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List of Abbreviations

- CAA Civil Aviation Authority
- ACK Anti-Corruption Agency
- CAK Competition Authority in Kosovo
- RRA Railway Regulatory Authority
- **RAEPC Regulatory Authority of Electronic and Postal Communications**
- SAK Statistics Agency of Kosovo
- FVA Food and Veterinary Agency
- CBK Central Bank of Kosovo
- KFEE Kosovar Fund for Energy Efficiency
- JCK Judicial Council of Kosovo
- PCK Prosecution Council of Kosovo
- IMC Independent Media Commission
- PPRC Public Procurement Regulatory Commission
- ASSEMBLY Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo
- MES Ministry of Education and Science
- MAFRD Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development
- MJ Ministry of Justice
- MEA Ministry of Economy
- MFLT Ministry of Finance, Labor and Transfers
- MESPI Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure
- MCR Ministry for Communities and Returns
- MCYS Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports
- MIA Ministry of Internal Affairs
- MRD Ministry of Regional Development
- MH Ministry of Health
- MITE Ministry of Industry, Trade and Entrepreneurship
- NAO National Audit Office
- OPM Office of the Prime Minister

ASSESSMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAA (NPISAA) FOR 2022

I. Introduction

The Stabilization and Association process for the Western Balkans was launched in 1999. Since then, the Stabilization and Association Agreements (SAAs) constitute the axis of the European Union's expansion policies in the region. The agreements represent the framework for cooperation and set the stages for the reforms, which cover political, economic, and administrative criteria. In particular, the SAA is a contractual agreement, and it is considered the most formal relationship between a state and the EU in the way of membership.

The National Programme for the Implementation of the Stabilization-Association Agreement (PKZSAA) 2021-2025 marks the sixth consecutive program dedicated to the implementation of the SAA between the EU and the Republic of Kosovo.¹ Functioning as the primary national policy document, PKZAA plays a central role in effecting reforms and integrating the entire EU acquis in national legislation. The programme is implemented alongside the second phase of the European Reform Agenda (ERA II), aligning political priorities and reforms to accelerate their completion.

Based on the structure of the Copenhagen Criteria, ² the programme is divided into three main blocks: *Political Criteria*, *Economic Criteria*, and *European Standards* - *the alignment of Kosovo's legislation with the* EU *acquis*. The relevant bodies of the state administration, within the scope of their powers, are accountable to NPISAA. With the Government serving as the central governing mechanism in the country for fulfilling SAA obligations, the responsibility is notably placed on this authority.

This plan is divided into two parts: *the narrative part* and *the short-term measures matrix*. The narrative part of each chapter summarizes the obligations of the SAA. While the matrix of short-term measures, shows the concrete measures that will be taken for each chapter. These measures are divided into two categories: legislative measures and implementing measures.

In order to conduct this assessment for the January - December 2022 period, GLPS has monitored each measure and objectives determined by the NPISAA approved by the Assembly of the Republic for 2022. Consequently, to achieve accurate assessments of the institutions' performance in the implementation of NPISAA for 2022, GLPS contacted 32 institutions responsible for the implementation of measures for this period, in each of the predetermined pillars. The measures coincide with the objectives stemming from the agreement, which also affect the areas of the electoral system, public administration, public procurement, competition policies, financial services, energy, statistics, the judiciary, education, the environment, as well as foreign relations through changes in relevant laws, or supplementing them with sub-legal acts.

NPISAA 2021-2025 contains a total of 235 measures , organized in 3 blocks:

- Block I: Political criteria: 17 measures;
- Block II: Economic criteria: three measures; and
- Block III: European Standards alignment of Kosovo's legislation with the EU acquis: 215 measures.

From the measures within the political criteria, four are legislative and 13 implementing measures, while from the economic criteria there are no legislative measures, while the other three are within the implementation measures. As for the European Standards - the alignment of Kosovo's legislation with the EU acquis, they are divided into 85 legislative measures and 130 implementing measures.

 $^{^1}Stabilization-Association Agreement, available at <math display="inline">https://bit.ly/3Kxttg8$; Law no. 05/L-069 for the ratification of the SAA, available at

 $^{^2}$ European Commission ((2016), "Accession criteria European Commission - Enlargement - Accession criteria", June 2016, link: https://bit.ly/3tNoBxK

II. Political Criteria

The political criteria fully covers the areas of legislation, the executive, public administration reform. This criteria also partially covers areas of the rule of law, the judiciary, fundamental rights and the protection of minorities. This block is closely related to chapters 23 and 24 of the *acquis* (of the third block), namely, judiciary and fundamental rights and justice, freedom and security. The first block also includes issues related to Parliament and the Electoral System; Public Administration; Ombudsman, Civilian Oversight of Security Forces, Regional Cooperation and International Obligations.

Concerning the fulfillment of the measures that correspond to the political criteria, the largest number of measures that need to be implemented consist of legislative changes that will contribute to the reform in public administration. These changes include the draftlaw on salaries in the public sector, the draft law on public officials, the draft law for administrative inspection. Within the same pillar, implementation measures also incorporate various requirements, including the requirement to sustain the institutional reforms and to raise the institutional capacities in the field of public administration. This is aimed at aligning with EU standards and principles for public administration. Another objective entails ensuring transparent, merit-based and non-political selection in all independent institutions, agencies, regulatory bodies and public companies.

In this pillar , out of a total of 17 predetermined measures, 13 have been fulfilled, three are not fulfilled and one is partially fulfilled, as shown in the figure below:



III. Economic Criteria

The objectives stemming from the economic criteria are closely related to the Economic Reforms Program of the European Commission, ³ which are harmonized with strategic documents such as: the Government's program, sectoral strategies and the National Development Strategy. The document also includes measures derived from the Report of the European Council on Kosovo and the Subcommittee on Economic, Financial and Statistical Affairs. This pillar contains two chapters: the existence of a functioning market economy and the ability to cope with competition and market forces within the EU.

Under this pillar and the aforementioned chapters, for the monitoring period, three measures have been predetermined, of which two have been fulfilled (Strategy for the Reform of Public Finance Management 2022-2026 and the Action Plan as well as the Program for the reduction of administrative root) and another one remains unfulfilled (Concept document for supplementing the amendment of the Law on Public Enterprises).

³https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/2021-economic-reform-programmes-albania-montenegro-northmacedonia-serbia-turkey-bosnia-and-herzegovina-and-kosovo-commissions-overview-and- countryassessments_en

FIGURE 2: STATUS OF ALL MEASURES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ECONOMIC CRITERIA



IV. European Standards – Alignment of Kosovo Legislation with EU Acquis

The approximation process, outlined in the third pillar, involves aligning the internal legislation of the Republic of Kosovo with the acquis of the EU. This process of legislative alignment comprises two essential components: the obligations arising from EU legislation and their implementation in practice. The measures correspond to legislative revisions of the laws in force with the aim of further improvement of certain areas, their implementation, as well as the necessary additions with by-laws.

For this period, the relevant institutions were responsible for adapting 215 measures to the *Acquis* as a whole. Of these measures, 119 have been fulfilled, 14 are partially fulfilled, 74 are unfulfilled and eight measures remain undefined due to lack of information.

FIGURE 3: STATUS OF ALL MEASURES FOR THE APPROXIMATION OF LEGISLATION WITH AQUIS



V. Evaluation of the fulfillment of NPISAA during 2022

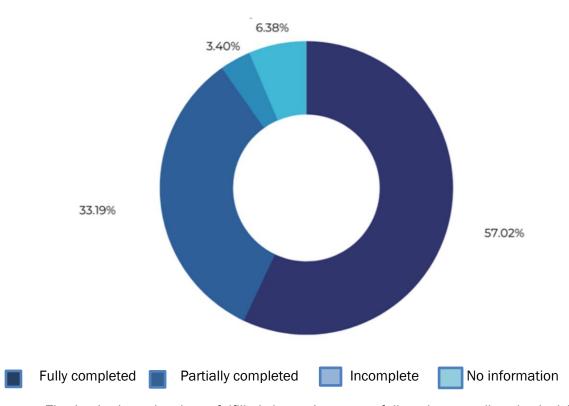
The performance of the NPISAA over the years has not exhibited the most optimal dynamics, leadingEuropean Commission reports on the country to characterize the progress as limited. Furthermore, the European Commission has reiterated the need for a faster dynamic in the implementation of the SAA. This includes a call for the prompt implementation, with an emphasis on expediting the reform process, taking into account the limited progress thus far.⁴

NPISAA 2021-2025 contains a total of 235 measures of which, until the end of the monitoring period:

- 134 or 57.02% are fulfilled
- 78 or 33.19% are unfulfilled
- 15 or 6.38% are partially fulfilled
- 8 or 3.4% of measures remain unidentified in absence of information

⁴ European Commission (2021), "Enlargement and Stabilization and Association process - Council Conclusions, December, 2021, link : <u>https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/53454/st15033-en21.pdf</u>

FIGURE 4: STATUS OF ALL MEASURES IN NPISAA 2021-2025



The institutions that have fulfilled the actions on a full scale, regarding the legislative measures include the Civil Aviation Authority, the Information and Privacy Agency, the Procurial Council of Kosovo, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora.

As for the implementation measures, the actions have been fully fulfilled by the Civil Aviation Authority as well as the Kosovar Energy Efficiency Fund.

On the other hand, the institutions that have not fulfilled any obligation issued by NPISAA as implementing measures include: Central Bank, Railway Regulatory Authority, Independent Media Commission, Prime Minister's Office.

While the obligations that arise from the implementing measures and have not been fulfilled are: the Anti-Corruption Agency, the Regulatory Authority of Electronic and Postal Communications, the Food and Veterinary Agency, the Central Bank, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Railway Infrastructure of Kosovo, National Audit Office.

The institutions with a feasibility degree of over 50% from the monitoring of NPISAA consist of: Civil Aviation Authority (100%), Information and Privacy Agency (100%), Regulatory Authority of Electronic and Postal Communications (75%), Food and Veterinary Agency (50%), the Judicial Council of Kosovo (80%), the Procurial Council of Kosovo (80%), the Assembly (50%), the Ministry of Justice (88%), the Ministry of Economy (90%), the Ministry of Trade and Industry (66.66%), Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning (55%), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora (100%), Food and Veterinary Agency (50%), Kosovo Energy Efficiency Fund (100%), Ministry of Administration and Local Government (66.66%), Ministry of Internal Affairs (73.03%), Prime Minister's Office (70%), Ministry of Health (50%), Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports (50%), Ministry of Finance, Labor, and Transfers (61.01%) , Ministry of Education, Technology, Science, and Inovation (100%).

The institutions that have not fulfilled half of the measures foreseen include: Railway Regulatory Authority (0%), Central Bank of Kosovo (0%), Independent Media Commission (0%), Ministry of Finance (20%), Ministry of Internal Affairs (44.44%), Prime Minister's Office (50%), National Audit Office (0%), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora (0%), Ministry of Industry and Trade (45.86%).

V. Current Situation: Legislative Measures

Legislative measures are further divided into measures of framework legislation and bylaws as well as other regulatory acts. Legislative measures constitute 89 measures out of 235 in total. As such, the legislative measures for this period have provided for new laws as well as the amendment or completion of those in force.

The results of this assessment show that out of a total of 89 measures, 52 measures are fulfilled, 33 are not fulfilled, and four are partially fulfilled.

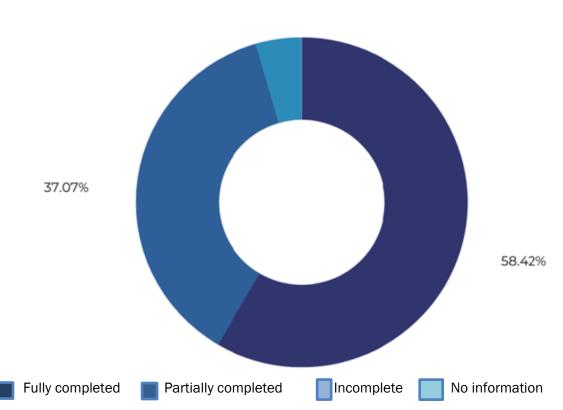


FIGURE 5: STATUS OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

The legislative measures in this period of NPISAA target the fulfillment of commitments from political and economic criteria and aim at further alignment of national legislation with that of the European Union.

From the political criteria, the draft law on salaries in the public sector, the draft law on public officials as well as the regulation of the Assembly results as a completed measure from the package of legislative measures. As a result, from the block of legislative economic criteria, three measures were fulfilled and one was unfulfilled.

FIGURE 6: STATUS OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF POLITICAL CRITERIA



From Block III of the *Acquis*, which consists of 85 legislative measures in total, 52 were fulfilled, 33 were unfulfilled, while four are partially fulfilled.

FIGURE 7: STATUS OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF APPROXIMATION OF LEGISLATION WITH AQUIS



In the area of the judiciary and fundamental rights, the measures under chapter 23 are completed and there are ongoing efforts aimed at further developing the judicial system. Key legislative initiatives contributing to these improvements include drafts such as the Prosecution Council of Kosovo, the State Prosecutor, and administrative disputes laws. These legislative proposals signify a commitment to refining the legal framework governing the judiciary and fundamental rights in Kosovo. The draft law on the execution of criminal sanctions has also been completed.

The draft law on administrative inspection was not approved, thus, removed from the Legislative Program. The draft law on security measures of networks and information systems, the draft law on road transport, the draft law on mandatory oil reserves, the draft law on the social assistance scheme, the draft law on amending and supplementing Law for Safety and Health at Work are several draft laws that have not been recorded progress, therefore they remain unfinished.

Regarding the judicial system, most of the regulations have been approved, besides the Standard Rate Regulation which is the only one that not yet received approval. This regulation is in the finalization stage and is expected to be approved by the KJC in the coming months.

The Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation has completed the draft law on higher education, the draft law on early childhood education, the draft law on textbooks and teaching materials.

The Ministry of Justice has approved five draft laws. These are: draft law for the Procurial Council of Kosovo, the draft law for the State Prosecutor's Office, draft law for the Central System of Criminal Evidence, the draft Law for Administrative Guidance, draft Law for the Execution of Criminal Sanctions,

Concerning the Ministry of Economy, the draft law on Renewable Energy Sources, a guideline and seven regulations have been approved. On the other hand, regarding the draft law on security measures of networks and information systems has been in progress, ME has adhered to the procedures for its formulation. Additionally, a working group has been established to contribute to the drafting of the law, receiving technical assistance throughout this proces by the Austrian ADA. As a result, the final draft is now prepared and ready for consideration.

The Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Infrastructure in this period has fulfilled six legislative measures, against the nine measures foreseen. The Civil Aviation Authority results with all measures completed. The Information and Privacy Agency has complied with both regulations.

On another hand, the Central Bank of Kosovo has not yet completed its measures, as the regulation for Liquidity Risk Management has not yet been approved. The regulations issued by the Independent Media Commission have not yet been approved, but the drafts have been compiled.

VI. Current Situation: Implementation Measures

The implementing measures further divided into measures of the policy framework, institutional reforms and institutional capacity building, and those for implementation in practice correspond to a total of 146. Of these measures, 82 are fulfilled, 11 are partially fulfilled, 45 are not fulfilled and eight measures on which institutions were not open to share information.

