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PART 1. STRATEGIC VISION OF THE NETWORK

The National Network on European Protection of Human Rights in Serbia (hereinafter, the Network), should become an instrument for strengthening the fundamental rights' protection in order to accomplish European standards introduced by the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR).

1.1 Mission

The Network intends to provide and facilitate exchange of judicial information on ECtHR case-law between members of the Network with other judges and public prosecutors; to help in the training activities of the Judicial Academy; to contribute for the enforcement of the judgments delivered by the ECtHR and the relevant judicial decisions relevant for the accession of Serbia to the European Union.

1.2 Operating context

1.2.1 Regulation

The Network was established according the Decision adopted on 3rd October 2017 by the Judicial Academy, to which were jointly agreed the High Judicial Council and the State Prosecutorial Council.

The Public open call was issued by the Judicial Academy on 20th November 2017. In December 2017, thirty members of the Network were accepted: 10 appellate judges, 15 judges coming from Basic and High Courts, and 5 public prosecutors. On 24th and 25th January 2017 the constitutive meeting was held in the premises of the Judicial Academy.

1.2.2 Activities

The following main activities are envisaged: exchanging information between members, other judges and public prosecutors; involvement in training, either in their capacity of trainees or trainers, and cooperation between the Network and other collaborative mechanisms.

1.2.3 Main beneficiaries

Members of the Network, other judges and public prosecutors should be the direct beneficiaries of these activities.

1.3 Strategy

A peer-to-peer mechanism within the judicial structure is going to be applied in the operation of the Network with strong support, managerial and technical, from the Judicial Academy. All these objectives will be gradually developed.

The division according to thematic are is going to be introduced, but not geographical

breakdown.

1.3.1 General objective: Information

Every Serbian judge and public prosecutor must be updated on the latest judgments given by the ECtHR which are relevant for the Republic of Serbia.

1.3.1.1 Specific objective: Exchanging information peer-to-peer between the Network and every Serbian judge and public prosecutor through specific email accounts.

1.3.1.2 Specific objective: Informative alerts of one or two pages on approximately 60 judgments delivered each year by the ECtHR (21 on Serbian affairs, 30 from the Grand Chamber, and 10 judgments very relevant from the Serbian perspective).

1.3.1.3 Specific objective: European Human Rights Serbian Blog

1.3.1.4 Specific objective: Serbian Newsletter on Human Rights

1.3.1.5 Specific objective: Network's Data Base, as special complement of the E-Academy.

2. General objective: Training

The Network will constitute the pivotal point for the European training and through the Judicial Academy in the Republic of Serbia. The Judicial Academy will try to intensify the involvement of the members of the Network in European and international projects.

1.3.2.1 Specific objective: Members of the Network as trainers (through the Judicial Academy).

1.3.2.2 Specific objective: Members of the Network as trainees (visits to Strasbourg, Luxembourg, specialized seminars in Serbia and in the rest of Europe).

3. General objective: Cooperation

It will be crucial to permit to the members of the Network to participate in other collaborative mechanisms established in the different institutions in order to create a fruitful synergy and to prevent overlapping actions.

1.3.3.1 Specific objective: Collaborative mechanisms in the Constitutional Court.

1.3.3.2 Specific objective: Collaborative mechanisms in the Supreme Court of Cassation, participation in the Council of Europe's Superior Courts Network.

1.3.3.1 Specific objective: Collaborative mechanisms in the Serbian Government (State Agent before the ECtHR).

1.3.3.1 Specific objective: Collaborative mechanisms in the negotiation of the accession of the Republic of Serbia to the European Union.

D) Key performance indicators

Supervision and control must be based on the surveys, statistics on questions referred to the Network and the data base, comparison of precedent statistical data about violation/non violation of the Articles and Protocols to the European Convention on Human Rights, meetings, legal publications by the Network members, etc.

PART 2. ORGANISATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF THE JUDICIAL NETWORK

The Judicial Academy will develop a crucial role in maintaining the spirit and the activities to be developed by the Network. The internal organisation of the members will be assured by a **soft** coordination between appellate judges, judges and public prosecutors.

2.1 Human resources

2.1.1 Coordination within the Network

It is compulsory to decide a coordination mechanism within the Network. The most suitable proposal is to nominate directly by the Judicial Academy or to be elected by the members of the Network three coordinators: one appellate judge, one judge and one public prosecutor. The appellate judge will be the general coordinator.

2.1.2 Sections of the Network

Members of the Network will develop their task according a soft breakdown and according to no more than five or six Sections (Criminal, Civil, Commercial, Administrative, etc.). This breakdown will determine the competent member to do the tasks: writing an alert, posting news in the blog, etc.

2.2 Management

The managerial issue should be encouraged by the Judicial Academy, maybe through the Deputy Director of the Judicial Academy, who should be appointed contact point.

2.3 Administrative and IT resources

The Judicial Academy will bring all the necessary support, administrative and technological, to the Network.

PART 3. TIMETABLE

TASKS	DEADLINE
<i>INTERNAL ORGANISATION</i>	

1. Election/Nomination of the Coordinators of the Network	02/2018
2. Sections: breakdown of activities	04/2018
3. Judicial Academy Support (directive and managerial level)	01/2018
4. Judicial Academy Support (administrative level)	02/2018
5. Judicial Academy Support (technological level)	02/2018
<i>INFORMATION</i>	
6. Promotion of the Network	06/2018
7. Alerts or Notes on judgments (maximum two pages for each judgment)	05/2018
8. European Newsletter	06/2018
9. European Blog	06/2018
10. Network Data Base	09/2018
<i>TRAINING</i>	
11. Members as trainers	02/2018
12. Members as trainees	02/2018
<i>COOPERATION</i>	
Collaborative mechanism in the Constitutional Court	05/2018
13. Collaborative mechanism in the Supreme Court of Cassation: Council of Europe's Superior Courts Network	04/2018
14. Collaborative mechanism in Strasbourg	09/2018
15. Collaborative mechanism in Luxembourg	09/2018
<i>CONTROL</i>	
16. Survey on the Network	06/2019
17. Statistics on the activities of the Network	06/2019

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