



Joint Rule of Law Coordination Board (The Board)

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JOINT CONCLUSIONS

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Joint conclusion 1: EC Country Report on Kosovo 2018

The Board acknowledges the findings of the Kosovo 2018 Report and pledges to work together in order to fulfil the recommendations contained therein.

Joint Conclusion 2: European Reform Agenda (ERA)

The Board acknowledges the recent legislative, rule of law-related achievements made by Kosovo authorities with regard to the ERA. At the same the Board insists that provisions concerning the suspension and removal of public officials be swiftly adopted and implemented in practice.



Joint conclusion 3: Judiciary

The Board agrees that the increase in numbers of the Legal officers and Professional Associates at the Courts and Prosecution Offices is of the utmost importance and that the appropriate budget must be earmarked to that effect.

Furthermore, the Board also urges the Kosovo Judicial Council to swiftly finalise the process of passing the remaining regulations.

The Board also agrees on the importance of the judicial integration, whereby proper translation of documents and training of judges, prosecutors and their staff in the North will make the integration process complete. The Board agreed that taking into account the current backlog of cases Mitrovica Basic Court would need additional support from all institutions.

Joint Conclusion 4: Legislative issues

The Board acknowledges the importance of the so-called package of laws on judiciary as well as the need to swiftly conclude the works on it, with due consideration to the opinions of all engaged stakeholders.

Furthermore, the Board agrees on the necessity to swiftly adopt the Criminal Code and on the need to step up works on the Criminal Procedure Code.

And finally, the Board underlines the necessity to adopt the so-called Anti-Corruption package of laws, having as a priority the Law on Extended Powers of Confiscation

Joint conclusion 5: Functional Review of the Rule of Law



The Board agrees on the relevance of the Functional Review led by the Ministry of Justice, but at the same time reckons that the methodology used should be revised in order to achieve the foreseen results in an efficient way and in a shorter period of time.

The conclusions of the Functional Review should be used by the Kosovo authorities for making further and faster progress on its European path.

Joint Conclusion 6: The state of play of Roadmaps

The Board welcomes the progress made in the KPA Appeals Panel Roadmap. The functionality of the panel will allow Kosovo to put the topic of conflict-related property behind.

The Board further notes that with regard to the Special Chamber of Supreme Court Roadmap a lot has been done over the last months to increase the efficiency of the Chamber. There are however issues that still require attention of the Kosovo institutions, such as the transformation of the Registry and the adoption of a Law on Restitution.

In relation to the War Crimes Roadmap, the Board urges the KPC Chair and the State Prosecutor to speed up the works on the National Strategy for War Crimes and complete it in co-operation with EULEX, before the conclusion of the mission's mandate.