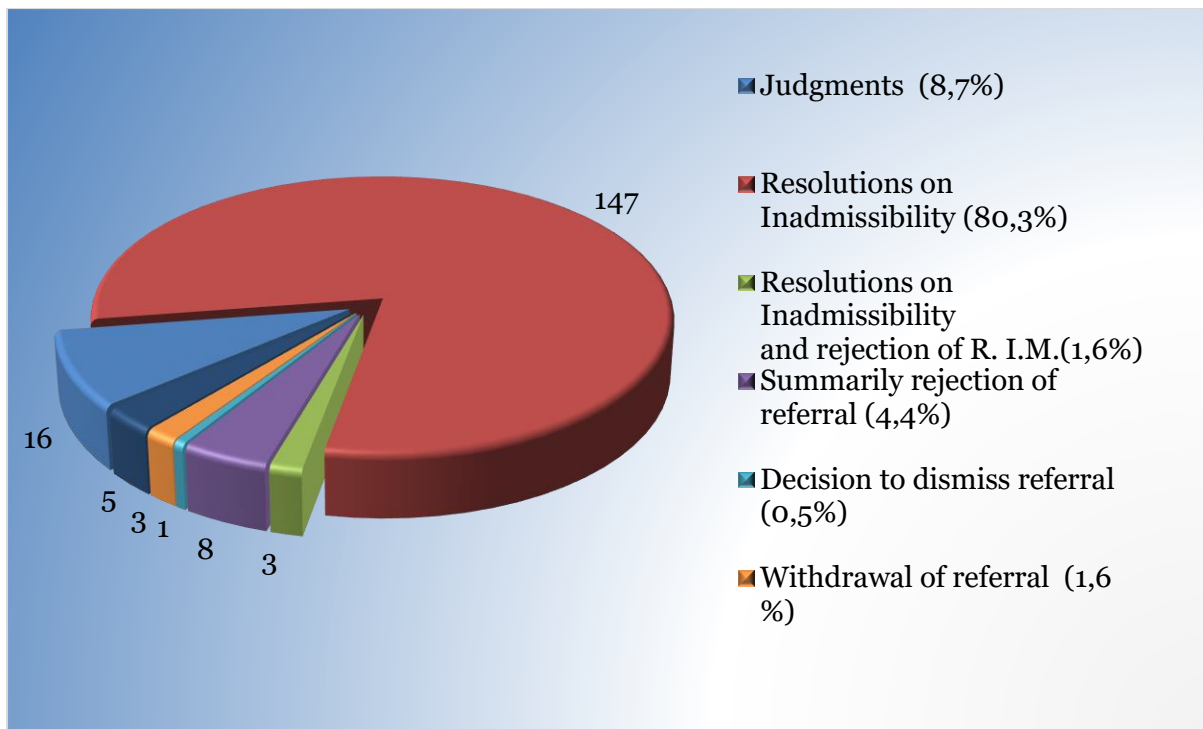
In 2019, the Constitutional Court held 39 review sessions, with 186 review panel sessions, to which joined another 27 Referrals, in total 213 Referrals were reviewed.

The cases reviewed were resolved by judgments, resolutions, and decisions to dismiss the referral and decisions to summarily reject the referral. In this period, there is 1 individual dissenting opinion (in Judgment KO_10/18).

The structure of 183 published decisions is as follows:

- 16 Judgments,
- 147 Resolutions on Inadmissibility,
- 3 Resolutions on Inadmissibility and rejection of request for Interim Measure,
- 8 Decisions to summarily reject the referral,
- 1 Decision to dismiss the referral,
- 3 Decision to strike out the Referral and
- 5 Decisions on Interim Measure

STRUCTURE OF DECISIONS BY NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE (I – XII 2019)



In 2019, the Constitutional Court published 16 Judgments:

- Judgment in case KI 01/18, Applicants Gani Dreshaj and the Alliance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK). Constitutional Review of Judgment A. A. - U. Z. No. 64/2017, of the Supreme Court of Kosovo, of 26 December 2017.
- Judgment in case KI 48/18, Applicant Arban Abrashi and Democratic League of Kosovo. Constitutional review of Decision AA. No. 52/2017 of the Supreme Court of Kosovo of 25 November 2017 and Judgment A.A. U. ZH. No. 62/2017 of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo of 7 December 2017.
- Judgment in case KO 162/18, Applicant President of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo. Confirmation of the proposed constitutional amendment, submitted by the President of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo on 24 October 2018, by letter No. 06/21S6/DO-11S6.
- Judgment in case KO 157/18, Applicant the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo. Constitutional Review of Article 14, paragraph 1.7 of Law No. 03/L-179 on Red Cross of the Republic of Kosovo.
- Judgment in case KI87/18, Applicant "IF Skadeforing". Constitutional review of Judgment E. Rev. No. 27/2017, of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo, of 24 January 2017.
- Judgment in case KI31/18, Applicant Municipality of Peja. Constitutional Review of Judgment E. Rev. No. 20/2017, of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo, of 20 November 2017.

- Judgment in case KI171/18, The Ombudsperson. Constitutional review of Articles 2, 3 (paragraph 1, subparagraphs 2, 3 and 4), 4 (paragraph 1), 6, 7 (paragraph 1, subparagraphs 2, 3 and 4), 11 (paragraph 3), 18, 19 (paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8), 20 (paragraph 5), 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 (paragraphs 2 and 3) of Law No. 06/L-048 on Independent Oversight Board for Civil Service in Kosovo.
- Judgment in case KO43/19, Applicant Albulena Haxhiu, Driton Selmanaj and thirty other deputies of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo.
- Constitutional review of Law No. 06/L-145 on the Duties, Responsibilities and Competencies of the State Delegation of the Republic of Kosovo in the Dialogue Process with Serbia
- Judgment in case KI24/17, Applicant Bedri Salihu. Constitutional review of Judgment Rev. No. 308/2015, of 12 January 2017.
- Judgment in case KI25/18, Applicant Vasilije Antovic. Constitutional review of Judgment CA. No. 1952/2016 of the Court of Appeals of Kosovo, of 24 April 2017.
- Judgment in case KI145/18, Applicant Shehide Muhadri, Murat Muhadri and Sylë Ibrahim. Constitutional review of Judgment AC. No. 530/2016 of the Court of Appeals, of 18 June 2018.
- Judgment in case KI65/19, Applicant The Ombudsperson. Constitutional review of Article 32 (paragraph 1), Article 41 (paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4) and Article 76 (paragraph 2), in conjunction with Article 2 (paragraph 7) and Article 22 (paragraph 1.3) of Law no. 06/L-010 on Notary.
- Judgment in case KI128/17, Applicant Naser Husaj. Constitutional review of Judgment Rev. No. 170/2017, of the Supreme Court of Kosovo, of 23 August 2017.
- Judgment in case KO58/19, Applicant Bilall Sherifi and 29 other deputies of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo. Constitutional review of decisions No. 57/2019, No. 58/2019, No. 59/2019, No. 60/2019, No.61/2019, No.62/2019, No. 63/2019 and No. 65/2019 of the President of the Republic of Kosovo, of 28 March 2019.
- Judgment in case KI187/18 and KI11//19, Applicant Muhamet Idrizi. Constitutional review of the Judgment PML. No. 226/2018 of the Supreme Court of Kosovo of 16 October 2018 and Judgment PML. No. 293/2018 of the Supreme Court of Kosovo of 3 December 2018.
- Judgment in case KI10/18 Applicant Fahri Deqani. Constitutional review of Judgment PML. No. 226/2018 of the Supreme Court of Kosovo, of 16 October 2018 and Judgment PML. No. 357/2017 of the Supreme Court of Kosovo, of 22 December 2017.

**DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT
(DPS)**

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The Department of Professional Support (DPS) is responsible for providing professional services of translation, editing, proofreading, transcription and harmonization of terminology in all documents of the Constitutional Court and in the working languages of the CCK.

The DPS organized, managed and supervised the work of translation (in Albanian, Serbian and English and, for official webpage of the Court, in Turkish language), editing and proofreading (in Albanian and in Serbian language), and simultaneous interpretation. Thus, the DPS processed over 22.331 pages of letters, various documents, judgments, resolutions, decisions on striking out referrals, preliminary reports and other documents in Albanian, Serbian, English and Turkish.

Translators provided 444 hours of simultaneous interpretation in regular meetings, Court sessions, administrative sessions, in interviews of candidates for the positions announced by the CCK, and in other occasional meetings.

In coordination with DCRSA, the DPS prepared the necessary documentation for meetings of judges and for Court deliberations and administrative sessions.

The DPS facilitated the processing of cases in Albanian, Serbian and English. At the same time, it contributed to the publication of decisions in the Albanian, Serbian, English and Turkish languages.

Objectives

DPS achieved the following objectives:

- Standardization of all official documents and all decisions that have the stamp of the Constitutional Court;
- Elimination of inconsistencies in judgments, resolutions, preliminary reports and in other documents of the Court;
- Promoting the improvement of human and organizational capacity to put in practice the management and planning with direct participation and to increase cooperation between the departments;
- Cooperation with the economic operator, in terms of translation (outside and inside the Court); and
- Successful implementation of all objectives that emerged for 2019 from the Strategic Plan of the CCK, 2018-2020.

**DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
(DBF)**

DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE (DBF)

The resources allocated to the Constitutional Court from Kosovo Consolidated Budget, approved for 2019 are **1,868,447.00€**.

Wages and salaries	Goods and services	Utilities	Capital investments	Subsidies and transfers	Total
1,187,745.00€	491,702.00€	4,000.00€	185,000.00€	0.00€	1,868,447.00€

On 10 April 2019, the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo addressed a request with Ref. no. SP-672/19/mv to the Ministry of Finance for budget change, where from the category of goods and services (13) it was requested to transfer the amount of 9,450.00€ in the category of capital investments (30), in the code project 11136 "Supply with 3 (three) vehicles for the Judges of the Constitutional Court" and on this occasion has made harmonization/change of initial budget.

Budget for the first six months of the year of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo after the changes introduced in KFMIS, from the Kosovo Budget is presented as follows:

Wages and salaries	Goods and services	Utilities	Capital investments	Subsidies and transfers	Total
1,187,745.00	482,252.00	4,000.00	194,450.00	0.00	1,868,447.00

On 23 September 2019, the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo addressed a request with Ref. no. SP-1758/19/mv to the Ministry of Finance for budget change, where from the category of capital investments (30) with a code 11132 IT equipment in the amount of 600.00€, as well as from the category of goods and services (13) in the amount of 51,766.00 € to reallocate funds (in total 52,366.00€) in the category of capital investments (30) for the Project code 15556 "Over construction of the existing building of the Constitutional Court" and on this occasion has made harmonization/change of existing budget.

Budget for the first nine months of the year of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo after the changes introduced in KFMIS, from the Kosovo Budget is presented as follows:

Wages and salaries	Goods and services	Utilities	Capital investments	Subsidies and transfers	Total
1,187,745.00	430,486.00	4,000.00	246,216.00	0.00	1,868,447.00

On 7 October 2019, the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo received from the Ministry of Finance the letter Ref. no. MF-1420 of 3 October 2019, "Conclusion of fiscal year 2019, and potential savings from Budget Organizations in all spending categories", and in this case the Constitutional Court for the fiscal year 2019 has saved funds from two categories: Goods and Services and in the Category of Utilities. That is, on 11 October, the Constitutional Court by letter Ref. No: SP-1942/19/mv to the Ministry of Finance requested internal budget adjustment that from the category of Goods and Services (code 130) the amount of 10,000.00€ and from the category of Utilities (code 132), the amount of 1,000.00€ to be transferred to the category Wages and Salaries (code 111), for the purpose of partial coverage of wages for December 2019, a request that was approved by the Government of Kosovo by Decision No. 02/113 of 5 November 2019. Whereas by Decision No. 03/115 of 17 December 2019 of the Government of Kosovo which approves the request of the Constitutional Court that the Ministry of Finance covers the salary deficit for December 2019 in the amount of 100,276.89€.

The final budget of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo after the changes introduced in KFMIS, from the Kosovo Budget as well as the transfer of the donation from the Constitutional Court of Turkey from 2018 in the amount of 34.17 € is presented as follows:

Wages and salaries	Goods and services	Utilities	Capital investments	Subsidies and transfers	Donations	Total
1,288,021.58	420,486.00	3,000.00	246,216.00	0.00	34.17	1,957,757.75

Approved budget for 2019, allocation and execution for January–December

	Approved budget 2019 (A) €	Allocations January-December (B) €	Executions January-December (C) €	% (C/A) €	% (C/B) €
Wages and salaries	1,288,021.58	1,288,021.58	1,288,021.58	100	100
Goods and services	420,486	420,486.00	420,473.40	99.99	99.99
Utilities	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,652.28	88.40	88.40
Subsidies and transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital investment	246,216.00	246,216.00	246,188.56	99.99	99.99
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1,957,723.58	1,957,723.58	1,957,335.82	99.98	99.98

Allocation of resources from Kosovo Budget according to the cash flow for January – December

In the general budget, the participation of allocation for the fiscal year 2019 was 1,957,723.58 and indicated in percentage 100%.