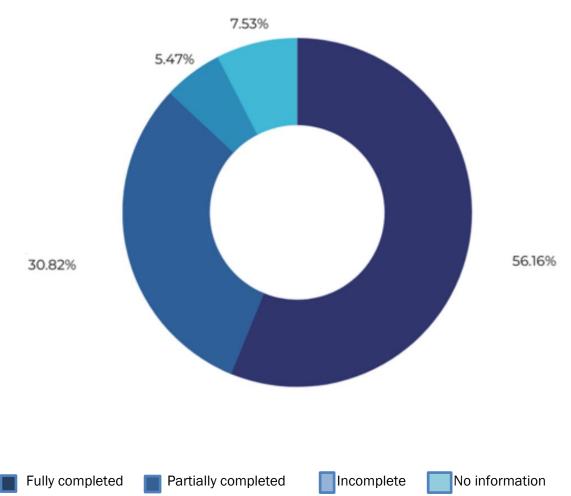


FIGURE 9: STATUS OF IMPLEMENTING MEASURES

The measures derived from the political criteria stem from two objectives: continuation of *institutional reforms* and *raising institutional capacities in the field of public administration*, with the aim of implementing EU standards and principles for Public Administration and transparent, meritorious and non-political selection for all independent institutions, agencies, regulatory bodies and public companies.

The institutions responsible for fulfilling the aforementioned objectives include the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Assembly, the Ministry of Local Government Administration and the Office

of the Prime Minister. In this regard, of all 13 measures, 10 measures are fulfilled, one is partially fulfilled and two are not fulfilled.



The second block consists of three measures, of which two have been fulfilled while the other remains unfulfilled. All these measures fall under the Ministry of Finance, Labor and Transfers, the Ministry of Economy and the Office of the Prime Minister. The Strategy for Public Finance Management Reforms and the Program for the reduction of the administrative burden are fulfilled, while the Concept document for completing the amendment to the Law on Public Enterprises is expected to be approved in 2023.

FIGURE 10: STATUS OF IMPLEMENTING MEASURES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ECONOMIC CRITERIA



The third block constitutes the majority of implementing measures with a total of 130, of which 70 were fulfilled, 42 are unfulfilled, 10 measures were partially fulfilled. For eight measures from this block, the institutions were reluctant to provide information.

FIGURE 11: STATUS OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF APPROXIMATION OF LEGISLATION WITH AQUIS



The following section presents the main developments from the responsible institutions involved in this block of measures.

MESPI has drafted the strategic development and transport sector policies, improvement of environmental inspection, improvement of water management policies, thus fulfilling its objectives within this block.

MFLT results in completed measures within the objectives as follows: Drafting of the Strategy for Public Finance Management Reforms 2022, creation of a special team or organizational unit in NJIF-K for the development of strategic analyzes, further engagement by the ministries and sectoral regulators involved in the exchange of information regarding assistance schemes, the fight against the informal economy, tax evasion and tax avoidance, the fight against the informal economy, tax evasion and tax avoidance, the strengthening of institutional capacities in the Inspectorate of Work, the development of the guaranteed scheme for young people, the

undertaking of measures to increase the participation of women in the labor market, the improvement of the services of the labor inspectorate, the fight against the informal economy are measures that have been fulfilled by the Ministry of Finance. In total, the institution has fulfilled 10 measures, five are unfulfilled, and three are partially fulfilled.

MH has approved the strategic plan for disease prevention and control, while the 2022-2032 Sectoral Health Strategy has encountered serious delays.

MESTI has allocated 498 scholarships for students. Also, MESTI has allocated a budget for financial support to NGOs that run learning centers for Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian students. Meanwhile, the finalization and launch of the Kosovo Research Information System (KRIS) has been successfully developed within the planned time frame and is in the final testing phase.

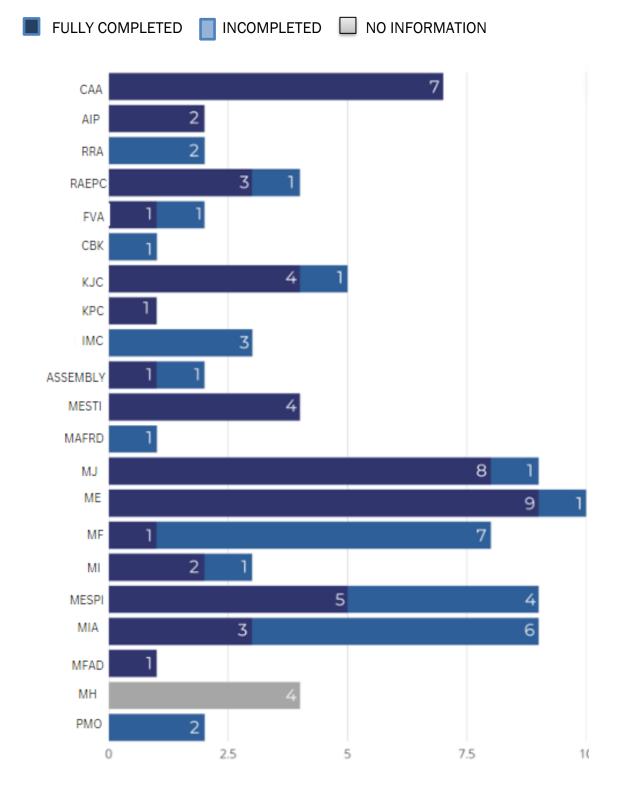
MAFRD has approved the concept documents for land regulation, the concept document for the organization of the common market, for agricultural land, for veterinary medicine, wines, and the 2022-2024 action plan has also been approved by the Government. for the forestry development strategy. Meanwhile, the program for agriculture and rural development as well as the program for the advancement of agro-food enterprises are still in the process of being finalized.

MJ has approved the concept document for the creation of confiscation funds as well as the National Strategy and Action Plan against domestic violence. Whereas, the concept document for the realization of civil rights, including the right of the parties to trial within a reasonable time, is only as a finalized draft, but internal consultations are expected.

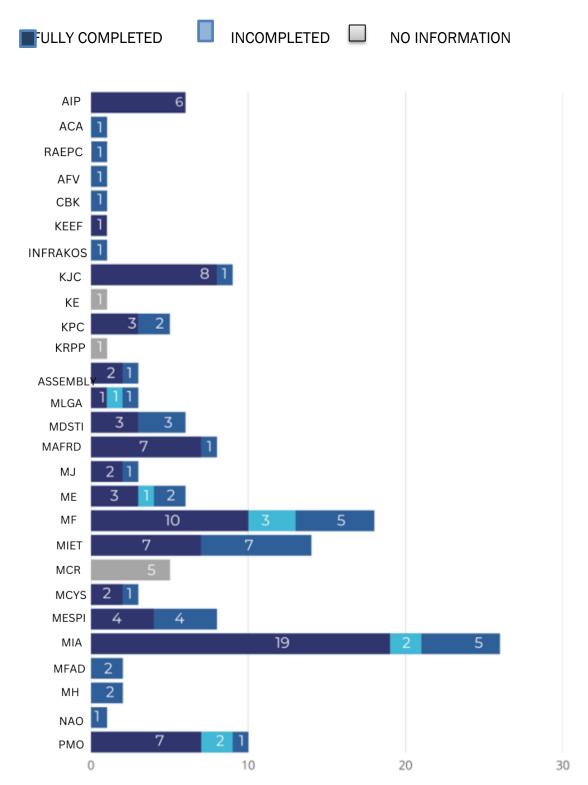
KJC has fulfilled eight out of nine measures foreseen. The Strategy for the reduction of old cases, the Communication Strategy of the KJC 2022-2024, the full functionalization of the competencies of the Central Office of Criminal Evidence at the KJC have been fulfilled. During 2022, the Academy of Law in cooperation with international partners has carried out 13 trainings for judges and support staff.

The Central Bank is still in the process of finalizing the implementation of Solvency II measures, through technical assistance from the World Bank.

Appendix 1: Table of Statistics for All Responsible Institutions for the Implementation of Legislative Measures



Appendix 2: Table of Statistics for all Responsible Institutions for the Implementation of Implementing Measures



Objectives	INDICATORS	RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTION	TIME LIMITS	ASSESSMENT Q1- Q4 2022
BLOCK OF POLITICAL CRITERIA				
1.1. Democracy and the rule of law				
1.1.1 Constitution, Parliament and electoral system				
The recommendations of the Election Monitoring Mission related to changes in legislation, government decisions and the allocation of financial resources, implemented	Ad-hoc Committee and Advisory Group, established	ASSEMBLY	Q4 2022	COMPLETED
1. The Ad Hoc Parliamentary Commission for Republic of Kosovo, no. 08-V-322, on July 1,		Kosovo was formed	by Decision of	the Assembly of the
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION				
Continuation of institutional reforms and raising institutional capacities in the field of public administration, with the aim of implementing EU standards and principles for PA	The new Strategic Framework for RAP 2021- 2026, approved	MIA	Q4 2022	С
Continuation of institutional reforms and raising institutional capacities in the field of public administration, with the aim of implementing EU standards and principles for PA	Concept Document for Local Elections, approved	М	Q2 2022	С
Continuation of institutional reforms and raising institutional capacities in the field of public administration, with the aim of implementing EU standards and principles for PA	Concept Document for Intermunicipal Cooperation and Local Democracy, approved	MLG	Q4 2022	INCOMPLETED
Continuation of institutional reforms and raising institutional capacities in the field of public administration, with the aim of implementing EU standards and principles for PA	Draft Document for the Commissioning and Exchange of Municipal Immovable Property, approved	MLG	Q4 2022	PARTLY COMPLETED
Continuation of institutional reforms and raising institutional capacities in the field of public administration, with the aim of implementing EU standards and principles for PA	Question bank for admission to civil service, created	MIA	Q4 2022	С
Continuation of institutional reforms and raising institutional capacities in the field of public administration, with the aim of implementing EU standards and principles for PA	At least 20% of existing draft laws, draft laws, by- laws and administrative instructions that contain special administrative procedures and are part of the legislative program, harmonized with LPPA	MIA	Q1 2022	С
Continuation of institutional reforms and raising institutional capacities in the field of public administration, with the aim of implementing EU standards and principles for PA	The guide for conducting the interview in the recruitment process, approved	MIA	Q4 2022	С
Continuation of institutional reforms and raising institutional capacities in the field of public administration, with the aim of implementing EU standards and principles for PA	The guide for evaluating the performance of executive agencies for the implementation of the law on the organization and functioning of the state administration and independent agencies,	OPM	Q2 2022	С

	developed and approved, drafted			
Continuation of institutional reforms and raising institutional capacities in the field of public administration, with the aim of implementing EU standards and principles for PA	The annual report on the evaluation of the performance of executive agencies, drafted	OPM	Q3 2022	С
Continuation of institutional reforms and raising institutional capacities in the field of public administration, with the aim of implementing EU standards and principles for PA	The final report on the performance of executive agencies in the Government, approved	OPM	Q3 2022	IC

1. The Strategy for the Reform of Public Administration 2022-2027, and the Action Plan 2022-2024, was approved at the Government meeting held on 28.12.2022, Decision No. 17/116.

2. Draft Document for Local Elections is finished by decision No. 02-175 of February 22, 2022. MLGA has established a working group for the drafting of the Concept Document for Law No. 03/L-072 on Local Elections in the Republic of Kosovo, composed of all representatives and relevant institutions that are involved in this process, such as: members from MLGA, representatives from the Office of the Prime Minister, representatives from the Coordinating Secretariat of the Government, representatives from the Ministry of Finance, Labor and Transfers, representatives from the Association of Municipalities of Kosovo, representatives from the Central Election Commission, representatives from the OSCE, representatives from KDI, representatives from the GAP Institute and representatives from the Institute for Local GovernmentKLGI. After this, with decision no. 02-175/2 dated April 13, 2022, and decision no. 02-175 of February 22, 2022, being completed with members such as: representatives from OPM/European Integrations, representatives from civil society D4D and D+, , the deadline for finalizing this concept document was extended to September 30, 2022. For the drafting of the concept, MLGA has organized 1 information meeting and 2 workshops with members of the working group. The draft concept document drawn up by the working group has gone through the stages of public consultation and preliminary consultation.

3. MLGA, by decision dated 24.02.2022, has established the Working Group for Drafting the Concept Document for Intermunicipal Cooperation and Local Democracy in MLGA, Civil Society, the Prime Minister's Office and the Association of Kosovo Municipalities. The working group has held a workshop with the working group regarding the drafting of the "Concept Document for Intermunicipal Cooperation and Local Democracy". Moreover, MLGA has organized a joint meeting with civil society for consultation. The draft concept document drawn up by the working group has also gone through the stages of public consultation and preliminary consultation. The concept document has been finalized within the deadline and submitted for approval to the Government.

4. MLGA with decision No. 02-701 dated 04.08.2022, established the working group for drafting the concept document for the transfer and exchange of immovable property in municipalities. Part of this decision are: representatives from MLGA, representatives from the Prime Minister's Office, representatives from the Ministry of Finance, representatives from civil society, USAID representatives, representatives from the College of Speakers of Municipal Assemblies, the College of Legal Officers, the College for Economic Development, the College for Spatial Planning from the Association of Municipalities.

5. The question bank for the civil service was completed by DMZP during 2022 and is being used during the recruitment process.

6. Draft Law on Amendments and Supplements to Laws Containing Special Administrative Procedures and their Harmonization with Law No. 05/L -031 for the General Administrative Procedure dated 14.09.2022 was approved at the Government meeting. Currently, it is under consideration in the Assembly.

7. The guide for conducting interviews has been approved and is currently being used during the recruitment process.

8. The Guide for Assessing the Performance of Agencies has been completed and together with the request for a Report on the implementation of Regulation 03/2020 on the Performance of Agencies, and with other relevant documents, has been sent to the relevant institutions on 05.05.2022.

9. The Coordinating Secretariat of the Government has prepared the Annual Report for Monitoring the Implementation of the Performance Regulation of Executive Agencies, according to the established deadline.

10. The Coordinating Secretariat of the Government has submitted the final Report with recommendations to the Cabinet of the Prime Minister, but this Report from the Cabinet of the CM has not been proposed nor included in the agenda for the Government Meeting.

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THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE				
Monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of the People's Advocate	The number of IAP recommendations implemented by the responsible authorities, based on indicator 7.3.2 of the Sectoral Budget Contract for RAP	OPM	Q4 2022	С
Monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of the People's Advocate	The number of responses received by the responsible authorities, based on indicator 7.3.1 of the Sectoral Budget Contract for RAP	OPM	Q4 2022	С

1. Monitoring the implementation of the Ombudsman's Recommendations:

Based on the legal obligations based on Law no. 05\L-021 on Protection from Discrimination, the Office of the Prime Minister/Office for Good Governance continuously monitors the implementation of the Ombudsman's recommendations of the People. During the year 2022, a total of 109 recommendations of the Ombudsman were addressed in central and local level institutions and as a result we have the following results: (However, it is important to emphasize that these results may change after reviewing the recommendations pending implementation by the Institution of the People's Advocate as well as the recommendations of December 2022 which are still within the legal deadline to answer you). 2. Accomplished activity.

