

#### **SCC RAFU**

Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist completed in August 2015 and contracted in January 2016

Reform and Accession Facilitation Unit

Senior ICT Advisor
Court Automation and
Caseload Statistics Specialis
completed in December 201
to be renewed)

Senior Legal Advisor ourt Jurisprudence Specialis completed in December 2015 to be renewed)







## Support by SCC RAFU (1/5)



### Capacity building:

- ✓ Organized and conducted 3 workshops on jurisprudence harmonization with judicial assistants and advisors from state level courts', appellate and higher courts' case-law departments
- ✓ Trained SCC's staff on conducting statistical analysis and defining courts' backlog reduction/efficiency measures, thus improving judiciary capacities to effectively manage court system in accordance with the requirements of Action Plan for Chapter 23
- ✓ Organized and conducted a training for SCC advisors and staff on the advanced use of SAPS for case management and document management purposes
- ✓ Organized and conducted workshops on efficient use of AVP and enhanced service-of-process tools







### Support by SCC RAFU (2/5)



#### Capacity building through international exchange:

- ✓ Supported study visit to German institutions focused on rules and practice of case-law harmonization
- ✓ Supported the organization of the regional conference on "Case-law Harmonization, Challeges and Possible Solutions", attended by judges from Slovenia, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia
- ✓ Supported the organization of the study visit to Slovenian institutions on case-weighting approaches





# Support by SCC RAFU (3/5)

Capacity building through liaisoning with other institutions within the Sector

- ✓ Organized and conducted the first joint conference of enforcement agents and judges in courts' eforcement departments (basic and commercial courts)
- ✓ MOU between the Supreme Court of Cassation and Judicial Academy focuses on the exchange of case-law database content (harmonization with the ECHR jurisprudence)















### Support by SCC RAFU (4/5)

#### **Analyses Conducted:**

- ✓ Of current case-law harmonization process and its results
- ✓Of courts' individual backlog reduction programs and their implementation progress
- ✓ Detailed IT assessment of the SCC with strategic recommendations how to strengthen internal capacities
- ✓ Cost estimation and principal hardware architecture of the improved case-law database for the SCC and appellate courts







## Support by SCC RAFU (5/5)

#### **Recommendations Provided:**

- ✓ Amendments to the Book of Court Rules which introduce formal proceedings for case-law harmonization (pending adoption)
- ✓ Amendments to the Book of Court Rules which facilitate implementation of the Unified Backlog Reduction Plan (pending adoption)
- ✓ Guidelines for expansion of the SCC case-law database
- ✓ Identified list of new and improved statistical indicators and guidelines on future statistical reporting for backlog reduction purposes
- ✓ Draft functional requirements for the unified appellate court websites







#### **Future SCC Activities**

- ✓ Capacity building of justices and staff in management, ECHR, ICT, communication and legal English
- ✓ Support to meeting and workshops related to implementation of the Unified BLR Program and case law harmonization
- ✓ Study visit to Dutch Council for Judiciary and Dutch Courts with focus on backlog prevention and access to court decisions
- ✓ Attendance to IACA Regional Conference in May 2016







# Thank you!