	January-September €	October €	November €	December €	Total €	%
Wages and salaries	962,435.35	109,020.38	108,095.46	108,470.39	1,288,021.58	100
Goods and services	377,917.00	35,000.00	0.00	7,569.00	420,486.00	100
Utilities	3,033.34	(650)	350.00	266.66	3,000.00	100
Subsidies and transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital investment	246,216	0.00	0.00	0.00	246,216.00	100
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1,589,601.69	143,370.38	108,445.46	116,306.06	1,957,723.58	100

Budget execution for January-December

Budget execution based on allocation for the fiscal year was **1,957,335.82 €** indicated in percentage 100 %.

Budget execution is presented as follows:

	Allocations January – December (A) €	Executions January – December (B) €	Balance (C) €	% (B/A) €
Wages and salaries	1,288,021.58	1,288,021.58	0.00	100
Goods and services	420,486.00	420,473.40	12.60	99.99
Utilities	3,000.00	2,652.28	347.72	88.40
Subsidies and transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital investment	246,216.00	246,188.56	27.44	99.99
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1,957,723.58	1,957,335.82	387.76	99.98

Budget execution for wages and salaries

Execution of wages and salaries per month:

Month	Number of staff	Budget	Execution	Balance
January	66	100,652.86	100,652.86	0.00
February	68	106,254.78	106,254.78	0.00
March	68	106,014.68	106,014.68	0.00
April	68	105,753.33	105,753.33	0.00
May	68	104,555.13	104,555.13	0.00
June	69	110,997.86	110,997.86	0.00
July	69	107,121.81	107,121.81	0.00
August	69	112,524.52	112,524.52	0.00
September	69	108,560.38	108,560.38	0.00
October	69	109,020.38	109,020.38	0.00
November	69	108,095.46	108,095.46	0.00
December	68	108,470.39	108,470.39	0.00
Total		1,288,021.58	1,288,021.58	0.00

Budget execution for goods and services

Execution of the budget in the category of goods and services for 2019 allocated per month:

Month	Budget	Allocation	Execution	Balance
January	42,638.50	42,638.50	35,965.03	6,718.47
February	42,638.50	42,638.50	42,789.37	(105.87)

March	42,000.00	42,000.00	29,833.05	12,166.95
April	40,000.00	40,000.00	38,999.36	1,000.64
May	40,000.00	40,000.00	51,557.11	(11,557.11)
June	55,000.00	55,000.00	27,587.18	27,412.82
July	30,000.00	30,000.00	52,314.06	(22,314.06)
August	30,000.00	30,000.00	29,369.19	630.81
September	55,550.00	55,550.00	31,144.03	24,405.97
October	35,000.00	35,000.00	19,808.97	15,191.03
November	0.00	0.00	50,982.50	(50,982.50)
December	7,569.00	7,569.00	10,123.55	(2554.55)
Total	420,486.00	420,486.00	420,473.40	12.60

Budget allocated for capital investments as per project codes

Projects	Project codes	Approved budget €	Execution €	Balance €
IT equipment	11132	29,400.00	29,379.26	20.74
Vehicles	11136	59,450.00	59,450.00	0.00
Renovation of CCK facility	15556	157,365.99	157,359.30	6.69
Total:		246,216.00	246,188.56	27.44

Budget execution for utilities

Execution of the budget in the category of utilities for 2019 allocated per month:¹

Month	Budget	Allocation	Execution	Balance
January	291.67	291.67	253.07	38.60
February	291.67	291.67	255.15	36.52
March	350.00	350.00	0.00	350.00
April	350.00	350.00	484.39	(134.39)
May	350.00	350.00	205.08	144.92
June	350.00	350.00	213.50	136.50
July	350.00	350.00	206.01	143.99
August	350.00	350.00	207.30	142.70
September	350.00	350.00	199.76	150.24
October	(650)	(650)	216.00	(433.98)
November	350.00	350.00	201.45	148.55
December	266.66	266.66	210.55	56.11
Total	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,652.28	347.72

¹Utilities of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo include only the land line phone code, since electricity and waste collection expenses are covered by the Ministry of Public Administration.

PROCUREMENT UNIT
(PU)

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In support of the final procurement plan for 2019, the Procurement Unit has initiated and developed a total of 31 procurement activities and 35 contracts were signed.

Based on the Law on Public Procurement, we have classified the procurement activities by type, value and procedure, and we present the following:

- a. Minimum value procedure (up to 1000 euro)**
- b. Procedure of quotation of prices (small value).**
- c. Open procedure (medium value).**

a) Minimum value procedure

In 2019, a total of 12 (twelve) activities were initiated and conducted and 12 (twelve) contracts were signed.

1. Repair and functionalization of the electrical system in the container;
2. Conceptual design for the over-construction on the existing CCK building;
3. Placement of curtains in the CCK offices;
4. Repair of the cape (mantles) of the Judges of the CCK;
5. Regular monthly servicing and maintenance of elevator in CCK facility;
6. Supply and installation of ACs (air conditioner) and gas filling of existing ACs as needed in the CCK facility;
7. Supply and installation of emergency lights;
8. Insurance of official vehicles TPL, TPL Plus and Full Kasko–EU for three official vehicles;
9. Supply and installation of ACs (air conditioners) and gas filling of existing ACs as needed in the CCK facility;
10. Supply of wardrobes for CCK drivers;
11. Generator servicing and maintenance; and
12. Replacement and mounting of tires, balancing and hotel tire storage;

b) Procedure of quotation of prices (small value).

In 2019, a total of 6 (six) activities were initiated and developed, and 7 (seven) contracts were signed.

1. Purchase of telephone handsets (Smartphone) ;
2. Design of the main project for the over-construction on the existing CCK building;
3. Supply of audio and video recording software and equipment;
4. Servicing and Maintenance of Server System - Lot 1 and Lot 2- Servicing and Maintenance of IT Equipment;
5. Supervision of the project for the over construction on the CCK building; and
6. Supply with daily and weekly newspapers;

c) Open procedure (medium value).