BLOCK II- ECONOMIC CRITERIA				
Drafting of the 2022-2026 Public Finance Management Reform Strategy and Action Plan	SRMFP Strategy (2022- 2026) and Action Plan, approved	MFPT	Q3 2022	С
Development of the policy framework for public enterprises	Concept document for supplementing the amendment of the Law on Public Enterprises, approved	ME	Q3 2022	IC

1. This indicator was fulfilled. The Strategy for the Management of Public Finances of the Republic of Kosovo 2022-2026 and the Action Plan 2022-2024, was approved at the meeting of the CRK No. 18/116, Date: 28.12.2022 2. Within the political mandate of the ME, the reform in the field of Public Enterprises remains a priority and as a process is being developed in parallel with the constitution process of the Sovereign Fund. In line with this, it is initially planned that in 2023 the concept document for public enterprises will be approved, which will be followed by the revision of the legislation related to public enterprises (which includes the revision of the law on public enterprises, by-laws as well as the code of corporate governance ethics).

Reduction of administrative burden	Administrative Burden Reduction Program, revised	OPM	Q3 2022	С	
1. This indicator was fulfilled. The program for the prevention and reduction of the administrative burden can be found published on the website of the Office of the Prime Minister, following this link: https://kryeministri.rks-gov.net/ep-content/uploads/2022/09/ZPS-shtator2022-PPZBA-2022-2027-and-PV-2022-2027-Appendix-1-6-FINAL-ALB.pdf .					
BLOCK III: EUROPEAN STANDARDS – APPROXIMATION OF KOSOVO LEGISLATION WITH THE EU ACQUIS					
Chapter 1 of the acquis: Free movement of goods					
Implementation of the Program for the Elimination of Technical Barriers to Trade 2021-2025 (Articles 34- 36 TFEU Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union)	The number of revised/aligned acts from the field of non- harmonized technical and non-technical legislation	MINT	Q4 2022	С	
Further development of the policy framework in the field of market surveillance	The action plan drawn up and approved for the implementation of EU Regulation 2019/1020 on market surveillance and product conformity and EU Regulation 2019/515 on the mutual recognition of goods	MINT	Q2 202:	С	

1. This indicator was fulfilled. The Government of the Republic of Kosovo with Decision No. 20/89, Dated 20.07.2022 has approved the Annual Report on the implementation of the Program for the Elimination of Trade Barriers 2021-2025. The report included 10 legal and sub-legal acts reviewed if they constitute barriers to trade.

2. With Decision No. 19/89, Dated 20.07.2022, the Action Plan was approved: Transposition and Implementation of: EU Regulation 2019/1020 on Market Surveillance and Product Compliance and EU Regulation 2019/ 515 on the Mutual Recognition of Goods for the preparation of the new Law on Product Market Surveillance.

Improving the conditions for legal control in the field of length and dimensional measurements	The length laboratory at AMK, established	MINT	Q4 2022	IC		
Development of institutional capacities for market surveillance	Digital inspection platform, developed	MINT	Q3 2022	IC		
 During the Q4 2022 period, the supply of l equipment, adequate space must be provide one official must be recruited, so that the lat 2. The file with the terms of reference has be that will develop the platform is expected. 	ed in the AMK facility for poratory is functional and	the functionalizatior	n of the length shed.	laboratory, and at least		
Chapter 2 of the acquis: Freedom of movement of employees						
Initiation/negotiation of bilateral social security agreements	At least one bilateral agreement, initiated	MFPT	Q4 2022	IC		
the Republic of Albania on June 20, 2022, the the Institute for Social Security of the Republic Social Security agreement between the two of a verbal note expressing the intention and pro- Croatia through diplomatic channels. Active of agreement, and a negotiating team is in the efforts to negotiate the Agreement for Social Agreement for Social Insurance, a letter has renegotiation of the unilateral termination age	lic of Albania. This agree countries. Furthermore, reparedness for negotiat communication has bee process of formation. M Insurance with the Rep been dispatched to the	ment aims to facilita in the course of nego- tions on the Agreemo- n established with th FLT, supported by th ublic of Croatia. Addi	ate the implement otiating the So ent was conve ne Croatian sid e government tionally, withir	nentation of the broader cial Security Agreement, yed to the Republic of le to coordinate the 's initiative, is leading in the initiative for the		
Chapter 3 of the acquis: Right of establishment and freedom to provide services						
Preparations for the establishment of the single point of contact	Single point of contact software developed and operationalized	MINT	Q1 2022	С		
Development of the monitoring framework in the field of freedom to provide services	The mechanism for monitoring the implementation of the Action Plan for Services created and operationalized	MINT	Q4 2022	IC		
1. This indicator was fulfilled; the single point of contact has been established and operationalized. 2. With decision no. 2258-2 dated 07/04/2022, the working group for the coordination and monitoring of the action plan for the implementation of the Law on Services was established. So far, two workshops have been held for members of the working group organized by the Twinning Project.						
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1. During 2022, work was done on the finalization of the Concept Document by the working group, collaborating with an international PECK III expert, where the recommendations of the Council of Europe regarding new developments in the AML/LFT field and the alignment of the Concept Document with the EU Directives were addressed -'s. The document has been finalized and translated into the official languages and submitted by the FIU to the Cabinet of the Minister of MFPT. 2. During 2022, the creation of special teams for the development of strategic analyzes was initiated, taking into account the filling of vacant positions in NJIF-K, which will be completed in order to strengthen strategic analyses. During the month of June-2022, the "Strategic Analysis Guide" was approved with no. protocol: FIUAD: 124/2022. Based on this Guide, three (3) Strategic Analysis Projects have been opened. Strategic analyzes will be developed by separate teams in IFI-K in cooperation with liaison officers in IFI-K from TAK and others.

Chapter 5 of the acquis: Public procurement				
Establishment of coordination mechanisms with the Competition Authority in Kosovo in order to promote a favorable environment for competitive practices in public procurement.	Memorandum of Understanding between KRPP and the Competition Authority in Kosovo, signed.	PPRC	Q3 2022	PC
1. This indicator was partially fulfilled.				
Chapter 6 of the acquis: Company Law				
Development of the policy framework for commercial companies.	Concept document for completing the amendment of the Law on Commercial Companies, approved.	MINT	Q4 2022	С
Assessment of the compliance of the business registration database in ARBK with the requirements of the EU Regulation for the Interconnection System of Business Registers (BRIS).	Compatibility analysis of existing platform with BRIS requirements, drafted.	MINT	Q4 2022	С
 Concept document for Commercial Compa In November, an expert was selected from requirements and compiled a report with the 	LuxDev who evaluated			abase with BRIS
Chapter 7 of the acquis: Intellectual property rights				
Development of policies in the field of industrial property law	Industrial Property Strategy, approved	MINT	Q2 2022	IC
Effective coordination of law enforcement bodies for the effective enforcement of copyright through the Anti-Piracy Task Force and the State Council for Intellectual Property	The number of shares and seizures in the market against physical piracy and digital piracy	MCYS	Q4 2022	С
Enforcement of collective licensing agreements	The data on the implementation from the reports of the Associations of Collective Management of Copyrights in the ZDA	MKRS, Associations for the Collective Management of Copyrights	Q4 2022	IC
Enforcement of collective licensing agreements	Creation of joint forums with copyright holders and users	MKRS, Associations for the Collective Management of Copyrights	Q4 2022	С

1. Draft Strategy for Industrial Property has been finalized, while its approval is in process. This strategy will be approved as part of the Strategy for Industrial Development and Business Support 2030.

2. The Anti-Piracy Task Force has continued with the undertaking of actions on the ground, where inspection visits have been carried out according to the identification of operators and locations by representatives of the Market Inspectorate and Kosovo Police - DHKEK Unit, DK. About 10 actions were completed and on this occasion, a total of about 600 copies of books and other materials were seized. Regarding digital piracy, the Department for the Investigation of Cybercrimes in the Kosovo Police has come across several websites with pirate content, in which appropriate measures have been taken in accordance to the law on Copyright.

3. Given that ZDA, works all the time to create a creative system in the field of copyright, it continues to encourage users to compensate for copyrighted material. This is taking into account that APIK already has the assigned fees for the users of the right, while as for VAPIK, few are still following the judicial paths for the solution/setting of these fees.

4. Informative Forums on the Importance of Collective Management ZDA has organized joint forums with authors and users of works protected by copyright, to discuss the importance of collective management of copyright and other related rights. The purpose of these forums was to familiarize with the functioning of the collective management system in the Republic of Kosovo, as well as to encourage the formation of the collective management organization of copyright in the literary and visual arts fields.

Chapter 8 of the acquis: Competition policies				
Sectoral analysis for the identification of monopolies and cartels.	Sectoral analysis in the financial sector, carried out	ACA	Q4 2022	IC
state aid schemes	The number of KNSh decisions	SAC	Q4 2022	PC
Further engagement by the Ministries and sectoral regulators involved in the exchange of information regarding the assistance schemes.	The number of schemes notified to DNSh	MFPT	Q4 2022	С

1. Actions have been started to implement the analysis in the financial sector. Questionnaires have been compiled (by external and local experts). The Authority, through inter-institutional cooperation with the regulator CBK, has followed up and secured answers from nine operating banks in shop. The analysis is being finalized by an external expert through the support of the EU Project. During Q1 2023, the presentation of the analysis of the financial sector is expected. 2. This indicator was partially fulfilled.

3. During the reporting period, two new state aid schemes and three De minimis aid reports were announced, and 11 information sessions were held with Municipalities and Ministries.

Chapter 9 of the acquis: Financial services					
Implementation of Solvency II measuresThe roadmap for the implementation of Solvency II measures, finalizedCBKQ4 2022IC1. There is no change from previous periods. CBK, through Technical Assistance from the World Bank, is in the process of finalizing the guide for Solvency II, which will include the necessary steps/actions according to the timelines in the preparation and implementation of Solvency					
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Chapter 10 of the acquis: Information society and media					
Improving the strategic framework in the field of electronic communications	Digital Agenda for Kosovo 2030, approved	ME	Q2 2022	IC	

Encouraging competition in electronic communications markets, creating opportunities for consumers to switch operators while keeping the same number.	Number portability system, created	ARCHEP	Q4 2022	IC
Support for the deployment of 5G mobile infrastructure	Broadband infrastructure connection of at least 20 mobile network stacks, 5G ready.	ME	Q4 2022	PC

1. The Digital Agenda of Kosovo 2030, currently in its draft stage, represents an extensive strategic document. Given the critical importance of engaging key stakeholders in the sector, it is imperative to seek their input before advancing towards formal approval. Recognizing the significance of this document, which is nearing its finalization, our intention is to facilitate a thorough and comprehensive public consultation process. This approach ensures that the Digital Agenda undergoes scrutiny and feedback from a diverse range of perspectives, contributing to its robustness and effectiveness in shaping Kosovo's digital landscape for the next decade.

2. The Number Portability Regulation specifies that the main Operators, through their representatives in the Working Group, will choose an economic operator to provide NPC services to all relevant actors. The process will be supervised by ARKEP and must be managed in a transparent, competitive and professional manner. If the operators do not reach agreement on the choice of the economic operator for the provision of the NPC service, then ARKEP reserves the right to make a final decision on this matter. The technical documents have been drafted and the process is expected to start soon.

3. Activities are ongoing. In June 2022, a new call for applications for the connection of over 20 stacks was opened. As a result, 19 contracts/agreements were signed for financing the extension of fixed broadband infrastructure for mobile networks (5G ready). The activity continues during 2023.

Chapter 11 of the acquis: Agriculture and rural development				
Improving land regulation policies	Concept document for land regulation, approved	MAFRD	Q4 2022	С
Improvement of agriculture and rural development policies	The program for agriculture and rural development 2022-2028, approved	MAFRD	Q1 2022	IC
Improving policies for the organization of the common market	Concept document for the organization of the common market, approved	MAFRD	Q1 2022	С
Improving policies for agricultural lands and their protection	Concept document for agricultural land, approved	MAFRD	Q1 2022	С

1. The technical documents have been drafted and the process is expected to start soon.

2. The ex-ante evaluation for the 2022-28 PBZHR has been completed, as well as the preliminary inter-ministerial consultations and public discussions. PBZHR 2022-28, is dependent on the Law on Agriculture and Rural Development, which is currently pending approval.

3. This indicator was fulfilled. The Concept Document for the Organization of the Common Market was approved at the meeting of the Government Kosovo No. 17/69 dated 13.04.2022.L176

4. The concept document for agricultural land was approved at the Government Meeting, on 29.12.2021 no. 20/52

Chapter 12 of the acquis: Food safety, phytosanitary and veterinary policies				
Further improvement of veterinary policies	Concept document for veterinary medicine, approved	MAFRD	Q4 2022	С

Improving the protection of public health and animal health	The program for the advancement of agro- food enterprises, approved	MAFRD	Q4 2022	С
Further improvement of phytosanitary policies	14 Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for monitoring quarantine organisms (high priority organisms), approved	FVA	Q2 2022	IC
Improvement of agriculture and rural development policies	Concept document for wines, approved	MAFRD	Q1 2022	С

Concept Document for Veterinary Medicine was approved at the Government Meeting dated 28.12.2022 with no. 25/116
 The advancement of agri-food enterprises has been finalized, as it has been addressed within the framework of the Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development 2022-28 and its Action Plan. This advancement is financed by the RDP,
 The above-mentioned 14 PSOs are pending of the approval of the relevant Al in the MAFRD, which were drawn up during 2019. During this year, through experts engaged by GIZ, the protocol, guidelines and monitoring plan of 20 quarantine organisms were compiled. These documents are in harmony with the Law on Plant Protection, therefore the approval of the relevant Al does not hinder the beginning of their implementation. The document was approved on January 18, 2023.
 Concept Document for Veterinary Medicine was approved at the Government meeting held on January 26, 2022 with No. 13/56

Chapter 13 of the acquis: Fisheries				
Chapter 14 of the acquis: Transport policies				
Drafting of strategic development policies of the transport sector	Multimodal transport strategy 2023-2030 and action plan, revised and approved	ММРНІ	Q4 2022	С
Drafting of strategic development policies of the transport sector	Drafting of the concept document for railways, approved	MMPHI	Q4 2022	IC
Drafting of strategic development policies of the transport sector	Drafting of the concept document for the transport of dangerous goods, approved	ММРНІ	Q3 2022	IC
Improvement of the railway infrastructure in accordance with the technical specifications of interoperability and the European Railway Traffic Management System (ERTMS)	Design project for the rehabilitation and modernization of the third phase of the 10th railway line (Mitrovica - Leshak) including signaling and telecommunications, completed	Infra	Q4 2022	IC

1. The Multimodal Transport Strategy for the year 2023-2030 was approved in the Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo with No. 05/118 dated 11.01.2023.

