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Improvements in:

- the implementation of the 2017-2021 Kosovo Police (KP) Community Policing Strategy and Action Plan with 18 out of the 20 KP-owned activities completed;
- the sustainability and accountability of the KP;
- the investigation capacity of the KP in gender-based violence cases.

KP Specialised Units are approaching the standard of operations of EU countries' counterparts. Reaching a balanced gender and ethnic representation, as well as ensuring additional funds for equipment and vehicles remain a challenge.

Way forward: under its new mandate, EULEX withdrew its police advisory support. The EU Office will therefore continue to support KP's senior management in a more limited advisory role.

CUSTOMS AND BORDER POLICE

Compared to 2016:

- collection of revenue for 2017 up by 7% (70 million €);
- actions against illegal gambling up by 67%;
- actions against anti-smuggling up by 65%, including:
 - 38 cases of seizure of arms and ammunition;
 - 54 cases of seizure of narcotics;
 - seizure of counterfeit currency worth more than €2 million
- results in the fight against counterfeit goods increased by over 100%.

Way forward: under its new mandate, EULEX will advise Kosovo Customs and Border Police in furthering the implementation of the Integrated Border Management (IBM) Dialogue Agreement and related documents.

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- **EULEX** monitored 200 cases previously transferred to local counterparts;
- **Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC):** the case clearance rate increased by 145% by the end of 2017, while the backlog of old cases decreased to 38.79% in the first half of 2018, compared to 62.26% in 2017;
- **The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC):** the number of solved cases increased, with 7.92% of cases solved through mediation in 2017, compared to 5.29% in 2016, while in the first half of 2018, the State Prosecutor solved up to 11.18% of cases through mediation;
- 2,070 cases resolved by the **Special Chamber of the Supreme Court (SCSC)**, which is in line with the rate from previous years - from July 2016 to June 2017, the SCSC resolved 2,182 cases;
- 111 cases closed by the **Kosovo Property Agency (KPA) Appeals Panel** compared to the 160 cases closed from July 2016 to June 2017;
- **Kosovo Correctional Service (KCS):** modest signs towards EU standards, with some, albeit mixed, progress in the recruitment of staff, and in the reorganization of KCS facilities;

Way forward: in the new mandate, EULEX will continue to monitor the work of SCSC and the KPA Appeals Panel and selected high-profile cases that the Mission handed over to local counterparts. EULEX will no longer be advising the KJC nor the KPC, which will be supported by the EU Office. EULEX will continue, however, to monitor, mentor and advise the senior management of the KCS.

- The IFM conducted eight exhumations in Kosovo and one in Albania, identifying 10 individuals and handing over the remains of nine missing persons to their families.

Since its creation, the IFM:

- has facilitated the return of 506 bodily remains of missing persons in Kosovo to families;
- has carried out 595 field operations and 430 identifications – 300 of which were of missing persons;
- has facilitated the analysis of 2,261 DNA samples.

Way forward: EULEX's forensic experts will remain available to support the institute upon the request of local authorities. Additionally, an IPA project launched in February 2018 aims to strengthen the IFM capacity over a period of 36 months

- Justice integration: 40 Kosovo Serb judges and 13 Kosovo Serb Prosecutors integrated in the Kosovo judiciary;
- Slow progress in the implementation of the EU-facilitated agreements in the areas of Integrated Border Management (IBM), civil registration and freedom of movement;

Way forward: under its new mandate, EULEX will continue to monitor, mentor, and advise the parties on the technical implementation of the EU agreements related to the IBM and freedom of movement, while narrowing down its support to the Civil Registration Agency. EULEX will also provide further support to justice integration in northern Kosovo.