In 2019, a total of 14 (fourteen) were initiated and conducted and 16 (sixteen) contracts were signed, as presented below:

1. Non-alcoholic and hot drinks services for the needs of the CCK staff;
2. Servicing and maintenance of CCK vehicles - three lots: Lot 1 - Servicing and maintenance of VW, Audi and Shkoda vehicles; Lot 2 - Servicing and maintenance of vehicle Toyota RAV4; and Lot 3 - Servicing and maintenance of vehicle Mitsubishi Lancer 1.5 petrol;
3. Purchase of vehicles for the CCK needs;
4. Purchase of server (back-up);
5. Purchase of desktop all in one PS, llop up, ups;
6. Services of planting and supply with live flowers;
7. Delivery services of silver handmade supplies;
8. Supply of sanitary and electrical materials;
9. Over construction to the existing CCK facility;
10. Services for vacancy announcements, advertisements, notices in daily newspapers;
11. Washing services for the vehicles of the Court;
12. Organizing a solemn ceremony and international conference for the 10th anniversary of the CCK - Lot 1 and Supply with ceremonial items on the occasion of the international conference - Lot 2; and
13. Supply of official consumables.

In 2019, no high-value activity was initiated and developed.

Tabular presentation of all payments made in 2019 as well as supplies, services and works for signed contracts.

Payments of supplies, services and works for the contracts signed in 2019	Total amount and payment in 2019
Amount of contracts, including all taxes etc..	142,877.34€
Amount paid for contracts	299,399.09€
Total amount	442,276.43€

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND MULTIMEDIA UNIT
(ITMU)**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND MULTIMEDIA UNIT (ITMU)

The Information Technology, Communication and Multimedia Unit is responsible for providing professional care services and general infrastructure of information technology in the Constitutional Court.

In 2019, the ICU and Multimedia Unit has accomplished projects and tasks according to its plan and responsibilities, creating a sustainable and professional system with advanced technological equipment, in accordance with the strategic plan of the Constitutional Court.

Accomplished projects

- Installing the back-up server and starting the migration of domain controllers to the new server in Microsoft Windows Server 2016, as planned, data migration and upgrading of server operating systems from Windows 2008 to Windows 2016;
- Intervention and configuration of new security policies in Domain Admin Group DC/CCK for registering users in the main security Firewall;
- Completion of installation and configuration of equipment and software for audio and video recording of court sessions in the courtroom;
- Completion and testing of the new version with recent changes to the CDMS as required, training was provided to all judges on the use of recent changes;
- Completion and submission of questionnaires to the Internal Audit report according to the planned ICT Unit audit;
- In 2019 a total of 7 procurement processes were initiated for the purchase of various IT equipment, software and accompanying parts according to the plan foreseen for this year;
- Formatting and preparing for print of various documents as required, such as: formatting the Strategic Plan 2017-2020, Bulletin of Case Law for 2017 part one and part two and submission to the working group for publication, formatting the Constitution in the Serbian language in A6 format and submitting to the Secretariat for printing, designing and preparation of the Court Book for 2018;

Conducted activities

- Managing and organizing technical and operational duties within the Unit, providing the necessary support for the best performance of Information Technology equipment and systems within the Court;
- Technical interventions on IT equipment, based on staff requests;
- Controlling and maintaining the domain system of the Court and creating security policies in Court servers;
- Monitoring and controlling security network within the Court and update of new versions for all devices, with the approval and installation by the System Administrator;

- Advancement in establishing Windows 10 operating systems and other application software;
- Mounting, installing, and configuring new computers (HP all-in-one) and registration in the CCK domain and transfer of data;
- Participation in three workshops organized by the Court for Action Plan, of the strategic plan 2017-2019;
- Updating new versions of VOIP fixed telephony system, extracting and analyzing expenses from the VOIP telephony system;
- Caring and maintaining voice equipment and translation system in Courtroom during the sessions;
- Publishing 168 decisions on the webpage in three official languages and their categorization based on the filtering list;
- Caring for and providing services for the maintenance of information technology and communication systems and equipment; and
- Maintaining copies (back-up) of the Court domain and CDMS system;

INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT (IAU)

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1. Internal Audit

Based on the annual plan for 2019, the IAU has finished in time all planned audits, such as:

- Monitoring the implementation of recommendations during 2018;
- Management of assets (audit upon request by management);
- Functioning of Information Technology in CCK;
- Management of procurement;
- Management of expenditures; and
- Management of logistics.

The IAU has also drafted and submitted within the set time limit:

- Strategic plan of internal audit for period 2020-2022; and
- Annual plan of internal audit for 2020.

All internal audits were conducted pursuant to the applicable legislation and with the purpose of accomplishing the objectives of the institution and of the IAU related to the internal control and improvement of work efficiency, in order to avoid possible mistakes, increasing value and reporting irregularities, keeping the control to offer security to the management in efficient functioning of the respective departments.

Continuous follow-up visits were made in order to ensure the efficiency of the management system and internal control functioning, and to implement the recommendations by the Internal Auditor and by the General Auditor.

The management has evaluated the work of auditors and in the first possible occasion took care of implementing the recommendations made by both, the internal auditor and general auditors, and this has contributed to increasing the quality of activities and performance of the institution.

The Internal Audit Unit has implemented the plan for 2019 and conducted follow-up visits for implementation of the recommendations. At the management's request, as an additional activity conducted, was an audit in the government system of E-assets, with which started in the fourth quarter.

2. Internal Audit Committee

The Internal Audit Committee is an independent advisory body in the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo, and it functions based on:

- Administrative Instruction on Establishment and Functioning of the Audit Committee in Public Sector;

- Statute of IAC;
- Good practices of the Internal Audit Committee; and
- International auditing standards.

The Internal Audit Committee in 2019 held 4 meetings and provided oversight of the plans, reports and the implementation of the recommendations made by auditors.

**COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION OFFICE
(CIO)**

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION OFFICE (CIO)

The scope of the responsibilities and duties of the Communication and Information Office (CIO) includes: information and communication with media/public, media monitoring, publication of notifications on the Court's website regarding visits/activities and hearings/decisions, publication of the Court's Newsletter, publication of the Court Book and other leaflets/ information brochures, communication with the parties/citizens, protocol, requests for access to official documents of the Court, as well as cooperation with the Venice Commission.

In 2019, the Communication and Information Office carried out these activities:

I. Media monitoring:

- 150 daily media reports were compiled;
- 51 weekly media reports were compiled;
- The annual media report for 2018 was published; and
- Physical and electronic archiving of printed media reports (262 articles) and of electronic media reports (720 articles) regarding the work of the Court

II. Communication with the media/public:

- Submitted responses to 181 questions submitted by the print and electronic media, and to 263 questions/requests by citizens and institutions;
- 30 notifications were published regarding the visits and activities of the Court;
- 12 notifications with statistical information on the sessions and decisions of the Court have been published; and
- 20 notifications with summary information on the Court's decisions following the deliberations were published.

