The EU funded Project “Support to the Civil Code - phase 2” continues to support the Ministry of Justice to strengthen the rule of law and harmonise Kosovo legislation with the European standards in the area of civil law and property rights. The Ministry of Justice will receive support to finalize the current draft of the comprehensive Civil Code. The project supports the process of improving the overall coherency of the regulatory framework on property rights in Kosovo, in compliance with EU acquis and European best practices.

The project supports the Ministry of Justice to improve the draft of the unified civil law, resolve inconsistencies and fill out gaps. It will also continue with supporting the Ministry of Justice with the property sector’s reform and its process of improving the property rights system in Kosovo.

The new Civil Code should contribute to the creation of the business friendly environment in Kosovo and to the economic development of Kosovo resulting in an increased welfare for all citizens in Kosovo and those persons elsewhere dealing with Kosovo. The Civil Code affects day-to-day life of persons such as marriage, divorce, succession, contracts, business partnerships, purchase of property.

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Introduction

For more information

- An operational and realistic Civil Code Drafting and Implementation Action Plan/Casting/Impact Analysis is developed, mapping the necessary steps (but also implications and costs) that will be required to have in place a modern Civil Code, compliant with relevant EU standards, until its adoption and full application.
- Civil Code drafting is completed (General part, Obligations, Property, Family Law and Law on inheritance) based on assessments and drafts that have been developed earlier. Relevant legislation is harmonised and procedural and implementing legislation and rules are drafted as relevant.
- Broad consultation and information campaign during the drafting process. Relevant practitioners, CSOs/NGOs, professional organisations, law schools and academics, the public are consulted and informed during the final drafting of the Civil Code.
- Comprehensive capacity building. The legal professionals will be fully informed and trained, manuals are available for relevant training institutions, a sustainable training and capacity building system is in place for further consolidation of the application of the Civil Code.
- Awareness. All people in Kosovo, CSOs/NGOs, professional organisations and other relevant stakeholders are aware of the provisions in the new Civil Code regarding their rights and responsibilities, with special focus on marginalised or vulnerable groups, including women.

Monitoring and implementation and application. The Ministry of Justice and the Judiciary use a monitoring system to track application of the new Civil Code in an effective and sustainable manner.

Results

- Communication and outreach with all stakeholders

Outreach and objectives

The project supports the Ministry of Justice with various communication and outreach events to address the civil code developments. These events are for all people in Kosovo. Special events will be done for CSOs/NGOs, professional organisations, the media and other stakeholders. The events also aim to collect information and comments but will also address concerns and questions from the public. The project invites all to participate in the process to have a solid and comprehensive Civil Code in Kosovo! As Kosovo is supported by different donors and programmes, the project will always coordinate its activities with relevant partners.

Overall Objective and Purpose

The overall objective of the project is to improve the standards of the Judiciary Sector in Kosovo. The purpose is to continue EU support to the modernisation and harmonisation of the legal framework on civil matters in line with the Acquis, European standards, and international practices and support implementation of a new Civil Code.

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The Project Consortium

Eurecna, GIZ, EIPP, as partners, have formed a professional consortium, which collectively brings together all the technical, programme management and regional skills and experience needed to deliver the project and achieve the required results. This includes a proven track record in providing technical assistance to pre-accession and accession countries from the Western Balkans. Each of the partners has been or is at present directly involved in the implementation of similar projects and activities supporting the legal reform in Kosovo.

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