2. This activity will continue on 2023.

3. This activity will continue on 2023.

4. EBRD and EIB through IPF9 have made the selection, the consortium led by EGIS - International has continued to work with the incorporation of comments from stakeholders. Several activities have been carried out in the field to collect the necessary information for the initial report. The initial period was officially finalized at the end of June 2022, when the initial report submitted was approved by the Beneficiary and the IFI Leader. Due to budget constraints, the Consultant has proposed in the Initial Report a phased implementation approach: Phase A: includes the initial period (already completed); railway safety review; climate adaptation study; geodetic survey; geological/geotechnical investigations; functional and functional design; preliminary alignment of the track; management of crossings at road level; conceptual considerations for structural design, tunnel design, rehabilitation of station buildings and electrification; draft procurement strategy; environmental and social assessment. For this Phase, the existing approved Grant will be used. Phase B: continues with the detailed project for civil works; preliminary design for systems; final procurement strategy and tender documents; cost-benefit analysis update. Additional budget will have to be provided for this Phase. A written procedure, according to WBIF rules, will start in due course. Regarding the remaining activities for Phase A, the Consultant is waiting for the final non-objection of the Contracting Authority (BEI), to mobilize the team of experts. With the mobilization of the team, the first priority is the procurement of topographic surveys. A draft scope for these surveys has already been prepared and will be shared with potential surveyors/surveying companies to carry out the surveys in due course. The anticipated start date for further implementation of Phase A is December 2022, while topographical surveys may be completed during the first quarter of 2023, weather permitting.

Chapter 15 of the acquis: Energy				
Further development of policies in the field of energy in order to implement the provisions of the SAA and the transposed acquis	Energy strategy 2022- 2031, approved	ME	Q2 2022	С
Further development of policies in the field of energy efficiency (EE) in order to implement the provisions of the SAA and the transposed acquis	Concept document for energy efficiency, approved	ME	Q4 2022	С
Further development of policies in the field of energy and climate change in order to implement the provisions of the SAA and the transposed acquis	Komencept document for the revision of the laws of the energy sector	ME	Q4 2022	С
Further development of policies in the field of electricity in order to implement the provisions of the SAA and the transposed acquis	Plan for safeguards for vulnerable consumers (electricity), approved	MFPT	Q4 2022	IC
Improving energy efficiency (EE)	Implementation of measures for EE in 21 municipalities through works on buildings, lighting or installation of PV panels (55 projects) of the first package and (25 projects) of the second package	FKEE	Q4 2022	С

1. The 2022-2031 energy strategy was approved by the Government on 16.12.2022. It is expected to be approved in the Assembly.

2. The concept document for energy efficiency was approved by the Government on 28.12.2022.

3. The concept document for the review of energy sector laws was approved by the Government on 28.12.2022.

4. The drafting of the plan for protective measures for consumers in need has been part of the activities of the Social Assistance Scheme Reform Project. The project which has not yet managed to start being implemented as a result of the non-ratification by the Assembly of Kosovo of the Financial Agreement with the World Bank, for the Social Assistance Reform Project in Kosovo. Nonetheless, the Project/Loan has been voted against twice in the Assembly of Kosovo.

5. Implemented EE measures - FKEE in selected municipal projects with the aim to improve the energy performance of buildings through full investments in the external envelope of public buildings (thermal insulation of external walls, thermal insulation of the roof as well as the installation of efficient windows), changing the heating system biomass (pellets) or heat pumps, efficient LED lighting and solar panels as well as other measures depending on the results of the energy audit and agreements with the beneficiaries (in this case the municipalities of Republic of Kosovo). In the framework of the projects, FKEE has selected 90 projects, of which 70 were initially contracted. While half of them, i.e. 50%, have already been completed. The rest will be completed by the second half of this year. A total of 22 municipalities are part of this project, including the municipalities with a Kosovo Albanian minority. The number of direct beneficiaries from these investments is 32,000 citizens.

Chapter 16 of the acquis: Taxes				
Review of current tax policies	Concept Document for the review of tax policies, approved	MFPT	Q2 2022	IC
Combating the informal economy, tax evasion and tax avoidance	Number of actions taken to improve tax compliance	MFPT	Q4 2022	С
Combating the informal economy, tax evasion and tax avoidance	At least three projects implemented in the sectors of informal employment, accommodation/restaura nts, and inventory of goods	MFPT	Q4 2022	С

1. The responsible team held meetings with the Minister discussing possible changes and next steps ussed. These draft laws are expected to be completed at the end of 2023.

2. Within the framework of the Implementation Project in the Construction Sector, the following activities have been undertaken: 34 cases have been selected for checks on investors as well as 89 other control cases have been selected to contractors or subcontractors, i.e. according to the holistic approach. The statistical results are as follows: Additional tax about: 3.9 million euros, Punishment, interest and mandated fines about: 1.9 million euros, Deducted loss about: 1.2 million euros, Crediting of discounted: 769,000 euros, Additional circulation around: 39.8 million euros. As part of the development of the Implementation Project for "Treatment of informal employment or undeclared work", the following activities were undertaken: Number of businesses visited: 8,872, Number of cases with findings for undeclared workers: 1,410, Number of unregistered workers: 4,130. Additionally, in relation to this project, public awareness activities have been undertaken, which are as follows: 12 interviews/announcements, 10 Posters, SMS campaigns, TV Spots, Media Conferences, Answers for journalists and Public Discussions.

As part of the development of the Fulfillment Project in the "Accommodation and Food Service" sector, the following activities were undertaken: Number of visits: 2,615, Number of registered workers: 798, Number of mandatory fines: 2,067, Value of mandatory fines: 478,225. While the number of completed controls is 140, the total additional obligations from these controls are around: 1.3 million euros. In the framework of the Fulfillment Project for the treatment of "Lack of stocks & non-origin goods - Wholesale trade" the following activities were undertaken: Number of visits made is 401, Value of non-origin goods: 145,055 euros, Lack of stocks: 5.0 million euros, Additional turnover: 8.5 million euros, Number of fines: 151,625. The number of checks carried out is 141, Basic tax about: 1.1 million euros, Penalty: 236,258 euros, Interest: 60,313 euros. Total additional obligation about: 1,4 million euros. Within the Implementation Project for the treatment of "Non-declarants", the following activities were undertaken: Number of visits carried out: 409, Number of visits and activities carried out: 371, No. of submitted statements: 3,501. As for the checks performed, the results are as follows: Number of proposed checks: 3, Number of completed checks: 1, Total tax/penalty/interest: 3,378 euros. **3**. In order to combat the informal economy, tax evasion and tax avoidance, TAK has so far finalized and are implementing five different projects related to high-risk sectors.

Chapter 17 of the acquis: Economic and monetary policies (refer to Block 2: Economic Criteria)				
Chapter 18 of the acquis: Statistics				
statistical data	Increasing the number of administrative data sources	MFPT	Q4 2022	PC
Increasing the coverage and number of statistical publications	At least 3 new releases	MFPT	Q4 2022	PC
Preparations for the 2022 population and housing census	Field data collected (registration carried out)	MFPT	Q4 2022	IC
 This indicator was partially fulfilled. This indicator was partially fulfilled. This indicator was not fulfilled. 				
Chapter 19 of the acquis: Social policies and employment				
Strengthening of institutional capacities in the Labor Inspectorate	The number of inspectors, increased	MFPT	Q4 2022	С
Development of the guaranteed scheme for young people	Plan drawn up and approved	MFPT	Q4 2022	С
Taking measures to increase the participation of women in the labor market	The number of women involved in the active measures of the labor market, increased	MFPT	Q4 2022	С

Improving the services of the labor inspectorate	The number of inspections by the Labor Inspectorate, increased	MFPT	Q4 2022	С
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1. In order to increase its efficiency, the Labor Inspectorate has functionalized the Departments within the IP with human resources. Also, during 2022, 6 Labor Inspectors have been recruited and the recruitment process for 2 (two) more Inspectors, who are expected to sign Labor Contracts within a few days, is at the end. The Labor Inspectorate has announced internal competitions, as provided by the Law on Public Officials, for 27 Labor Inspectors who were foreseen and budgeted for the year 2022, but due to low interest, they were only recruited six Labor Inspectors.

2. The Youth Guarantee Scheme Implementation Plan reached a milestone with its approval on November 23, 2022. In April of the same year, the Technical Team prioritized interventions, showcasing them to Social Partners (Confederation/BSPK), employer representatives, the Statistics Agency of Kosovo, and the Tax Administration of Kosovo. Following approval by the Inter-Ministerial Council, the team intensified efforts to meet the European Commission's deadline, drafting the Program Implementation Strategy for the Guarantee of Youth Rights (PISGR). This draft, after approval by the Interministerial Council, underwent scrutiny by the European Commission, with feedback received and addressed during July and August. The finalized PISGR draft was presented to the Council of Ministers in October and received full approval from the Government of Kosovo on November 23, 2023. Collaboration for PISGR implementation involves key stakeholders, including the MFLT (as the Youth Guarantee Coordinator), the Employment Agency (main implementing partner), MESTI, MCYS, Civil Society, Youth Organizations, Regional Authorities, Employment Offices, Vocational Training Centers, Municipal Directorates of Education, and Schools. PISGR unfolds in three distinct steps: the first addresses legal framework changes and policy reforms necessary for the enhanced Youth Guarantee, the second focuses on the introduction of the service delivery system, and the third involves close monitoring and evaluation in selected geographical areas. Currently, the Youth Coordinator and their team are preparing for the impending implementation, aligning with the stipulated deadlines outlined in this document.

During the reporting period January-December 2022, the number of beneficiaries in MATP (Salary subsidy, public work, self-employment, intern and on-the-job training) was 2033 individuals, of which there are 1262 women, and 771 men. The number of job seekers involved in Professional Training January-December 2022 was 2797 people, of which 990 are women.
 During the months of October-December 2022, a total of 2238 Inspections were carried out. Of these, 1119 regular inspections, 563 re-inspections, 300 complaints were submitted by the parties, in cooperation with other institutions, 26 joint inspections were carried out, as a result of workplace accidents, 86 inspections were carried out, 103 punitive decisions were issued against entities that have violated the legal provisions, punitive measures against the entities that have violated the legal provisions.

Chapter 20 of the acquis: Enterprises and industrial policies				
Development of tourism policy framework	Tourism Strategy, approved	MINT	Q2 2022	IC
Development of industry and business policy framework	Policy for Industry Development and business support, approved	MINT	Q2 2022	IC
Capacity building and improvement of KIESA services	The restructuring of KIESA, carried out through the creation of: the mechanism for handling complaints, and the program/Unit of care for Investors	MINT	Q4 2022	С
Capacity building and improvement of KIESA services	Performance audit of KIESA, carried out	MINT	Q4 2022	С

1. The draft of the Tourism Strategy and Action Plan was developed and finalized by the working group, dated 29.12.2022. have completed the public consultation phase.

The Draft Strategy for industrial development and business support has been finalized and forwarded for preliminary consultation. The Action Plan of the strategy has been drawn up and the stakeholders, are being consulted.
 The Draft Law on Sustainable Investments led by the Department for Strategic Investments within MINT as a policy-making unit has been finalized and has passed all preliminary procedures and has been forwarded to the Government for approval. This draft law foresees the drafting and approval of the new regulation including the organizational structure of KIESA,

therefore with the entry into force of this law it is planned to finalize the work and organization of the Agency which will be regulated by the by-law for the internal body approved according to the legislation in power. The Draft Law on Sustainable Investments was approved by the Government on 11.01.2023.

4. The KIESA Performance Audit has been completed and we are now awaiting the final report from the National Audit Office.

Chapter 21 of the acquis: Trans-European networks				
Chapter 22 of the acquis: Regional policies and coordination of structural instruments				
Chapter 23 of the acquis: Judiciary and fundamental rights				
Reduction of pending court cases	Strategy for reduction of old cases, approved	КJС	Q2 2022	С
Increasing the transparency of the judiciary	KGjK communication strategy 2022-2024, approved	КJС	Q2 2022	С
Advancement of the legal framework and system of administration of seized or confiscated property	Draft document for the creation of the confiscation fund, approved	MD	Q2 2022	С
Improving the response to domestic violence, sexual harassment and other gender- based offences	National Strategy and Action Plan against domestic violence, approved	MD	Q1 2022	С
Advancement of the legal framework on fundamental rights	Concept Document for the realization of civil rights, including the right of the parties to trial within a reasonable time	MD	Q3 2022	IC

1. Strategic Plan for Access to Justice 2022-2025

Annex I - Action Plan for Efficiency and Priority of Cases within the Judicial System; Annex II - KJC Annual Statistics Analysis - 2019, 2020 and 2021

2. The Strategic Communication Plan of the Judicial Council 2022-2024 emphasizes the importance of relations with the public and the media to increase public trust, transparency and accountability, as well as access to justice. To ensure institutional alignment with the judiciary's overall strategic vision, this strategy is based on the following strategic hierarchy and key documents may result in the need to update and/or refine this strategy and accompanying action plan. 3. This indicator was finalized, and approved by the Government on June 22, 2022.

4. It was approved by the Government on January 10, 2022. This draft is currently sent to the MD management for internal consultation, it presents a new policy and is expected to have different implications. After this, the draft will be sent to preliminary and public consultations.

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Advancing the legal framework and strategic documents for communities, return and integration	Concept document for displaced persons	MCR	Q4 2022	No information	
Advancing the legal framework and strategic documents for communities, return and integration	The strategy for the protection and promotion of the rights of communities and their members, approved	MCR	Q2 2022	No information	
Improving and advancing the condition of the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities through the implementation of policies	Strategy and Action Plan for the inclusion of Roma and Ashkali communities in Kosovo society 2022- 2026, approved	OPM	Q2 2022	С	
Supervision of the implementation of the Law on Protection of Personal Data and the Law on Access to Public Documents	The plan of inspections and regular controls for the Protection of Personal Data, developed	AIP	Q2 2022	С	
Ensure that the process of selecting the remaining members of the KGjK and the KPK is transparent, based on merit, ensuring that the selected candidates meet the legal requirements for these positions	Two (2) members of the KPK, appointed	ASSEMBLY	Q4 2022	IC	
Ensure that the process of selecting the remaining members of the KGjK and the KPK is transparent, based on merit, ensuring that the selected candidates meet the legal requirements for these positions .	One (1) member of the KGjK from the appointed minority community	ASSEMBLY	Q4 2022	С	
Further advancement of the performance of the judicial and prosecutorial system	16 recruited prosecutors	RFQ	Q4 2022	IC	
 No information has been received for this indicator, No information has been received for this indicator, No information has been received for this indicator, The Strategy for the Advancement of the Rights of the Roma and Ashkali Communities has been approved, through which they are offered equal opportunities for development and employment. By Government Decision No. 02/89 dated 20.07.2022, the Strategy for the Advancement of the Rights of the Roma and Ashkali communities in the Republic of Kosovo (2022-2026) and the Action Plan (2022-2024) have been approved. The strategy aims to effectively increase the provision of opportunity, equal access and success in comprehensive quality education; increasing equal access to stable employment, as well as reducing poverty; improving health and increasing equal access to quality health services; increasing equal access to sustainable housing, essential services and public infrastructure; and preventing and combating discrimination, racism, hate speech, hate crimes, segregation, prejudice, stereotyping, and bullying for the Roma and Ashkali community. The Committee on Legislation has not initiated the procedure for electing members to the KPK by the Assembly. Law no. 08/L-136 on the amendment and completion of Law no. 06/L-056 for the Prosecutorial Council of Kosovo, approved on 23.06.2022, was challenged in the Constitutional Court on July 4, 2022. The Commission has not started a procedure pending the entry into force of the new law. 					