III. Publication of leaflets / brochures and other information materials:

- Number 7 and 8 of the Court's Newsletter have been published;
- Two video animations on the work of the Constitutional Court and the submission of referrals to the Court have been prepared and published on the website of the Court;
- A promotional video for the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Court has been prepared and published; and
- Information leaflets / brochures have been published: 1. "*Constitutional Court in 40 questions*", 2. "*Constitutional Court (February)*" and 3. "*Submission of Referral to the Constitutional Court*".

IV. Protocol activities:

- The protocol tasks related to 28 official visits to the Court were finished, 19 official visits abroad, 10 organized workshops/conferences in the country and 6 workshops/conferences organized abroad.

V. Requests for access to official documents:

- In 2019, a total of 23 requests for access to official documents of the Court were received. All requests have been approved;
- Four quarterly reports on requests for access to official documents of the Court have been submitted; and
- Annual Report on requests for access to the Court's official documents during 2019 was submitted

VI. Communication with parties/citizens:

In 2019, the reception of the Court registered and processed the presence of:

- 339 citizens;
- 244 institutional representatives.

VII. Cooperation with the Venice Commission:

- The Court answered to 90 questions submitted through the Forum of the Venice Commission by 15 constitutional courts and supreme courts of the member states (*through 26 requests*);
- 3 four-month reports were submitted, together with the most important decisions of the Court during this period, for publication in the Bulletin of the Venice Commission; and
- The Court submitted 1 request (*with 6 questions*) to the Forum of constitutional and supreme courts of the member states of the Venice Commission.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT

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I. Official travels

22 - 23 March 2019

Judge of the Constitutional Court, Mr. Bekim Sejdiu participated in the Sixth Regional Rule of Law Forum in South Eastern Europe, at the invitation of the AIRE Center and Civil Rights Defenders, on 22 and 23 March 2019, in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

The aim of the Forum was to promote the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights at the country level, promote regional co-operation for the continued advancement of the rule of law and human rights, and assist in European integration processes in the region.

The topic of the 2019 Forum was Children's Rights and the European Convention on Human Rights.

14 – 20 April 2019

A delegation of judges and advisors of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo, led by the President of the Court, Mrs. Arta Rama-Hajrizi, traveled for a several-day working visit to Washington, on 14 - 20 April 2019.

During the stay in the US capital, the delegation of the Constitutional Court visited the US District Court for the District of Columbia (DC), the DC District Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States, where it will also be able to participate in the presentation and oral argument of the case, *"The United States v. Davis"*.

During their stay in Washington, the judges and advisors of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo will also visit the Federal Judicial Center and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to learn more about the role of the Administrative Office, judicial ethics in the United States, as well as the relation of the federal judiciary with the media and the public.

After visiting the USAID's Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, the stay of the delegation of the Constitutional Court in Washington was concluded with a visit to the Faculty of Law of the American University, where among other things, the constitutional law and the theories of constitutional interpretation, as well as the interpretation of admissibility criteria in the selection of cases for review were discussed.

The visit of the delegation of the Constitutional Court to the US was enabled with the support of USAID Justice System Strengthening Program in Kosovo (JSSP).

19 – 25 May 2019

With the support of the Embassy of France, two advisors to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo, Mrs. Arbana Beqiri and Mr. Srdjan Staletovic participated in the *"Introduction to the French Justice System"* program, from 19 - 25 May 2019, in Paris, France.

23 – 25 May 2019

A delegation of the Court composed of Mr. Milot Vokshi - Secretary General, Mr. Veton Dula - Director of the Communication Department and Mrs. Vesa Zekaj - International Relations Advisor; attended the meeting “*18th Meeting of the Joint Council on Constitutional Justice*”, organized by the Venice Commission on 23 - 25 May 2019, in Rome of Italy.

The purpose of the participation and meetings with representatives of the Venice Commission member states was to further cooperate on the initiation and realization of the organization of the 20th Conference to be held in Kosovo in 2021.

10 – 12 June 2019

A delegation of the Court composed of Chief Legal Advisor Mr. Sevdail Kastrati and all the legal advisors of the Court participated in a joint workshop with the Constitutional Court of Montenegro, organized in Podgorica, on 10 - 12 June 2019.

In the joint workshop, the two sides discussed important issues regarding the features and differences in the organization of the work of the legal departments and the types of cooperation between the Advisors and Judges of both Constitutional Courts.

27 - 29 September 2019

A delegation of judges of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo, headed by the President of the Court, Mrs. Arta Rama-Hajrizi, paid a working visit to the Constitutional Court of Italy, seated in Rome, on 27 September 2019.

The delegation of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo was received in the meeting by the President of the Constitutional Court of Italy, Mr. Giorgio Lattanzi, and the two Deputy Presidents of this Court, Ms. Marta Cartabia and Mr. Mario R. Morelli.

During the conversation, the two sides exchanged their experience and views regarding the respective judicial systems of the two countries, focusing in particular on the functional independence of the constitutional courts, the process of appointment of the constitutional judges and legal reforms in the justice system. The constitutional control of central authority acts, the review of decisions of the regular judiciary and deepening of cooperation in the areas of mutual interest were also the topics of discussion at the meeting. The judges of the two courts then attended a joint workshop, which addressed the role of the constitutional courts in the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights.

18 - 24 September 2019

At the invitation of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Turkey, a delegation of advisers to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo, Mr. Bardh Bokshi and Mr. Dukagjin Abdyli participated in the “7th Summer School of the AACC”, from 18 - 24 September 2019, in Ankara of Turkey.

4 - 5 October 2019

At the invitation of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania and Professor Rainer Arnold of the University of Regensburg, Judge Selvete Gërxhaliu-Krasniqi attended the XII International Congress on European Law and Comparative Constitutional Law, held in Vilnius, Lithuania from 4 to 5 October 2019.

The topic of XII Congress was “The Concept of Democracy Developed by Constitutional Justice”.

8 – 9 October 2019

Within the framework of a Project of the Ministry of European Integration, the Chief Legal Advisor, Mr. Sevdail Kastrati participated in a joint study visit with other justice system officials in Kosovo, on a study visit to Strasbourg, on 8 - 9 October 2019.

