

ROUNDTABLE

GOOD GOVERNANCE AND RESILIENCE OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED JUSTICE SECTOR INSTITUTIONS IN ALBANIA

Venue: Hotel Rogner, Antigonea 2 Room | **Date & Time:** 20 January 2022, 09:00 hrs

The outcomes of the Justice Reform in Albania until now can be resumed in two main blocks: i) the ongoing vetting process and, ii) the establishment and operationalization of new justice institutions. Under international monitoring, the new institutions have been designed and set up to resist capture, are manned by vetted individuals, and are structurally independent from interest groups.

After the first phase of securing their legitimacy *vis a vis* the expectancies of the Albanian citizen and of EU partners, and completing the phase of set up, the next objective of new institutions is to establish good governance mechanisms, implement solid internal processes, and deliver the expected outcomes. Faulty functioning of the new justice structures will damage both the legitimacy of the whole reform as well as the quality of their deliverables.

Having amended more than 1/3rd of its Constitution, Albania finds itself as a Reform Frontrunner when compared with other SEE6 EU candidate countries. As a consequence, an important part of the EU foreign policy instruments of political dialogue, conditionality and assistance applied to the Balkan country as well as the financial allocation through IPA III must be re-oriented and redesigned to focus on the good governance and resilience of new justice institutions. The next challenge is to support those structures with the necessary resources – financial, human resources and with unwavering political backing - in order to create a *cordon sanitaire* around them.

Those infant institutions represent one of the cornerstones of deep-cutting structural democratic reforms in the whole SEE6 as supported by EU. They are also the key instrument in delivering and measuring the progress in the Fundamentals cluster.

ALBE methodology brings in focus the good governance features of effectiveness, efficiency, transparency, accountability, predictability, sound financial management and integrity compliance. In our hypothesis, the institutional “good governance” conditions the quality, efficiency and sustainability of their delivery process and on quality of expected outputs.

This event will make visible the progress and the respective benchmarks in the Justice Reform, promote best examples, and increase the transparency of, and scrutiny and public pressure on the Albanian institutions in charge.

PROGRAMME

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09.00 - 09.15 **REGISTRATION**

09.15 - 09.30 **WELCOME AND SETTING THE SCENE**

- **H.E Reinout Vos**, Dutch Ambassador to Albania

09.30- 09.50 **“GOOD GOVERNANCE OF NEW JUSTICE INSTITUTIONS IN ALBANIA”**

- **Fjoralba CAKA**, Senior Expert at Cooperation and Development Institute

09.50 - 11.00 **PANEL DISCUSSION:**

- **Klotilda Bushka**, Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs, Public Administration and Human Rights, Parliament of Albania
- **Adea Pirdeni**, Albanian Vice-Minister of Justice
- **Artur Metani**, High Inspector of Justice in Albania
- **Erida Skëndaj**, Executive Director, Albanian Helsinki Committee

Moderator: **Ardian HACKAJ**, Director of Research at Cooperation and Development Institute

11.00 – 11.30 **Q&A SESSION**

11.30 **CONCLUSION AND CLOSING**

The working language will be in Albanian, but simultaneous translation will be provided to English language.