6. The member was appointed on January 18, 2023.

7. In April 2022, the Council recruited seven new prosecutors. They were decreed by the President and started working in the respective prosecutor's offices.

Moreover, in June 2022, the Council has opened the next competition for the recruitment of 22 new prosecutors and so far two tests and interviews have been conducted, while the list with the names of the 22 most successful candidates of this process has been announced and after approval by Council. These names are to be sent to the President for decree.

Providing opportunities for return to displaced persons	Case management system for displaced persons, operationalized	MCR	Q2 2022	No information
Raising the capacities of institutional mechanisms for gender mainstreaming , gender integration, protection from domestic violence, violence against women	5 trainings on advancing the realization of rights in the field of inheritance rights; decision making; peace, security and justice, realized by ABGj	OPM	Q4 2022	PC
Further advancement of performance in the judiciary, in particular in the creation of mechanisms in the registration of criminal files.	Full functionalization of the powers of the Central Office of Criminal Evidence in SKJK	кјс	Q4 2022	С
More efficient administration of the prosecutorial system and strengthening of the administration	1/3 of the evaluated prosecutors and prosecution offices	RFQ	Q4 2022	C
More efficient administration of the judicial system and strengthening of the administration.	1/3 of the rated judges.	КJС	Q4 2022	С

1. No information has been received for this indicator.

2. AGE has carried out four trainings on the Standard Action Procedures for Protection from Domestic Violence for the needs of the Kosovo Police. Through this training the police were informed, orientated on the institutional responsibilities in accordance with the Standard Action Procedures and the new obligations deriving from the Istanbul Convention for the treatment of victims of domestic violence and gender-based violence. During January-September 2022, training sessions were carried out and 95 rapid response police officers were certified in the municipalities of Pristina, Ferizaj, Gjilan, Gjakova, the expenses for these trainings in total value were 5,538.60 euros.

3. From December 2022, the KJC has operationalized the Central Office of Criminal Evidence, which with a new regulation has been raised to the rank of a department (Department of Central Criminal Evidence). This department has started with the full exercise of all powers within the management of the Central Criminal Evidence System of the Republic of Kosovo. This department has been strengthened with additional staff and from December 16, 2022 it is exercising all the powers defined by law such as: general operational management of the SQEPRK, management of the process of verification and generation of the criminal status for the parties, leading the process of legal rehabilitation, as well as other powers defined by law and relevant by-laws which refer to this system.

4. During 2022, the evaluation of 61 prosecutors was made, of them: - 12 prosecutors with an initial mandate (in the second evaluation during the mandate) - 45 prosecutors with a permanent mandate, for four of which the irregular performance evaluation was done (in the III process). The prosecutors were evaluated with the following levels: - no prosecutors were evaluated with the "Distinguished" level, - 29 or 48% with the "Good" level – 31 or 51% with the "Sufficient" level ,- One prosecutor or 2% with the "Insufficient" level ,who as a result, by decision of the KPK, is obliged to follow the mandatory training at the Academy of Law.

5. The Performance Evaluation Commission has completed over 98% of the work plan for 2022.

Further development of the electronic case management system.	Consolidation of the System phase (SMIL) in all court regions including Civil and Criminal Cases, as well as the implementation of the automatic distribution of cases for the Court of Appeal of Kosovo and the Supreme Court of Kosovo	КJС	Q4 2022	С
Efficient administration of disciplinary procedures in the justice system.	The electronic database, which will record all complaints and requests for initiation of disciplinary investigations and information submitted by the competent authority for judges, established.	КJС	Q2 2022	С
Increasing the number of court cases resolved through mediation.	Referral of 10% of court cases to the courts through mediation.	KJC	Q4 2022	IC

Capacity building for dealing with court cases of a commercial nature.	Training of current judges, professional associates and support staff of the Commercial Court in the specific commercial areas to be dealt with by this court.	KJC	Q4 2022	С		
Further development of the electronic case management system.	Full functionalization of ICT systems in the courts, including SMIL.	KJC	Q2 2022	С		
Further development of the electronic	ICT systems in the courts,	KJC RFQ	Q2 2022 Q4 2022	C		
Further development of the electronic case management system. More efficient administration of the prosecutorial system and strengthening of the	ICT systems in the courts, including SMIL. Recruitment of 7 mediation officers in					

Raising awareness and sensitizing opinion on the importance of preventing violence against women, combating gender stereotypes, and the right that guarantees the legal framework for gender equality	5 videos made in the year; 3 discussion tables held in the year	OPM	Q4 2022	PC
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1. CMIL has been fully functionalized.

2. The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council has advocated for the allocation of funds to cover seven positions for mediation officials. Unfortunately, despite these ongoing requests, the budget set for the KPC has not met the approval of additional positions. Consequently, officials within the basic prosecutor's office of the Republic of Kosovo, who handle mediation, are currently assigned these responsibilities as additional duties. Despite continuous efforts and renewed requests for the 2023 budget, the Government has not granted approval, and these positions are absent from the budget for the upcoming year. The recruitment of new officials dedicated specifically to mediation can only proceed once the budget request for these seven positions receives approval from the Government.

3. In the period spanning January to September 2022, prosecutors applied alternative procedures outlined in the Criminal Procedure Code as follows: temporary suspension of the procedure (Article 230) involved 36 cases with 39 individuals; cases in accordance with Article 231 involved five cases with five persons; mediation procedures (Article 232) involved 1,063 cases involving 1,935 individuals; indictment for accepting the plea agreement (Article 233) involved 162 cases with 212 persons; 21 cases involved the suspension of the investigative procedure, and 550 cases entailed the dismissal of the criminal complaint. Consequently, a total of 1,837 cases were resolved through alternative procedures. Within this timeframe, the State Prosecutor resolved a total of 16,211 cases in the Public Prosecution register. Consequently, 11.3% of the resolved cases were successfully addressed through alternative procedures. It is worth noting that statistical data for the year 2022 is currently unavailable for reporting.

4. As for the targeted cases, the current database comprises a total of 84 targeted cases, with indictments filed in 75 cases, representing 89.2% of the targeted cases.

5. Regarding Kosovo RTK, the total value for the video spot amounts to 6200.00 euros. Additionally, three discussion tables were conducted during this period:

- A high-level conference marking International Women's Day on March 8, centered on the theme "We undo prejudices, aiming for inclusive participation of women in decision-making processes at the executive, legislative, diplomatic, and civil service levels." The associated cost for this event was 2000.00 euros.

- AGE, in collaboration with KCGS, organized a high-level consultative meeting focusing on "Women's Participation in the Labor Market," with a total value of 1405.50 euros.

- The 16 Days of Activation Campaign, commemorating the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, featured the illumination of the Government building in orange. This initiative also involved the printing of promotional materials, including a booklet with contact numbers of institutions providing services for victims of violence against women, among other materials, with a total cost of 1240.00 euros.

Support, through subsidies, of NGO projects aimed at strengthening the role of women in society	3 NGOs supported	OPM	Q4 2022	С
Providing opportunities for return to displaced persons	Staff training for the Displaced Persons Case Management System, organized	MCR	Q2 2022	No information
Supervision of the implementation of the Law on Access to Public Documents	The number of complaints received regarding access to public documents	AIP	Q4 2022	С
Supervision of the implementation of the Law on Access to Public Documents	The number of decisions taken regarding access to public documents	AIP	Q4 2022	С

Scholarships for pupils and students	MEST	Q4 2022	С
Support of learning centers for Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian students	MEST	Q4 2022	С
The number of complaints received regarding the protection of personal data	AIP	Q4 2022	С
The number of inspections carried out related to the protection of personal data	AIP	Q4 2022	С
The number of decisions taken regarding the protection of personal data	AIP	Q4 2022	С
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1. AGE Subsidizing 3 NGOs, AGE provided public financial support for financing the projects of 3 NGOs, which contribute to raising awareness for the fight against violence against women, in the implementation of the priorities foreseen in Strategic objectives of the National Strategy for Protection from domestic violence and violence against women 2022-2026 and the action plan. The beneficiary organizations are Youth Organization - AKTI, Business Women Mitrovica, Center for Educatio,n and Community Development Friends, with a total value of 18,000.00 euros.

2. No information was received for this indicator.

3. A total of 421 complaints have been received concerning Access to Public Documents. Among these, 331 have been successfully addressed and closed, while 90 are currently under review, all within the legal deadlines.

4. The total number of decisions made regarding Access to Public Documents stands at 100 binding decisions and 2 decisions imposing fines.

5. For the fiscal year 2022, MESTI has allocated a budget of 200,000 euros for the financial support of NGOs operating learning centers, and the entire designated budget has been successfully disbursed. The competition for this initiative was officially announced on September 20, 2022, and concluded on October 14, 2022. To further develop the application process for the school year 2022/2023, an online application service has been implemented. Consequently, the scholarship application form for the same academic year is accessible online through the eKosova platform. The scholarship is set at 30 euros per month, summing up to 300 euros for the entire academic year. In the 2022/2023 school year, 498 individuals have been awarded scholarships, exceeding the initial budget of 150,000 euros.

6. 145 complaints were received regarding the protection of personal data.

7. 213 regular inspections were carried out related to the protection of personal data. These inspections have been initiated ex officio, as well as based in complaints.

8. 172 decisions were made related to the protection of personal data, from which eight contravention fines were pronounced.

Chapter 24 of the acquis: Justice, freedom and security				
Further improvement of the policy framework in the field of border management, in order to implement the provisions of the SAA and the harmonized legislation	The National Center for Border Management's 6- point Action Plan, fully implemented	MIA	Q4 2022	С

Improving the policy framework in the fight against human trafficking	Strategy against human trafficking , approved	MIA	Q2 2022	No information
Improving the policy framework in the fight against violent extremism and terrorism	Reintegration and de- radicalization program, approved	MIA	Q2 2022	No information
Advancement of border management capacities	Unit for API / PNR, operationalized	MIA	Q2 2022	No information
Improving asylum policies	Three (3) trainings for refugee status determination, organized	MIA	Q4 2022	C
Raising the capacities of reception and management of flows with migrants	Temporary Reception Center, operationalized through staff engagement, physical security of the facility and staff training	MIA	Q4 2022	С
Advancing policies and raising capacities to strengthen the system for the integration of foreigners	6 trainings for at least 80 local level officials for the implementation of the Guide for the Standard Operating Procedures for the Integration of Foreigners in the RKS, organized	MIA	Q4 2022	С
Advancing policies and raising capacities to strengthen the system for the integration of foreigners	A training of trainers (TOT) with at least 10 people for the integration of foreigners for central staff, organized	MIA	Q4 2022	IC

1. The implementation of the 6-point Action Plan is currently underway, with progress in the following areas:-

- Review of Personnel Needs: Completed.
- Development of Training Needs Analysis (TNA): Completed.
- Advancement of the Optional IT Program (QlikView): The economic operator has been selected, and the project's implementation has commenced. A Working Group, formed by the decision of the Minister of the Interior, will oversee the Coordination and Supervision of the Project for the Advancement of the Case Management System and the Business Intelligence System in the KKMK.
- Installation of QlikView: Successfully completed.
- Organization and Awareness Campaigns: Awareness campaigns on the role and responsibilities of the KKMK have been conducted and disseminated to all MIK authorities.
- Assessment of General Working Conditions: Following a security assessment, three windows have been opened to improve ventilation conditions at the KKMK.
- 2. No information was received regarding this indicator.
- 3. No information was received regarding this indicator.
- 4. No information was received regarding this indicator.
- 5. Three training sessions were conducted:
 - Training on Interviewing Techniques (10.04.2022): This session was successfully conducted on the online platform, focusing on enhancing skills related to interviewing techniques.
 - Training on Interviewing Techniques by EASO (16-19 May 2022): Another training session on interviewing techniques, organized by EASO, was held during this period.
 - Training on Test Evaluation by EUAA (June 14-15): A specialized training session was conducted on the topic of evaluating tests, organized by EUAA, providing valuable insights into this specific area.

6. On June 24, 2022, the Minister of Internal Affairs officially endorsed the decision for the operationalization of the Reception Center. Throughout 2022, the deputy leader assumed temporary responsibilities at the Reception Center, while the physical security of the facility was managed by the Kosovo Police. Concurrently, guidelines governing the work rules of the Center were approved during this timeframe, marking the conclusion of this activity.

7. The MIA's DRPRIH, in collaboration with UNHCR and the Program for Civil Rights in Kosovo (CRP/K), has successfully conducted six workshops at the local level across six regions of the Republic of Kosovo. These workshops engaged 114 officials who participated in training sessions focused on the "Implementation of the Guide for the Standard Action Procedures for the Integration of Foreigners." The training was focused on clarifying responsibilities, defining roles, establishing criteria, and outlining procedures related to providing services to foreign individuals who have acquired the status of international protection in the Republic of Kosovo.

8. The approved request for donor support has paved the way for the initiation of training activities in the first quarter of 2023. Titled "Training for Trainers for the Integration of Foreigners," this program will help officials from both MIA and the local level. The training initiative is bolstered by Project KSV 019 Technical Assistance in the context of European Integration. This project is executed through delegated management by The Office of the Prime Minister and is financially supported by the Government of Luxembourg.

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Advancement of policies and capacities for the sustainable reintegration of repatriated persons	6 trainings with 180 local and central level officials for the risk management manual for the sustainable re-integration of repatriated persons in Kosovo and the practical manual - identification of risks and planning for their management for the sustainable re-integration of repatriated persons repatriated to Kosovo, organized	MIA	Q4 2022	PC
Increased cooperation with EU agencies (Europol, Eurojust and others) and EU member states	SIENA secure communication system, operational.	MIA	Q2 2022	С
Increased cooperation with EU agencies (Europol, Eurojust and others) and EU member states	Liaison officer with EURPOL, designated and organized.	MIA	Q2 2022	С
Increased cooperation with EU agencies (Europol, Eurojust and others) and EU member states	Agreement on the exchange and protection of classified information, signed.	MIA	Q1 2022	С
Improving asylum policies	Guidelines for the prevention, risk management and response to gender-based violence in the context of	MIA	Q3 2022	IC

	mixed migration, drafted			
Improving migration policies and asylum policies, including reintegration and return	Integration measures for refugees, implemented	MIA	Q4 2022	С
Improving migration policies and asylum policies, including reintegration and return	Biometric registration of asylum seekers, functional	MIA	Q4 2022	IC
Improving migration policies, including reintegration and return	The guide for the operationalization of the AQM, drafted	MIA	Q3 2022	С

1 For the finalization of the risk management guide, eight workshops were organized at the local level and one at the central level, organized in seven 7 regions of Kosovo with the participation of 143 officials supported by GIZ for the collection of inputs (listing of risks) for the "Manual for Risk Management".