18 - 24 October 2019

Within the framework of the Council of Europe project in Prishtina, a delegation of advisors to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo, Mr. Srdjan Staletovic and Mr. Boba Petkovic participated in a Regional Conference on “Responsibility shared in implementation of the ECHR: addressing challenges by legal remedies”, on 24-25 October 2019, in Sarajevo.

II. Official visits at the Constitutional Court/Other activities

19 - 22 February 2019

The Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo held the workshop of the Action Plan of the Strategic Plan of the Constitutional Court 2018 - 2020, on 19 - 22 February 2019, in Durrës, Albania.

21 March 2019

The Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo in cooperation with the Council of Europe Office in Prishtina and with the support of the Norwegian Embassy in Kosovo organized a joint workshop on the topic: “*Improving the Protection of European Human Rights Standards by the Constitutional Court*”, on 21 March 2019, in Prishtina.

The workshop marked the commencement of the project supported by the Council of Europe Office in Prishtina and the Norwegian Embassy in Kosovo, which aims at advancing the professional capacities of the Constitutional Court with a view of having a more effective application of European standards in the examination of individual complaints and in the communication with the public.

8 April 2019

Primary school students from different cities of the Republic of Kosovo visited the Constitutional Court on 8 April 2019, on the occasion of marking the 11th anniversary of the Constitution of Kosovo.

They were received in a meeting by the President of the Constitutional Court, Mrs. Arta Rama-Hajrizi, who welcomed and briefly notified them about the important function and role of the Constitutional Court on the rule of law in the country, as well as in the protection of human rights and freedoms according to the European standards.

President Rama-Hajrizi further notified the primary school students about the organizational structure of the Court and its composition, the election process and the mandate of the constitutional judges, as well as the procedures of reviewing the submitted referrals.

She also spoke about the process of drafting the new Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo, and the importance of this document not only for the protection of human rights in the country, but also for all processes of democratic development of our society.

The students' visit took place under the joint organization of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo and the Transformational Leadership Program (TLP) of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

17 April 2019

The fourth-year students of the Faculty of Law of "Ukshin Hoti" University in Prizren, accompanied by the University Professor and former Deputy President of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo, Prof. Dr. Kadri Kryeziu visited the Constitutional Court.

The students were welcomed in a meeting by the Chief Legal Advisor of the Constitutional Court, Mr. Nexhat Kelmendi, and the Director of the Communication and Information Office (CIO), Mr. Veton Dula.

Advisor Kelmendi initially informed the students about the function, responsibilities and the role that the Constitutional Court of Kosovo has in relation to other authorities of the state power and the regular courts in the country. Advisor Kelmendi made a brief presentation regarding the parties authorized by the Constitution to file a referral with the Constitutional Court, whereby for each of the applicants he made a comparative elaboration of the decisions rendered so far by the Court.

He also discussed about the judgments of the Constitutional Court that had the greatest impact on the rule of law and protection of the constitutionality in the country, while underlining the constitutional obligation for the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms in harmony with the court decisions of the European Court on Human Rights.

For the co-operation of the Constitutional Court with the Venice Commission, the submission of requests from and to the Forum of the Venice Commission, as well as the total number of requests submitted so far, the students were informed in more detail by the Director of CIO and at the same time the Liaison Officer of the Constitutional Court with the Venice Commission, Mr. Veton Dula.

18 April 2019

The Constitutional Court was visited by a group of students at the Faculty of Law of the College "AAB" in Prishtina on 18 April 2019.

The students were received in a meeting by the Senior Legal Advisor of the Constitutional Court, Mr. Bardh Bokshi and the Director of the Communication and Information Office (CIO), Mr. Veton Dula.

Advisor Bokshi initially notified the students more closely with the organizational structure and the composition of the Court, the procedures for the selection and appointment of constitutional judges, the decision-making process of the Court, as well as the competences and responsibilities the Constitutional Court enjoys based on the Constitution.

During the meeting, Advisor Bokshi highlighted some of the most important judgments of the Court in the area of violations of human rights by public authorities, the conflict of constitutional competences between various state authorities, and the maintenance of functional independence of the independent institutions.

He also discussed the importance and constitutional obligation to implement the case law of the European Court on Human Rights in the decision-making of the Constitutional Court as well as of the courts of other instances of the regular judiciary in the Republic of Kosovo. The students expressed their interest to be informed in more detail about the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights, the process of filing referrals with the Court, the nature of the submitted referrals, the length of the case review, and the treatment of media and public questions about the cases under consideration.

15 - 17 May 2019

A delegation of the judges of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Croatia headed by the President of this Court, Mr. Miroslav Šeparović, paid a working visit to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo.

The Croatian delegation was received by the President of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo, Mrs. Arta Rama-Hajrizi and the Deputy President of the Court, Mr. Bajram Ljatifi. President Rama-Hajrizi informed the guests about the up to date work of the Constitutional Court, with the process of renewal the composition of constitutional judges last year, as well as successful overcome of challenges following the replacement of the former international judges with local judges.

President Rama-Hajrizi thanked her Croatian counterpart, Mr. Šeparović, for the support that the Constitutional Court of Croatia has consistently offered to the Constitutional Court of Kosovo in its efforts to join international organizations as well as to build the professional capacities of its officials through joint projects for exchange of experience.

She pledged to intensify the cooperation relations between the two counterpart courts, underlining the importance of mutual cooperation, particularly in the field of human rights protection and harmonization of the case law with that of the European Court of Human Rights.

After thanking President Rama-Hajrizi for hospitality, President Šeparović made a general description of the functioning of the constitutional judiciary in the Republic of Croatia and confirmed the firm will to continue cooperation between the two courts in all areas of mutual interest.

After the meeting, the judges of the two constitutional courts held a joint workshop on the topics: *“The competence of the Constitutional Court regarding the review of International Agreements”*, *“Collective Agreements before the Constitutional Court”* and *“Election disputes from the viewpoint of constitutional adjudication”*.

21 May 2019

First-year students of the Faculty of Law of the University of Prishtina “Hasan Prishtina” visited the Constitutional Court on 21 May 2019, and were received in the meeting by the Judge of the Court, Mr. Bekim Sejdiu and Senior Legal Advisor, Mr. Bardh Bokshi.

During the conversation with students, Judge Sejdiu focused his discussion mainly on the role of the Constitutional Court in the protection of constitutionality in the country and in guaranteeing the functioning of state bodies in harmony with their responsibilities and their constitutional obligations.

The procedures applied in the review of constitutional submissions, the process and stages of their review, the selection of review panels of judges and the manner of decision-making were also the topic of presentation by Judge Sejdiu.

