

MDTF JSS Management Committee Meeting

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JUSTICE REFORM IN SERBIA AND MDTFJSS

- Rule of law is in the core of the EU accession process
- Government is in the process of drafting several strategic documents related to the justice reform:
 - ❖ New National Judicial Development Strategy
 - ❖ Amendments to the Constitution RS
 - ❖ Revised AP for Chapter 23
- MDTFJSS has solid partnership based on understanding and respect with all judicial stakeholders
- The MDTFJSS has been very active since the last Management Committee Meeting

FUNCTIONAL REVIEW – FOLLOW UP

- The FR is updated with 2018 data
- The following draft chapters are complete: (Governance and Management, Corruption, Efficiency, Financial Management, Human Resource Management)
- The Judicial Perception and Experience Survey (relevant data expected end Q1 20) results will provide necessary input for the Quality and Access to Justice chapters
- Progress with implementation of the AP Table – overview of implemented recommendations and link with the AP CH23

FUNCTIONAL REVIEW – FOLLOW UP

- **TIMELINE**
 - Next mission – by January/February 2020
 - Key findings to be shared with stakeholders
 - Draft Chapters to be shared with stakeholders – following the next mission
 - All chapters finalized following the completion of the Perceptions of Justice Survey
 - Consultation process – H1 2020

SMALL CLAIMS

- Draft report was presented to the key judicial stakeholders in cooperation with the Supreme Court of Cassation in June
- Next steps:
 - Quality Enhancement Review (QER) planned for January 2020
 - Publication and dissemination of the Report and the recommendations, following the QER

JOINT ACTIVITIES WITH THE IFC

- 27th Commercial Courts' Judges Conference at Zlatibor - September 2019
- The 9th Annual Conference of the Bankruptcy Supervision Agency – November, 25-28 2019
- Opening of the Department for Mediation within the Commercial Court in Nis - by the end of the year

PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN THE NEXT PERIOD

- Provide support to the PPOs in communication with the public (websites, communication campaign)
- Finalize preparations for launch of the legal empowerment and legal literacy activities (HJC, SPC, Law faculties, JA)
- Finalize the Cost-benefit analysis on Victim support system
- Continue work on Functional Review
- Organization of the Management Committee (November 26, 2019) and Partners Forum (MoJ to confirm)
- Policy dialogue - meeting with Minister Kuburovic (December, 2019)

MANAGEMENT OF THE MDTFJSS

- Srdjan and Gladys are Task Team Leaders for the MDTFJSS
- Zoran Skopljak is the MDTFJSS Coordinator
- Expert team, with more than 10 consultants, provides technical advice and analytical input to the reform
- The Project extended until mid 2023
- Communication associate recruitment by the end of December 2019

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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