2. The Secure communication line has been technically operationalized. KP has started exchanging information through this system.

3. The Liaison Officer of KP in EUROPOL has been appointed and is pending his placement at the EUROPOL Headquarters.

4. The agreement on the exchange and protection of classified information was signed on 07.02.2022.

5. The agreement on the exchange and protection of classified information was signed on 07.02.2022.

6. Implemented measures aligning with QRK Regulation No. 09/2019 for the Integration of Foreigners and other relevant legal acts have been instrumental in supporting individuals with international protection status. Throughout this period, 32 individuals with international protection have received support across various integration schemes. Additionally, 13 individuals from Ukraine, specifically journalists, who have acquired international protection status, are benefiting from temporary protection in Kosovo under Government Decision No. 10/68. They received government-sponsored rented accommodation and monthly support, complemented by emergency measures such as transportation to their destination and monthly provisions of food packages and hygiene items, facilitated by DRPRIH. Language courses have been provided for 19 individuals. These courses, coordinated by international organizations in collaboration with DRPRIH, contribute significantly to the integration process. In 2022, DRPRIH, in collaboration with GIZ-DIMAK and UNHCR, has organized two coordination workshops. These workshops serve as platforms for international and local organizations to convene, ensuring effective implementation of integration measures in alignment with the DRPRIH Work Plan. Notably, 34 officials have actively participated in these workshops, fostering collaboration and coordination among stakeholders.

7. KP has received a donation from the Swiss Government of mobile devices for biometric registration of asylum seekers. These devices have been installed and are expected to be operational soon.

8. On 11.10.2022, the Guide for the operationalization of the AQM was approved.

Advancing policies and raising capacities to strengthen the system for the integration of foreigners	Guide for access of foreigners to vocational training and employment, drafted	MIA	Q4 2022	PC
Advancement of policies and capacities for the sustainable reintegration of repatriated persons	Risk Management Manual for Sustainable Re-integration of Repatriated Persons in Kosovo and Practical Handbook - Identification of risks and planning for their management for sustainable re-integration of repatriated persons in Kosovo, drafted	MIA	Q4 2022	IC
Further advancing the concept of intelligence-led policing in the fight against organized crime	Organized and Serious Crime Threat Assessment (SOCTA) report prepared	MIA	Q4 2022	С
Improving the policy framework in the fight against violent extremism and terrorism	Reports on the implementation of the EU- Western Balkans Joint Action Plan against violent extremism and terrorism	MIA	Q4 2022	С

Improving the policy framework in the fight against violent extremism and terrorism	Joint Terrorism Risk and Threat Assessment, drafted	MIA	Q4 2022	С
Improving the policy framework in the fight against violent extremism and terrorism	TeSAT report for EUROPOL, drafted	MIA	Q4 2022	IC

1. The "Guide for the Access of Foreigners to Vocational Training and Employment" was approved, for its finalization two workshops were held with the participation of 38 officials of local institutions and international organizations, supported by Caritas Swiss.

2. The Risk Management Manual for the Sustainable Reintegration of Repatriated Persons in Kosovo and the Practical Handbook - Identification of Risks and Planning for their Management for the Sustainable Reintegration of Repatriated Persons in Kosovo, were approved during 2022.

3. The SOCTA document is drawn up in two versions, the open version and the internal version. The open version is published on KP website.

4. Joint reports have been compiled. The realization of the implementation of the EU-Western Balkan Joint Action Plan against Terrorism stands at 70% as of December 31, 2021/December 2022. In connection with this measure, three joint documents have been formulated between the Kosovo Police (KP) and the Kosovo Intelligence Agency (KIA). Furthermore, the questionnaire has been received by Europol and is currently under review. Additionally, in February 2023, as part of a working group initiative, two officials from KP will be present in the Netherlands to facilitate broader dissemination and notification efforts.

Chapter 25 of the acquis: Science and scientific research				
Development of science and research policy framework	National Science Program Review	MEST	Q1 2022	С
Development of the information system for scientific research	Finalization and Launch of the KRIS Platform	MEST	Q3 2022	IC
Effective institutional coordination for participation in Horizon	Revision of regulation 01/2018 for the operationalization of National Contact Points	MEST	Q2 2022	IC

The National Science Program has been drafted, and is expected to be approved soon by the Assembly of Kosovo.
 The Kosovo Research Information System (KRIS) has been successfully developed within the planned time frame

(September 2022) and is currently in the final testing phase.

3. In order to increase participation in the program, MESTI has developed intensive measures for Horizon Europe applicants to stimulate cooperation between actors from Kosovo and the EU. The scheme covers part of the expenses of Kosovar scholars to apply to the Horizon Europe program.

Chapter 26 of the acquis: Education and culture				
Curriculum development for early childhood education	Development and adoption of the Core Curriculum for Early Childhood Education	MEST	Q2 2022	IC

1. The curriculum document for early childhood education is being drafted. The final draft is expected to be completed in July as planned.

Chapter 27 of the acquis: Environment				
Improving policies to reduce air and water pollution and improve waste management	Strategy for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development 2022-2030 (including environmental protection, air quality, biodiversity, emission reduction and	ММРНІ	Q4 2022	IC

	other areas covered by this sector, approved			
Improving policies for water management	Kosovo State Water Strategy 2017-2036 and Action Plan 2023-2025, approved	ММРНІ	Q4 2022	IC
Improving policies for sustainable forest management	Action Plan 2022-24 for the Forestry Development Strategy 2022 - 2030, approved	MAFRD	Q1 2022	С
Improvement of environmental inspection	Concept document for the inspectorate of the environment, water, nature, spatial planning, construction and housing, approved	ММРНІ	Q3 2022	С
Improving policies for water management	The number of inspectors trained to control the implementation of the legislation for the protection of underground and surface water as well as water resources	ММРНІ	Q4 2022	С
Improving policies for waste management and the circular economy	The number of illegal landfills reduced in the municipalities of Kosovo	ММРНІ	Q2 2022	С
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1. By decision of the General Secretary, the Interministerial Working Group was established to formulate the Strategy for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development for the period 2022-2031. The team, with the assistance of GIZ, conducted a three-day workshop from August 24-26, 2022, addressing key thematic issues, including Air, Biodiversity, and Hydrometeorology, that will be included in the strategy. The team has drawn up the initial thematic drafts, which will be integrated into the draft of the Strategy for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development. This draft has been circulated among working group officials for feedback, and it is currently undergoing changes based on the received comments. Subsequently, the draft will progress to preliminary and public consultations.

2. By the decision of the General Secretary, the Interministerial Working Group tasked with drafting the revision of the State Water Strategy of Kosovo has been established. The Secretariat of the Interministerial Council of Water has actively supported this working group by preparing the initial draft. Following the completion of preliminary and public consultations, feedback has been obtained, including an opinion from the Office for Strategic Planning/OPM. The draft is currently undergoing further proceedings and awaits approval by the Government.

3. The Action Plan for 2022-24 of the Forestry Development Strategy 2022 - 2030 was approved at the Government meeting dated: 22.06.2022 and No. 15/84.

4. Concept Document for inspection in the field of environment, water, nature, spatial planning, construction and housing, was approved in the 102nd Meeting of the Government, No. 17/102, date 26.10.2022.

5. Secretaries were held for the inspectors for the implementation of the legislation for the protection of underground water, dated: 17.01.2022; 08.03.2022; 27-31.05.2022; 15.07.2022; 05-06.10.2022, supported by GIZ; SKAT-IWRAM; The Environmental Protection Agency of Kosovo, Participatio Ltd and REC Albania, where inspectors from the central and local levels were trained.

6. The data derived from the identification of illegal landfills in the 38 municipalities of Kosovo for the year 2021 have been incorporated into the framework of the Report on the State of Municipal Waste for the same year. The report is scheduled to be published within the first quarter of 2023 and will be accessible on the AMMK website.

Chapter 28 of the acquis: Consumer and health protection				
Advancement of policies in the field of public health protection	The health sector strategy 2022-2032, drafted	МоН	Q3 2022	IC

Advancement of policies in the field of public health protection	Strategic plan for the prevention and control of communicable diseases. approved	МоН	Q1 2022	IC
 Implementation measures have serious de This indicator was not fulfilled. 	elays, including the 2022	2-2032 Sectoral Hea	alth Strategy.	
Chapter 29 of the acquis: Customs Union				
The transition of terminals from private ownership to public ownership in function of the implementation of the SAA and in harmony with the EU customs legislation	Relocation to public property and full operationalization of at least 2 customs terminals	MFPT	Q2 2022	PC
Fighting the informal economy	Number of anti-smuggling activities (inspections, stop&search and patrol) based on risk analysis increased compared to the previous period	MFPT	Q4 2022	С
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Implementation of obligations within the Kosovo-EU Political Dialogue	Action Plan for Political Dialogue, approved	MfA	K42022	IC	
 MFAD, after the completion of the process of merging the two ministries, based on the Regulation on Internal Organization and Systematization of Workplaces, has drawn up the internal work plan and is working in the realization of the strategic document. MFDA considers this document as an internal measure, a general plan of action, which defines the actions to achieve the goals according to the priorities, and in the interest of the foreign policy of the Republic of Kosovo. The Action Plan for Political Dialogue has been drafted which represents an integral part of the work plan, and will be implemented as an internal document in MFAD. 					
Chapter 32 of the acquis: Financial control					
Ensure the systematic follow-up of the implementation of external audit recommendations	Percentage of recommendations implemented by OBs, increased compared to the previous year	CAO	Q4 2022	C	
1. Regarding your request, for information or implemented by OBs, increased compared to audit performance is the level of implementa conclude that 50% of the recommendations	the previous year", we tion of audit recommen	inform you that one odditions. Based on th	of the main ind ne individual a	dicators for measuring udit reports, we can	

conclude that 50% of the recommendations given in 2020 have been fully implemented. So, compared to 2019, their implementation has increased by 5%. This increase in the implementation of recommendations has been reflected in central level institutions and in independent institutions. Meanwhile, the level of implementation of the recommendations given in the Annual Audit Report for the State Budget for 2020 was still low, despite the increase compared to 2019. Of the 54 recommendations given in the 2020 Report, 12 have been implemented fully, 10 were in the process of being implemented, and 32 have not yet been addressed.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

National acts to be harmonised	EU acquis acts to be transposed	Responsible institution	Time limits	StatUS
NATIONAL ACTS TO BE HARMONIZED	EU ACQUIS ACTS TO BE TRANSPOSED	RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTION	TIME LIMITS	ASSESSMENT Q1-Q4 2022
	1. BLOCK I: POLITICAL CRI	TERIA		
Democracy and the rule of law				
	Constitution, Parliament and elec	toral system		
Regulation of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo (new regulation), approved		ASSEMBLY	Q1 2022	С
	Public administration	r		
The draft law on salaries in the public sector, approved		MIA	Q1 2022	С
Draft Law on Public Officials. approved		MIA	Q1 2022	С
Draft law on administrative inspection , approved		MIA	Q1 2022	IC
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	STANDARDS - APPROXIMATION OF KOSO			HE EU
	al framework for the alignment of Kosovo		•••••	
	3.1. Chapter 1 of the acquis: Free mo	vement of goods		
Draft Law on General Product Safety, approved	Directive 2001/95/EC Directive on fraudulent products 87/357/EEC	MINT	Q2 2022	С
Regulation on Transport Equipment under Pressure, approved	Regulation 2010/35/EU	ME	Q4 2022	С
Regulation for simple pressure vessels, approved	Directive 2014/29/EU	ME	Q2 2022	С
1. The Draft Law on General Product Sa 09/96, dated 14.09.2022 and the sam 2. The Regulation on Transportable Pre published in the official gazette on 22.0	e has been sent to the Assembly ssure Equipment was approved b	for review and	approval.	
3.	2. Chapter 2 of the acquis: Freedom of m	ovement of employ	ees	

3.3. Chapter 3 of the acquis: Right of establishment and freedom to provide services

Regulation on cross-border delivery services of remittances, approved	Regulation (EU) 2018/644	ARCHEP	Q4 2022	IC
Al for Professionals who have acquired the right to exercise a regulated profession outside the Republic of Kosovo	EU Directive 2005/36	MEST	Q4 2022	С
1. Regarding the status of the "cross-bo	order parcel delivery service" Regu	lation, after co	mmunicating with	n CEFTA officials, it has
been clarified that guidance on issuing				
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	3.4. Chapter 4 of the acquis: Free mov	•		
	3.5. Chapter 5 of the acquis: Public	c procurement		
The draft law on public procurement (supplement-amendment), approved.	Directive 2014/24/EU on Procurement in the Classical Sector Directive 2014/25/EU on Services/Utilities Directive 2009/81/EC Council Directive 89/665/EEC Council Directive 92/13/EEC	MFPT	Q2 2022	IC
	3.6. Chapter 6 of the acquis: Co	mpany Law		
AU for investigation and discipline, approved.	Directive 2006/43/EC as amended.	MFPT	Q3 2022	C
	3.7. Chapter 7 of the acquis: Intellectu	al property rights		
	3.8. Chapter 8 of the acquis: Comp	etition policies		
Supplement/amendment of the Law on State Aid 05/L-100, approved	EU Regulation 2015/1589, dated July 13, 2015, Article 108 of the TFEU, Regulation (EU) 2015/1588, dated July 13, 2015, for the implementation of	MFPT	Q4 2022	IC
Approval of the Regulation on the conditions for granting Horizontal Aid	Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU EC Regulation No. 1588/2015 and EC Regulation No. 651/2014 as well as other regulations in the field of horizontal aid	MFPT	Q4 2022	IC
	3.9. Chapter 9 of the acquis: Final	ncial services		
Regulation on Liquidity Risk Management, approved	EU Directive 2013/36	СВК	Q4 2022	IC
 This Draft Law is expected to be approved within the first three months of 2023 Al for Investigation and Discipline has been approved by the KKRF and has been published on the website of the KKRF The Draft Law on State Aid is in the process of drafting at the GP Approval of the Regulation on the conditions for granting Horizontal Aid - is pending approval by the Government During 2022, it was drafted by the Division for Standardization and Regulation and the same was sent to the banks for comments, the comments were received from the banks, the draft of this regulation is in the process of being finalized within the CBK. This regulation has gone through all the procedures including review by the Legal Department and has been finalized. However, regarding the Regulation for liquidity risk management (amendment-change), the Executive Board has decided to 				
submit it to the Board of the Central Ba				
	3.10. Chapter 10 of the acquis: Information	on society and med	ia	
The draft law on security measures of networks and information systems (new draft law), approved	EU directive no. 2016/61 / EU Directive (EU) 2016/1148 of the European Parliament and of the Council of July 6, 2016 regarding measures for a common high level of security of networks and information	ME	Q4 2022	IC

	systems throughout the European Union			
Regulation on electronic identification schemes for certain security levels (new by-law), approved	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1501	ME	Q4 2022	С
Regulation on the Trust Mark for qualified trusted services (new by-law), approved	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/806	ME	Q4 2022	С
Regulation on Qualified Electronic Signatures and Seals, Qualified Electronic Time Stamps and Determination of Their Validity (new by-law), approved	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1506	ME	Q4 2022	С
Regulations on Devices for Creating a Qualified or Non-Qualified Electronic Signature and Seal (New Bye-Law), Approved	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1506	ME	Q4 2022	С
Regulation on Conformity Assessment of Qualified Trust Service Providers and Qualified Trust Services as well as Insurance against Risk and Damages Caused by the Provision of Qualified Trust Service (New By-Law), Approved		ME	Q4 2022	С
Regulation for commercial audio-visual communications (amendment-amendment), approved	Directive on Audio-Visual Media Services - AVMSD	TMC	Q4 2022	IC
The regulation for the protection of children and minors in audio and audiovisual media services (supplement- amendment), approved	Directive on Audio-Visual Media Services - AVMSD	TMC	Q1 2022	IC
Regulation on ownership and concentration of audio and audiovisual media services (new by-law), approved	Directive on Audio-Visual Media Services - AVMSD	TMC	Q4 2022	IC
Regulation on Portability of Numbers (addition- change)	Directive (EU) 2018/1972 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the establishment of the European Electronic Communications Code;	ARCHEP	Q2 2022	С
Regulation on Market Analysis (Supplement- Amendment)	Directive (EU) 2018/1972 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 on the establishment of the European Electronic Communications Code;	ARCHEP	Q1 2022	С
Resolution Regulations , approved	Directive 2014/61 / EU on measures to reduce the cost of the deployment of high-speed electronic communications networks	ARCHEP	Q1 2022	С

1. ME followed the procedures for the drafting of the Law on security measures of networks and information systems, an interministerial Working Group composed of interested parties has been created, which has worked on the drafting of the draft law. Additionally, during this process, the technical assistance provided by the Austrian ADA was included and the final draft is now ready. However, at the level of the Government, the decision has been made to switch to a horizontal digitization policy. On this occasion, MIA was mandated to develop the Cyber Security Agency, which will be responsible for information security policies.