Advisor Bokshi notified the students in more detail about some of the most important decisions of the Court and the impact they had on the establishment of the constitutional case law in the country.

The relationship with regular courts, the implementation of the Constitutional Court's decisions by other institutions, as well as the admissibility criteria of the Applicant's referrals, were issues for which the future lawyers expressed their interest following the meeting.

27 May 2019

The President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo, Mrs. Arta Rama-Hajrizi, received in a meeting the former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) from North Macedonia and former Judge of the Constitutional Court of this country, Ms. Mirjana Lazarova- Trajkovska.

Engaged in a capacity of the expert within the project supported by the Office of the Council of Europe in Prishtina and the Norwegian Embassy in Kosovo, Ms. Lazarova – Trajkovska stayed for one-week working visit to the Constitutional Court, for the purpose of exchanging personal experience as a former judge of the ECtHR and for implementing the best practices of work by this institution, together with the judges and the junior advisors of the Court.

During the conversation with Ms. Lazarova-Trajkovska, President Rama-Hajrizi emphasized the consolidation of the case law of the Constitutional Court, always having as a guideline the case law of the ECtHR, the excellent relations of cooperation with the constitutional courts of the region and European countries, as well as in ongoing efforts being made to advance the quality of the decision-making process of the Court.

President Rama-Hajrizi, thanked in particular the Office of the Council of Europe for providing support to the Constitutional Court over the years through various projects for professional capacity building, including the recent project that started to be implemented in March this year, through which is aimed the more effective implementation of the European standards in dealing with individual constitutional complaints and more efficient communication with the public.

27 May 2019

The Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo in cooperation with the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Kosovo organized a joint workshop with the topic: *“Role and competences of the Constitutional Court. Relationship with regular courts and other institutions”*, which was held at the Courtroom of the Constitutional Court.

The workshop aimed at informing young judges of Kosovo, with the authority and role of the Constitutional Court in relation to the regular judiciary as well as with other institutions in the country, for which they were informed more closely by the Chief Legal Advisor of the Court, Mr. Sevdail Kastrati.

The procedures for submitting and reviewing the cases, addressing the individual complaints against the decisions of the regular courts and the right of referral of cases under consideration by the regular courts in the Constitutional Court through incidental (concrete) control, were just some of the topics on which advisor Kastrati focused his presentation.

The review of referrals relating to the excessive length of judicial proceedings by the regular judiciary, time limits for consideration of cases in the Constitutional Court and addressing cases with priority, especially when referrals are filed by the public authorities, were some of the issues for which young judges expressed their interest to be informed in more detail.

With regard to the cooperation between the Constitutional Court of Kosovo and the Venice Commission, the guests were informed in more detail by the Director of the Communication and Information Office, Mr. Veton Dula, at the same time the liaison officer of the Constitutional Court with the Venice Commission.

29 May – 1 June 2019

The Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo held Workshop on the Action Plan of the Strategic Plan of the Constitutional Court 2018 - 2020, on 29 May - 1 June 2019, in Durrës, Albania.

6 June 2019

The President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo, Mrs. Arta Rama-Hajrizi, received in a meeting the Ombudsperson of the Republic of Albania, Ms. Erinda Ballanca, accompanied by her counterpart in Kosovo, Ms. Hilmi Jashari.

After expressing her welcome, President Rama-Hajrizi informed Ms. Ballanca with the recent achievements Kosovo has made in the area of constitutional justice, as well as with the challenges faced in the work of the Constitutional Court last year after the simultaneous leaving of four judges, two of them international.

She emphasized excellent relations with the counterpart institutions in the region, particularly with the Constitutional Court of Albania, as well as ongoing efforts being made to consolidate the professional capacities of the Court based on the standards represented by the European Court of Human Rights.

The need for inter-institutional cooperation between the Republic of Kosovo and the Republic of Albania for the necessary amendments to the legal framework was also highlighted in the meeting, in order to deepen further reforms in the judicial system of both countries and to adopt European practices for the protection of human rights.

Both sides also underlined the importance of respecting the separation of powers and maintaining the functional independence of the courts and independent institutions as an essential precondition for the functioning of constitutional democracy in each country.

7 June 2019

The Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo, in cooperation with the Office of the Council of Europe in Prishtina, organized a joint workshop on the topic: *“European Human Rights Standards on reasonable length of proceedings”*, in Prishtina.

The concept of reasonable length in the processing of requests, viewed from the perspective of the case law of the European Court of Human Rights, the most frequent reasons for delays in the court proceedings, preventive and compensatory mechanisms in cases of the lengthy proceedings, and the European human rights standards on the reasonable length of the proceedings, were just some of the topics discussed at the workshop.

The panelists and main speakers in the organized workshop were: Mr. Bajram Ljatifi, Deputy President of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo, Mr. Miodrag Đorđević, Deputy President of the Supreme Court of Slovenia, Ms. Maria Filatova, former lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights and Ms. Mirela Bogdani, lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the University of Tirana.

The workshop marks the next activity within the framework of the project supported by the Office of the Council of Europe in Prishtina and the Norwegian Embassy in Kosovo, aiming at advancing the professional capacities of the Constitutional Court, with a view to more effective implementation of the European standards in dealing with individual complaints and communication with the public.

9 July 2019

The Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo, in cooperation with the Council of Europe Office in Prishtina, organized a joint workshop on the topic: *“European Standards on Human Rights on Admissibility Criteria”*, which was held Prishtina, on 9 July 2019.

The right of individuals to file a referral with the constitutional courts, the inadmissibility of referrals regarding the jurisdiction of the court and the admissibility criteria of the referrals applied by the European Court of Human Rights were just some of the topics discussed in this workshop.

10 July 2019

A group of students from the American University in Kosovo (AUK) visited the Court on 10 July 2019. The students were received in a meeting by Judge Gresa Caka-Nimani.

16 - 19 September 2019

The Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo holds the workshop on the Action Plan of the Constitutional Court on 16 - 19 September 2019, in Durrës, Albania.

September 2019

Within the framework of the Council of Europe project in Prishtina *“Improving the Protection of the European Standards on Human Rights by the Constitutional Court”*, aiming at advancing the professional capacities of the Constitutional Court, begins with the appointment of Judges of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo to the Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

Throughout September 2019, Judge Bekim Sejdiu, is assigned to the ECtHR for one-month study visit.

October 2019/ November 2019

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Throughout October 2019, Deputy President Bajram Ljatifi and Judge Safet Hoxha are assigned in the ECHR for a one-month study visit. Whereas, during November 2019, Judge Remzije Istrefi is assigned in the ECHR for one-month study visit.

