



Republic of Serbia
Supreme Court of Cassation

MDTF-JSS Achievements in 2015



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COMMON ACHIEVEMENTS (1/4)

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- Designed and conducted a two-day workshop for the legal advisers from case-law departments of the Supreme Court of Cassation, state level courts and appellate courts on the principles and know-how of case law harmonization. **Results:** identified inconsistencies and bottlenecks; internal operations improved (management of final decisions); next steps identified: follow-up workshop to take place in December.
- Updated Action Plan of Case Law Harmonization Activity Plan: identified 'all players in the game' i.e. donors who support related activities and introduced coordination among them.



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COMMON ACHIEVEMENTS (2/4)

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- SCC Case Law Bulletin 1/2015: impact analysis, i.e. encompassed results of case law harmonization activities in 2014.
- Assessment of the implementation of the Appellate Courts' Joint Meetings' Plan: recommendations for the 2016 amendments.
- Legal framework analysis: comparative law.
- Verified and cross-compared CEPEJ reports for the period 2006-2012 against official SCC statistics and drafted SCC response to the MoJ.



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COMMON ACHIEVEMENTS (3/4)

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- Drafted MoU between Supreme Court of Cassation and Judicial Academy, on case-law exchange related to human rights
- Drafted Action Plan for Chapter 23
- Drafted contributions to the Progress Report
- Drafted SAA implementation documents



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COMMON ACHIEVEMENTS (4/4)

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- Updated NJRS Action Plan
- Drafted plan to expand SCC case-law database
- Drafted parts of tender dossier for the IPA 2012 (1M EUR) procurement of computer hardware and equipment for the courts



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STATISTICAL REPORTING & PROCESSING (1/2)

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- Consolidated backlog reports from paper format to Excel, statistically processed data and presented findings to SCC management;
- Identified errors in T1 statistical reports produced by the AVP system and coordinated bug-fixes with MEGA Computer Engineering, free of charge;
- Prepared guidelines for improvement of statistical data gathering and statistical analysis in the Supreme Court of Cassation.



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STATISTICAL REPORTING & PROCESSING (2/2)

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- Prepared and presented to the Chief Justice the proposed list of statistical indicators that should be monitored by SCC in the future.
- Updated user manual for registration of court fees in the AVP system and circulated to all Basic and Higher Courts in order to improve quality and availability of financial data;
- Developed Excel application for the SCC statisticians, for automatic consolidation of individual Excel reports submitted by the courts for ad-hoc analytical processing.



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TRAININGS, CAPACITY BUILDING

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- Trained Supreme Court of Cassation administrative staff in using software application for submission of judges' personal files to the High Judicial Council;
- Trained SCC management and statistical department in analysis and interpretation of court statistical reports
- Trained SCC statisticians in using Excel Pivot tables for advanced (ad-hoc) court caseload statistical analysis;



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URGENT NEEDS

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AVP Trainings for all Basic and Higher Courts users:

- There is an immediate need for training of court staff and judges (7000 trainees) on functionality of the AVP - no trainings since initial rollout in 2010!
- AVP capacity building should improve effective utilization of the AVP case management system in the courts of general jurisdiction (66 Basic Courts and 25 Higher Courts) and improve availability and quality of data
- Emphasis on court fees registration/collection which is currently very low.



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