2. The Regulation on Electronic Identification Schemes for certain security levels was approved by the ME on 30.12.2022. (new by-law),

3. The Regulation on the Trust Mark for qualified trusted services was approved by the MESTI on 30.12.2022. (new by-law), 4. Regulation on Signatures and qualified electronic seals, qualified electronic time stamps and the determination of their validity was approved by the ME on 30.12.2022.

5. The Regulation on Devices for creating a qualified or non-qualified electronic signature and seal was approved by the ME on 30.12.2020.

6. The Regulation on Conformity Assessment of Qualified Providers of trusted services and qualified trusted services as well as insurance against risk and damages caused by the provision of qualified trusted services was approved by ME on 30.12.2022. 7. Regarding this measure, an amended draft was finished, ready for public discussion. However, the process is currently on hold, due to the expiration of the mandate of two members of the KPMs in October 16, 2022, specifically the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Thus, the Commission has remained non-functional in decision-making and awaiting the appointment of three members of the IPC by the Assembly. Consequently, until then these planned bylaws cannot be finalized for public discussion without the approval of the Commission and at the same time proceed for approval.

8. This measure remains at the same stage. The amended draft is finished and ready for public discussion, but the process is currently pending, due to the expiration of the mandate of two members of the KPM on October 16, 2022, simultaneously Chairman and Vice-Chairman, where the Commission has remained non-functional in decision-making and awaiting the appointment of three members of the IPC by the Assembly. Consequently, these planned bylaws cannot be finalized for public discussion without the approval of the Commission.

9. This draft regulation has been drawn up as a draft several times during the last 4 years, but due to the complexity of the issue, it has not yet been approved. During 2022, international assistance/expertise was engaged for the issue of media ownership. The KPM has a final draft ready for public discussion, but as with other by-laws, the process is currently pending, due to the expiration of the mandate of two members of the KPM on October 16, 2022, simultaneously Chairman and Vice-Chairman, where the Commission has remained non-functional in decision-making and pending the appointment of three members of the KPM by the Assembly. Consequently, until then, these planned bylaws cannot be finalized for public discussion without the approval of the Commission.

10. The regulation has been approved and published on the ARKEP website: http://www.action.com/action/

11. The regulation has been approved and published on the ARKEP website: http:// www.erkep.iks.org/?ord=1.34.1382

12. The regulation has been approved and published on the website of ARKEP:

3.	11. Chapter 11 of the acquis: Agriculture a	and rural developm	nent	
The draft law on the organization of the common market, approved	Regulation (EU) 1308/2013 on the common organization of the market; Delegated Act of the Commission (EU) 2017/40 on Union aid for the supply of fruit and vegetables, bananas and milk in educational institutions Implementing Act of the Commission (EU) 2017/39 on the rules for the implementation of 1308/2013	MAFRD	Q4 2022	IC
3.12. Cha	pter 12 of the acquis: Food safety, phytos	anitary and veterin	ary policies	
Al on determining health rules for animal by- products and their derivatives, which are not intended for human consumption (new by-law), approved	Regulation no. 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council that lays down the health rules regarding animal by-products and products derived from them not intended for human consumption, which repeals Regulation (EC) no. 1774/2002 (Regulation on animal by-products)	FVA	Q1 2022	С
UA on the implementation of the UA on the determination of health rules for animal by- products and their derivatives, which are not intended for human consumption (new by-law), approved	Commission Regulation no. 142/2011 implementing Regulation no. 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council which lays down the health rules regarding animal by-products and products derived from them not intended for human consumption and the implementation of Council Directive 97/78/EC regarding certain samples and articles which are exempted from veterinary border checks under this directive.	FVA	Q2 2022	IC

1. This regulation was processed in the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, to be approved at the next meeting.

2. This regulation is the sub-legal act approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development dated 15.07.2022, number UA 05/2022

3. The instruction is currently in the stage of transferring references from the approved AI. Due to the substantial volume it encompasses, efforts are underway to expedite the finalization process. Following completion, the instruction awaits approval in the first quarter of 2023.

	3.13. Chapter 13 of the acquis:			
	3.14. Chapter 14 of the acquis: Trar	nsport policies		
The draft law on road transport (amendment- amendment), approved	Directive no. 1071/2009/EC for access to the profession of road transport operators Directive no. 1072/2009/EC on common rules for access to international road transport of goods Directive no. 1073/2009/EC on common rules for access to the international market for vehicle crew and passenger transport services Regulation 2016/68 on common procedures and specifications necessary for the interconnection of electronic driver card registers EU Regulation 165/2014 which	ММРНІ	Q2 2022	IC
UA on the technical conditions of vehicles for participation in road traffic, approved	regulates driving and rest time Directive 96/53/EC of July 25, 1996 for determining the maximum dimensions allowed in domestic and international traffic as well as the maximum dimensions allowed in domestic and international traffic for certain road vehicles circulating in EU countries (GZ L 235, dated 17.09.1996). Directive 2002/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, dated February 18, 2002, which amends and supplements Council Directive 96/53/EC by which, for certain road vehicles circulating in the EU countries, the maximum dimensions are determined allowed in domestic and international traffic as well as the maximum dimensions allowed in international traffic (GZ L 67, dated 09.03.2002). Directive 2015/719 of the Parliament and of the European Council, dated 29 April 2005 for determining the maximum dimensions allowed in domestic and international traffic as well as the maximum allowed in international traffic for certain road vehicles circulating in EU countries (GZ L 115, dated 06.05.2015). Directive of the Parliament and the Council 2007/ 38/EC of July 11, 2007 for the additional installation of mirrors in heavy motor vehicles registered in EU countries, (GZ L 57, dated 03.02.2007). Council Directive 92/6/EEC, dated February 10, 1992 on the installation and use of speed limitation devices for certain motor vehicles in the Community (GZ L 57, dated 02.03.1992). Directive 2002/85/EC of European Parliament and Council, dated November 5, 2002, for the amendment of Council Directive 92/6/EEC on the installation and use of devices for speed limitation on certain motor vehicles in EU countries (GZ L327, dated 04.12.2002).	ММРНІ	Q4 2022	C
UA for technical control of vehicles (supplement - change), approved	Directive 2014/45 on regular periodic control.	MMPHI	Q1 2022	С

UA for mobile technical control , approved	Directive 2014/47 on mobile technical control	MMPHI	Q1 2022	С
Al for the licensing of road transport operators of goods (supplement - amendment), approved	Regulation no. 1071/2009/EC for access to the profession of road transport operators Directive no. 1072-2009-EC for common rules for access to the international road transport of goods	ММРНІ	Q3 2022	IC
UA for licensing operators of road transport of passengers by bus (supplement - amendment), approved	Regulation no. 1071/2009/EC for access to the profession of road transport operators	MMPHI	Q4 2022	IC
The regulation for the approval of the basic parameters for the registers of train driving licenses and supplementary certificates, approved	Commission Decision 2010/17/EC of 29 October 2009 on the approval of the basic parameters for the registers of train driving licenses and supplementary certificates provided for under Directive 2007/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (notified in document C (2009) 8278) (text with relevance to the EEA)	RRA	Q4 2022	IC
Regulation on technical specifications for interoperability regarding the subsystem "telematic applications for passenger services" STI TAP, approved	Commission Regulation (EU) no. 454/2011 of 5 May 2011 on the technical specification for interoperability regarding the subsystem 'telematic applications for passenger services' of the trans- European rail system	RRA	Q4 2022	IC
Regulation (CAA) amending Regulation (CAA) 05/2015 on automatic validity of Union flight crew licenses and take-off and landing training (supplementation-amendment), adopted	Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1065 of July 27, 2018 amending Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011 on the automatic validity of Union flight crew licenses and take- off and landing training	CAA	Q1 2022	С
Regulation (CAA) amending Regulation (CAA) 05/2015 regarding declared training organizations (supplementation - amendment), approved	Commission Regulation (EU) 2018/1119 of July 31, 2018 amending Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011 regarding declared training organizations	CAA	Q1 2022	С
Regulation (AAC) amending Regulation (AAC) 05/2015 establishing technical requirements and administrative procedures regarding civil aviation flight personnel in accordance with Regulation (AAC) 05/2020, approved	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1974 of December 14, 2018 amending Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011 establishing technical requirements and administrative procedures regarding civil aviation flight personnel in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council	CAA	Q1 2022	С
Regulation (CAA) amending Regulation 05/2015 establishing technical requirements and administrative procedures regarding civil aviation aircrew in accordance with Regulation (CAA) 05/2020 of the European Parliament and of the Council (supplementation - amendment), approved	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/27 of December 19, 2018 amending Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011 establishing the technical requirements and administrative procedures regarding the air crew of civil aviation in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council	CAA	Q1 2022	С

Regulation (CAA) amending Regulation (CAA) 9/2020 regarding reporting requirements and reporting channels between organizations, and requirements for meteorological services (supplementation - amendment), approved	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1338 of 11 August 2021 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/373 regarding reporting requirements and reporting channels between organisations, and requirements for meteorological services	CAA	Q2 2022	С
Regulation (CAA) amending and correcting Regulation (CAA) 1/2019 regarding requirements for fuel/energy planning and management, and regarding requirements for support programs and psychological assessment of flight crew, as well as substance testing psychoactive (complement- change), approved	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1296 of August 4, 2021 amending and correcting Regulation (EU) No. 965/2012 regarding requirements for fuel/energy planning and management, and regarding requirements for support programs and psychological assessment of flight crew, as well as psychoactive substance testing	CAA	Q3 2022	С
Regulation (CAA) supplementing Regulation (CAA) No. 9/2017 regarding the common European scheme of risk classification (supplement - change), approved	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/2034 of October 6, 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) No. 376/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding the common European risk classification scheme	CAA	Q4 2022	С

1. The draft law on road transport (amendment-amendment) has been drafted and is in the process of translation. 2. Approved on 15.12.2022 and published on 28.12.2022, which entered into force 7 days after publication in the official gazette.

3. Al for technical control of vehicles (supplement-change), dated 28.12.2022, was signed by the Minister and published in official gazette on 10.01.2023.

4. It has been extended to 2023.

5. The draft has been finalized and sent to the Legal Department for further procedures.

6. It has been extended to 2023.

7. This regulation transposes "Commission Decision 2010/17/EC of 29 October 2009 on the adoption of basic parameters for registers of train driving licenses and complementary certificates provided for under Directive 2007/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (notified under document C(2009) 8278) (Text with EEA relevance), for this regulation a three day workshop was held with the mission of experts from TAIEXI

8. This regulation transposes "Commission Regulation (EU) No 454/2011 of 5 May 2011 on the technical specification for interoperability relating to the subsystem 'telematics applications for passenger services' of the trans-European rail system". For this regulation, five workshops were held daily with the mission of experts from TAIEXI.

9. Regulation (CAA) no. 02/2022 for the amendment of Regulation (CAA) no. 05/2015 regarding the automatic validity of the flight crew licenses of the union and training for take-off and landing (15.04.2022)

10. Regulation (AAC) no. 03/2022 for the amendment of Regulation (CAA) no. 05/2015 regarding the declaration of organizations for the provision of training (15.04.2022)

11. Regulation (AAC) no. 05/2022 for the amendment of Regulation (CAA) no. 05/2015 which defines the technical requirements and administrative procedures related to the air crew of civil aviation in accordance with Regulation (AAC) no. 05/2020 (26.04.2022)

12. Regulation (CAA) no. 04/2022 for the amendment of Regulation (CAA) no. 05/2015 that defines the technical criteria and administrative procedures regarding the air crew of civil aviation in accordance with the Regulation (AAC) no. 05/2020 (26.04.2022)

13. Regulation (CAA) no. 08/2022 for the amendment of Regulation (CAA) no. 09/2020 for defining common requirements for air traffic management/air navigation service providers and other air traffic management network functions and their supervision, regarding reporting requirements and reporting channels between organizations, and requirements for meteorological services (30.09.2022)

14. Regulation 06/2022 amending and correcting Regulation (AAC) no. 01/2019 that defines the technical requirements and administrative procedures related to air operations based on CAA Regulation no. 03/2009, regarding requirements for fuel/energy planning and management, and regarding requirements for support programs and psychological assessment of flight crew, as well as psychoactive substance testing (27.09.2022)

15. Regulation (AAC) no. 07/2022 for completing Regulation (CAA) NO. 09/2017 for the reporting, analysis and follow-up of events in civil aviation, in relation to the common European risk classification scheme (30.09.2022)

3.15. Chapter 15 of the acquis: Energy

The draft law on mandatory oil reserves, approved	Directive no. 2009/119/EC establishing the obligation on member states to maintain minimum reserves of crude oil and oil derivatives	MINT	Q4 2022	IC			
The draft law on renewable energy sources, approved	Renewable Energy Directive (EU) 2018/2001	ME	Q4 2022	С			
UA for energy services (ESCO) for the private and household sector, approved	Directive no. 2012/27/EC for energy efficiency which amends directive no. 2009/125/EC and directive no. 2010/30/EC and repeals directive no. 2004/8/EC and directive no. 2006/32/EC	ME	Q1 2022	С			
legal office has prepared all accompany 2. The working group for drafting the dr	 The draft law on mandatory oil reserves has underwent the preliminary consultation and public consultation procedures. The legal office has prepared all accompanying materials. The bill is in the MFLT awaiting the financial impact assessment. The working group for drafting the draft law on Renewable Energy Sources was established by decision of the ME with no. prot. 122 of dated. 25.01.2022. The draft law completed public consultations on 28.12.2022 3. It was approved on 						
3	.17. Chapter 17 of the acquis: Economic a	and monetary polic	ies				
	3.18. Chapter 18 of the acquis:	Statistics					
	3.19. Chapter 19 of the acquis: Social poli	cies and employme	ent				
Labor bill, approved	Council Directive 91/533/EEC dated 14 October 1991 on the employer's obligation to notify employees of the conditions applicable to the contract or employment relationship (OJ L 288, 18.10.1991); Council Directive 92/85/EEC dated October 19, 1992, on measures to encourage the improvement of safety and health at work of pregnant employees and employees who during these days have given birth to children or are breastfeeding (Tenth Individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16 (1) of Directive 89/391/EEC) (OJ L 348, 28.11.1992); Council Directive 94/33/EC of 22 June 1994 on the protection of young people at work (OJ L 216, 20.8.1994); Directive 96/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 1996 on the appointment of workers in the context of the provision of services (8 GZ L 18, 21.1.1997); Directive 2014/67/EU of May 15, 2014 on the implementation of Directive 96/71/EC on the appointment of workers in the framework of the provision of services and the amendment of Regulation (EU) No. 1024/2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System ("IMI Regulation'); Council Directive 97/81/EC of 15 December 1997 regarding the Framework Agreement for part-time work concluded by UNICE, CEEP UNICE and EUTC (OJ L 14, 20.1.1998) amended by Council Directive 98/23/EC of 20 July 1998 on the approximation of the laws of the member states regarding collective redundancies (OJ L 225, 12.8.98); Council Directive 99/70/EC of June 28, 1999 concerning the	MFPT	Q2 2022	IC			

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1. Regarding the Draft Labor Law, a new Draft has been completed, which also includes the Draft Law on the Economic-Social Council, the Draft Law on the Labor Inspectorate and the Draft Law on Strikes. After the completion of the draft, the Draft Law was sent to the Minister's Cabinet for review and decision.