Organization of the Tenth Judicial Year

The Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo celebrated the jubilee of the 10th Judicial Year with a solemn ceremony that was held in Prishtina, on 23 October 2019.

The opening of the jubilee ceremony was made by a speech of the President of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo, Mrs. Arta Rama-Hajrizi, in which the participants were the highest state and international personalities in the country, as well as top-level delegations from the constitutional courts of the countries of the region and other European countries.

With occasional speech, in the solemn ceremony, the participants were addressed by the international lawyer, at the same time Representative of the Republic of Ireland to the Venice Commission, Ms. Grainne McMorrough and former International Judge of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo, Ms. Snezhana Botusharova.

On the occasion of the 10th Judicial Year of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo, the International Conference on the topic: *“Ensuring Rule of Law and Human Rights through Constitutional Justice Mechanisms: Challenges of 21st Century”*, was held on 24 October 2019.

The Conference was declared open by the President of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo, Mrs. Arta Rama-Hajrizi. Following the Conference with their presentations appeared: Jean-Claude Wiwinius, President of the Constitutional Court of Luxembourg, Prof. Dr. Bekim Sejdiu, Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo, Mr. Enver Peci, President of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kosovo, Mr. Hilmi Jashari, the Ombudsperson, as well as judges of the constitutional courts of Montenegro, the Czech Republic, North Macedonia, Portugal and Turkey.

21-22 November 2019

In the framework of the Council of Europe project in Prishtina *“Improving the Protection of the European Standards on Human Rights by the Constitutional Court”*, is organized a roundtable on the topic: *“Principles and Methodology of the European Court of Human Rights”*, which was held on 21 and 22 November 2019, in Prishtina.

The case processing before the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), the ECtHR administrative methods, subsidiarity and the application of the ECtHR methods by national courts, were just some of the topics discussed at this roundtable with judges and advisors of the Constitutional Court.

The panelists and moderators of the roundtable were: Dr. Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou, a senior lecturer at School of Law of the University of Liverpool in England and Mr. Velimir Delovski, human rights expert from the Republic of Macedonia.

5 December 2019

In the framework of the Council of Europe project in Prishtina *“Improving the Protection of the European Standards on Human Rights by the Constitutional Court”*, is organized the International Conference on the topic: *“Freedom of expression and constitutional jurisprudence in the Western Balkans”*, which was held on 5 December 2019, in Prishtina.

The Conference was attended by Judges and Constitutional-Legal Advisers of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo. The President of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo, Mrs. Arta Rama-Hajrizi held introductory remarks while among the keynote speakers at the conference, which aimed to discuss and exchange experiences of the constitutional courts of the region in the implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights, was also the judge of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo, Ms. Remzije Istrefi-Peci, who made a presentation on the issue of freedom of expression for judges under the ECtHR case law.

In the following the main speakers in the conference were: Mr. Naser Ajdari, Judge of the Constitutional Court of North Macedonia, Ms. Mirjana Lazarova, former judge at the ECtHR, Ms. Beth Grossman, lawyer in the Great Britain, Mr. Paolo Cavalieri, Professor of Media Law at the University of Edinburgh, Ms. Fatma Gülbin Üzcüre, Senior Legal Advisor at the Constitutional Court of Turkey and Ms. Sevima Sali Terzic, Senior Legal Advisor at the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Following the conference was also shown the video animation made by the Constitutional Court of Kosovo, with the support of the Council of Europe Office in Prishtina, on the right and ways of submitting referrals by individuals and other authorized parties to the Constitutional Court.

APPENDIX I

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Summary of accounts of the Constitutional Court for 2019 Statement of Cash Receipts and Payments

	Note s.	2019			2018			2017		
		Treasury single account		Payme nt from third parties	Treasury single account		Payment from third parties	Treasury single account		Paym ent from third partie s
		KCB	OS R		KCB	OS R		KCB	OS R	
		€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Receipts										
General Fund Appropriations		1,957,335.82			1,697,491.00			569.42		
Own source revenues										
Special Purpose Fund Appropriations										
Designated Donor Grants										
Fond of loans								22,426.08		
Other receipts										
Total Receipts		1,957,335.82	-		1,697,491.00	-	-	1,527,572.42	-	-
Payments										
Operations										
Wages and salaries	2	1,288,021.58			1,137,566.66			998,705.93		
Goods and services	3	420,473.40			512,153.66			500,301.08		
Utilities	4	2,652.28			3,246.63			3,562.41		
		1,711,147.26			1,653,296.95			1,502,569.42		
Transfers										
Transfers and subsidies	5									
Capital expenditures										
Property building and equipment	6	246,188.56			44,194.79			25,000.00		
Loan returns	7									
Other payments	8									
Total payments		1,957,335.82	-		1,697,491.74	-	-	1,527,569.42	-	-

Report on budget execution

	Notes	2019				2018	2017
		Original Budget (Appropriate)	Final Budget (Appropriate)	Execution	Difference	Execution	Execution
		A	B	C	D=C-B	E	F
		€	€	€	€	€	€
Cash inflows into Treasury Accounts							
Tax revenues	9						
Non-tax revenues	10						
Dedicated revenues	11						
Grants and Assistance	12						
Loans	13						22,426
Other	14						
Total KCB Receipts Collected		-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash Outflows from Treasury Accounts							
Wages and salaries	2	1,187,745.00	1,288,021.58	1,288,021.58	0	1,137,867	998,706
Goods and services	3	491,702.00	420,486.00	420,473.40	(47)	512,184	500,301
Utilities	4	4,000.00	3,000.00	2,652.28	(348)	3,247	3,562
Subsidies and Transfers	5						
Capital Expenditures	6	185,000.00	246,216.00	246,188.56	(27)	44,195	25,000
Privatization Fund	7						
Other	8						
Total Payments made through KCB		1,868,447.00	1,957,723.58	1,957,335.82	(422)	1,697,491	1,527,569

General Fund Appropriations for 2019

Economic Classification	2019			2018	2017
	KCB	OSR	Total		
	€	€	€	€	€
Wages and salaries	1,288,021.58		1,288,021.58	1,137,867	998,706
Goods and services	420,473.40		420,473.40	512,184	500,301
Utilities	2,652.28		2,652.28	3,246	3,562
Subsidies and Transfers					
Capital Expenditures	246,188.56		246,188.56	44,195	25,000
	1,957,335.82	-	1,957,335.82	1,697,491	1,527,569

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