2. Chronologically, the Draft Law of the Social Assistance Scheme has been included in the Government's Legislative Plan for the fourth quarter of 2022, meanwhile the Working Group for the drafting of this Draft Law has been created. A Draft of the Draft Law has been prepared, the process related to the preparation of this The Draft Law is planned within the framework of the ratification of the Agreement with the World Bank for the Reform Project of the Social Assistance Scheme. However, the Project/Loan was voted against twice in the Assembly of Kosovo.

3.For the Draft Law on Safety and Health at Work, in the January-March period, the preliminary and public consultations were completed on January 6, 2022, together with Directive 89/391/EC of the European Council of June 12, 1989, on introducing measures to encourage improvements in the Safety and Health of Workers at Work (Framework Directive). The draft law for the amendment and completion of Law no. 04/L-161 on Safety and Health at Work was submitted to the Cabinet of the Minister and the Office of the Secretary General.

3.20. Chapter 20 of the acquis: Enterprises and industrial policies					
	3.21. Chapter 21 of the acquis: Trans-E	uropean networks			
	3.22. Chapter 22 of the acquis: Regional policies and coordination of structural instruments				
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Draft Law on the Prosecutorial Council of Kosovo (amendment-amendment), approved		MD	Q2 2022	С	
The draft law on the State Prosecutor (amendment-amendment), approved		MD	Q2 2022	С	
Draft Law on the Central Criminal Evidence System (new draft law), approved		MD	Q3 2022	С	
The draft law on administrative disputes, approved		MD	Q2 2022	С	
The draft law on religious freedoms in Kosovo (amendment-amendment), approved		OPM	Q3 2022	IC	
The draft law on the execution of criminal sanctions (amendment-amendment), approved		MD	Q2 2022	С	
The draft law on the Independent Media Commission (amendment-amendment), approved		OPM	Q3 2022	IC	
The draft law on prevention and protection from domestic violence and gender-based violence, approved	Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence "Istanbul Convention"	ASSEMBLY	Q4 2022	IC	
Rate Regulation , approved.		КJС	Q2 2022	IC	
Regulation on the Appointment of Judicial Experts, approved.		кјс	Q4 2022	С	
Regulation on the Evaluation of the Performance of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Members who serve in the KJC full- time, Presidents of courts and supervising Judges, approved		кјс	Q4 2022	С	

Regulation on the Procedure for Election, Appointment, Suspension and Dismissal of Presidents of Courts and Supervisory Judges, approved	КJС	Q4 2022	С
Regulation on the Status, Rights, Obligations, Performance and Discipline of Professional Associates, approved.	с	Q4 2022	С
Al for the Use of Symbols in the Prosecution System of the Republic of Kosovo, approved	RFQ	Q4 2022	с
UA on remuneration for work and compensation of expenses related to work performed by notaries, approved	MD	Q3 2022	С
UA on enforcement fees, approved	MD	Q3 2022	С
Regulation on Security Measures during Personal Data Processing	AIP	Q3 2022	С
Regulation on the Internal Procedure for Reviewing Requests for Permitting the International Transfer of Personal Data	AIP	Q4 2022	С

1. This draft was approved by the Assembly (fulfilled)

2. This draft was approved by the Assembly (fulfilled)

3. This draft was approved by the Government, (fulfilled),

4. This draft was approved by the Government (fulfilled),

5. Draft law on the amendment and completion of Law No. 02/L-31 on Religious Freedoms in Kosovo was drafted in compliance with the recommendations of the Venice Commission given in Opinion No. 743/2013. The same is included in the Draft Legislative Program of 2023.

6. This Draft Law has been approved by the Government (fulfilled)

7. The Legal Office in the OPM has initiated the process of aligning the Draft Law on the Independent Media Commission with Directive 2010/13/EU supplemented and amended by Directive 2018/1808/EU on Audiovisual Media Services, based on the ongoing requests of the European Commission in the Country Report. During the past year, the Legal Office in the OPM, in close cooperation with the KPM, has drawn up a draft which, in our estimation, maximally approximates the Directive mentioned above. Likewise, the draft law in question has been subjected to preliminary and public consultations, in which case we have accepted the input of some representatives of the media, international organizations and non-governmental organizations. Furthermore, in order to ensure the most complete harmonization with the EU Acquis, the Legal Office in the OPM has applied for the engagement of expertise from TAIEX and the same has been reviewed by the experts in force. The same is included in the Draft Legislative Program of 2023.

8. Unfinished items from the plenary session, held on December 23, 2022

9. This regulation is in the finalization stage and is expected to be approved by the KJC in the following months.

10. On May 31, 2022, the KJC approved Regulation No. 03/2022 on the procedure for certification, appointment, conditions, rights, obligations and remuneration of judicial experts

11. On December 27, 2022, the KJC approved Regulation No. 13/2022 on the evaluation of the performance of court presidents and supervisory judges

12. KJC on December 27, 2022 approved Regulation no. 12/2022 on the procedure for the election, appointment, suspension and dismissal of court presidents and supervisory judges

13. KJC on 27 December 2022 approved Regulation no. 12/2022 on the rights, obligations, performance, discipline and transfer of professional associates.

14. The Council approved the AI for the Use of Symbols in the Prosecution System of the Republic of Kosovo at the meeting on October 21, 2022.

15. This draft law was approved by the MD (fulfilled).

16. This AI has been approved by the MD (fulfilled),

17. It was approved and we have accepted the regulation.

18. It was approved and we have accepted the regulation.

3.24. Chapter 24 of the acquis: Justice, freedom and security

The draft law on the amendment and completion of Law No. 04/L-072 for State Border Control and Supervision	Council Directive 2004/82/EC of April 29, 2004 on the obligations of carriers to communicate passenger data; Directive 2016/681/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the use of Passenger Name Record (REU) data for the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of terrorist offenses and serious crime	MIA	Q2 2022	IC
Readmission agreement with Latvia, signed		MIA	Q4 2022	IC
Readmission agreement with Lithuania signed		MIA	Q4 2022	IC
The draft law on the amendment of the Law on Foreigners	Council Directive No. 2003/86/EC of September 22, 2003 on the right to family reunification; Council Directive 2003/109/EC of 25 November 2003 regarding the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents; Council Directive 2009/50/EC of 25 May 2009 on the conditions of entry and stay of third-country nationals for the purpose of employment as highly qualified workers (EU Blue Card Directive); Directive 2011/98/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on a single application procedure for a single permit for third-country nationals to stay and work in the territory of a Member State and for a joint group of rights for third country workers legally resident in a Member State; Directive 2014/36/EU of the European Parliament and the Council of February 26, 2014 on the conditions of entry and stay of third- country nationals for the purpose of employment as seasonal workers; Directive 2014/66/EU of the European Parliament and the Council of May 15, 2014 on the conditions of entry and stay of third-country nationals in the framework of intra- corporate transfers; Directive (EU) 2016/801 of the European Parliament and of the Council dated May 11, 2016 on the conditions of entry and stay of third-country nationals for purposes research, studies, training, voluntary service, student exchange schemes or educational projects, and family placement; Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics for migration and international protection. Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics for migration and international protection. Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of December 16, 2008 on common standards and procedures in Member States for the return of illegally staying third-country nationals	MIA	Q4 2022	IC

Cyber security bill passed	EU Directive 2013/40/EU of the European Parliament and the Council of August 12, 2013 on attacks against the information system and replacing the framework decision 2005/222/JH of the Council.	MIA	Q2 2022	С
Draft law to complete the amendment of Law No. 05/L-022 on Weapons, approved	Directive (EU) 2021/555 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 March 2021 on the control of the purchase and possession of weapons	MIA	Q4 2022	IC
Agreement on legal cooperation with France, signed		MD	Q4 2022	IC
Agreement on legal cooperation with Switzerland, signed		MD	Q4 2022	С

1 The draft law has completed the preliminary and public consultation procedures, and will be sent to the Government for approval.

2. The text of the draft agreement has been prepared but no response has been received from the other party.

3. The text of the draft agreement has been prepared but no response has been received from the other party.

4. The final draft of the draft law has been prepared and will soon be sent for preliminary comments.

5. The Cyber Security Draft Law was approved by the Government on 14.09.2022. This draft law was approved in the first reading in the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo.

6. This bill has been removed from the Legislative Program.

7. The negotiations have ended, while the Agreement is expected to be signed during 2023.

8. The Agreement with Switzerland was signed.

3.25. Chapter 25 of the acquis: Science and scientific research				
	3.26. Chapter 26 of the acquis: Educa	ation and culture		
The draft law on higher education (amendment-amendment), approved		MEST	Q4 2022	С
Draft law on early childhood education 0-6 years in the Republic of Kosovo (new draft law), approved		MEST	Q2 2022	С
Draft law on textbooks and teaching materials		MEST	Q3 2022	С

1. The Draft Law on Higher Education was approved by the Government and is in further procedure in the Assembly.

2. During 2022, the Draft Law on Early Childhood Education was formulated. Throughout the year, this Law underwent preliminary and public discussions, ultimately receiving approval from the Government of the Republic of Kosovo. Presently, the law is under consideration and approval processes within the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo. In addition to coordinating this multifaceted process, including organizing workshops and preparing for preliminary and public discussions, we collaborated with the Minister of Education. We actively participated in the education commission in the Assembly of Kosovo, presenting the Draft Law on Early Childhood Education for reading. The deputies in this committee voted on the law in the first reading. Furthermore, in the capacity of the draftsman of the working group, we contributed to elucidating the Draft Law on Early Childhood Education in the public discussion organized by the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo.

3. The Draft Law on textbooks and teaching materials has been approved by the Government and is in further procedure in the Assembly.

3.27. Chapter 27 of the acquis: Environment					
The draft law on Kosovo's waters (supplement- amendment), approved	Directive no. 2000/60/EC Water framework; Directive no. 91/271/EEC for the treatment of Urban Wastewater; Directive no. 98/83/EC on Water Quality for Human Consumption.	ММРНІ	Q2 2022	IC	

The draft law on integrated pollution prevention and control, approved	Directive no. 2010/75/EU (IED) on Industrial Emissions	MMPHI	Q2 2022	С
UA on the conditions, methods, parameters and limiting values of the discharge of polluted water into the public sewage network and into the water body (supplement - change), approved	Directive no. 91/271/EEC for the treatment of urban wastewater	ММРНІ	Q1 2022	с
 Amendment/Supplement to Law No. Government with Decision No. 03/99 d draft law, allows only up to 40%, which relevant act. For this reason, it is planne 2. On 30.04.2022, with No. 02/73, the Government. It is currently in the review 23.06.2022. Dated 17.05.2022, with No. prot. 27 parameters and limiting values of the d was published on the website of the Office and the statement of the statement of the statement of the office and the statement of the statement	ate: 30.09.2022, since the regula prevents the comprehensive regula ed to draft a concept document, v draft law for the prevention and i v and approval procedure in the A 06/22, the completion and amer ischarge of polluted water into the	atory limit of the latory achiever which precedes ntegrated cont ssembly of Kos ndment of Al No e public sewage	e amendment and nent of the region the drafting of th rol of pollution wa ovo, which passe b. 30/2014 on the e network and inte	d completion of the hal standard of the e new water bill. hs approved by the d the first reading on e conditions, methods,
	.28. Chapter 28 of the acquis: Consumer			
The draft law on consumer protection, approved	Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of May 11, 2005 on unfair business- to-consumer commercial practices; Directive EU/2019/2161 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 for the better implementation and modernization of Consumer Protection in the EU.	MINT	Q4 2022	С
Health insurance bill, approved	Decision 2011/24/EC	МоН	Q4 2022	PC
The bill on health, approved	Council Directive 2010/32/EU of 10 May 2010 on the implementation of the Framework Agreement for the prevention of sharp injuries in the hospital and health sector concluded by HOSPEEM and EPSU	МоН	Q4 2022	PC
The draft law on the prevention and control of communicable diseases, approved	 2.1 Decision no. 1082/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on serious cross-border threats to health and the repeal of Decision No. 2119/98 / EC; 2.2 Decision of the Commission 2002/253 / EC of March 19, 2002 that defines the definitions of cases for the reporting of communicable diseases in the Community network according to Decision No. 2119/98 / EC of the European Parliament and of the Council; 2.3 Directive 95/46 / EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of October 24, 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data. 	МоН	Q4 2022	PC
Administrative Instruction for the implementation of exemption from the payment of premiums, co-payments and co- financing for health services, drafted		МоН	Q4 2022	PC
	3.29. Chapter 29 of the acquis: Cu	ustoms Union		
Draft customs and excise code in Kosovo (supplement-change), approved	EU Regulation no. 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 December 2013 on the Customs Code of the Union	MFPT	Q2 2022	IC

 The draft Law on Consumer Protection was approved by the government on 26.10.2022. This activity is partially completed. 							
3.30. Chapter 30 of the acquis: Foreign relations							
3.31. Chapter 31 of the acquis: Foreign, security and defense policy							
Law on international sanctions, supplemented - amended		MfA	Q2 2022	С			

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