

The oldest professional association of public prosecutors that gathers majority of public prosecutors across the country.



Member of International Association of Prosecutors (IAP)
European Association of Judges and Prosecutors for
Freedom and Democracy (MEDEL)
and National Convent on the European Union (NCEU)



ASSOCIATION OF
PUBLIC PROSECUTORS
AND DEPUTY PUBLIC
PROSECUTORS
OF SERBIA

20 YEARS

FOR LAW. TRUST. JUSTICE.

20

years

500

members

75

projects

20

international
partners

65

publications

35

issues of the professional
magazine "Tužilačka reč"

30

conferences

50

appearances in media per
year regarding judicial work

150

workshops,
round tables

5

regional professional
associations we cooperate
with

2

awards of International
Association of Prosecutors

30

topics of law and justice

100

public announcements per year

Dear all,

We celebrate two decades of work of Association of Public Prosecutors and Deputy Public Prosecutors of Serbia and we feel very proud personally and professionally. We were not aware on that 17th November 2001 when we presented our idealized vision, at foundation Assembly what we can expect along that path. Many challenges were occurring during past 20 years but today we can say we did not give up of the ideas and goals outlined two decades ago.

We do appreciate to all members' support and their devoted work, our membership and network is our biggest strength.

In the year we celebrate this significant jubilee we are a step from achieving one of the greatest goals which is a fundamental reorganization of public prosecutor' office and abolition of monocratic system. Time will show whether this goal, or even a dream came true.

The society organized as powerful legal state based on the rule of law values which is ideal of each citizen should be a goal of each lawyer.

We will continue in the future to advocate for better prosecutor office and protection of citizens right. On the contrary, „To law, justice and trust“ will remain just a slogan on the paper.

Presidency of Association of Public Prosecutors and Deputy Public Prosecutors of Serbia, October 2021

Our partners during 20 years of work

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) / Belgrade Open School and Embassy of Sweden / OSCE Mission in Serbia – Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe / EU Delegation in Serbia / The European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) / The Council of Europe / The Royal Norwegian Embassy in Belgrade and The Balkan Trust for Democracy (BTD) / Netherlands Embassy in Belgrade /

U.S Agency for International Development – USAID / Open Society Foundation British Embassy in Serbia / Canadian project for judicial reform in Serbia / Spanish International Development Agency - ACEID / ABA CEELI / European Agency for Reconstruction (EAR) / CIDA / Genivar Canada – Serbia Judicial Reform Project / Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany / U.S Embassy in Serbia / Embassy of Spain in Serbia

2001

establishment

participation in
drafting of new
judicial laws

2002

projects for education
of the prosecutors,
website was launched
and magazine
“Tužilačka reč”

association drafted
the model of Law on
Public Prosecutors
Office

membership in
International
Association
of Prosecutors

2004

2003

criticism of
amendments of
Law on Public
Prosecutors
Office adopted
during state of
emergency,
which completely
makes public
prosecutor’s
office
subordinated to
the Minister of
Justice

2005

first participation to
the Conference of
International
Association of
Prosecutors

2006

association
drafted the model
of Law on Public
Prosecutors office
and Law on State
Prosecutorial
Council in
accordance with
new Constitution

2010

active advocacy
for protection of
constitutional rights
of non-elected
judges and
prosecutors before
Constitutional Court,
informing the
relevant European
public with the violation
of standards

2009

strong support to
1,000 non-elected
judges and
prosecutors during
controversial
reelection

2012

constitutional Court
adopts the Initiative of
the Association to
return the non-elected
public prosecutors and
deputy public
prosecutors to their
positions

2013

adoption of
Declaration on position
of Public Prosecutors
and Deputy Public
Prosecutors

2018

2014

association prepares its proposal for ongoing Constitution amendments on Ministry of Justice's invitation

criticism of the Constitution text proposed by Government of Serbia since the proposed solutions represent a step back for judiciary

criticism of the Constitution text before Venice Commission and campaign with other civil society organizations to withdraw the text of proposed amendments

2016

association prepares its proposal for ongoing Constitution amendments on Ministry of Justice's invitation

on initiative of the Association, Consultative Council of European Prosecutors gives an Opinion on Constitution text and gives recommendations for its advancement

Venice Commission adopted its recommendations, Government prepared new proposal of amendments which enables control of judiciary, the Association is against it

2020

association reacts on numerous dilemmas regarding status of judiciary during state of emergency introduced due to the pandemic

association is included in the process of election for State Prosecutorial Council and refers to the shortcomings

association actively participated in the preparation of proposal of Constitution amendments regarding the judiciary.

Association had a member in the Working group established by the National Assembly. Text of working group incorporates significant number of the Association's proposals which represent a positive step for the public prosecutor's office

expressing the dissatisfaction due to non-transparency of the Constitutional amendments procedure, appeal for establishment of quality public discussion

2017

criticism of list of the candidates for public prosecutors proposed by the Government of Serbia with reminder that this procedure must be exempted from jurisdiction of Government of Serbia

association is member of working group for drafting National Judiciary Development Strategy 2019-2024

permanent reaction of the Association to the numerous attacks on prosecutors, judges and lawyers

Tribune '10 years of reelection – memory of fatal outlines not to forget'

2015

2019

2021

► WE ADVOCATE FOR:

legal security and rule of law, autonomy and independence of public prosecutors' office, affirmation and protection of position and reputation of public prosecutors

FOR LAW. TRUST. JUSTICE.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMMENDMENTS
JUDICIAL REFORM
JUDICIAL LAW DRAFTS
DRAFTING OF LAW AND BY-LAWS
RULE OF LAW
WAR CRIMES
EUROPEAN INTEGRATIONS
JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF EUROPEAN UNION
CORRUPTION
STATUS AND INTEGRITY OF PROSECUTORS OFFICE
COOPERATION WITH THE POLICE
HUMAN RIGHTS
CHAPTER 23
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
HUMAN TRAFFIC
TERRORISM

ORGANIZED CRIME
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
GENDER EQUALITY
ECOLOGY AND CRIMINAL
HI-TECH CRIME
DISCRIMINATION
PROFESSIONAL SPECIALIZATION
SCIENTIFIC WORKS
TRAINING AND EDUCATION OF PUBLIC PROSECUTORS
STRENGTHENING OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

NETWORKING. AWARDS.

SCIENTIFIC WORK. PUBLISHING

▶ INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Association of Public Prosecutors and Deputy Public Prosecutors of Serbia is a member of two prestigious international professional associations of prosecutors for more than a decade. Association became a member of International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) in 2004 and became a member of European Association of judges and prosecutors for freedom and democracy (MEDEL) in 2010.

Through permanent cooperation, participation in international conferences, study visits and mutual projects, with colleagues from both associations, we raised a level of competence and knowledge and had an insight into comparative international and European practice.

Association is a member of National Convent on European Union, mutual platform of civil society and Government which follows negotiations on Serbia accession to the European Union, and we are following the Chapter 23 (judiciary and fundamental rights) and Chapter 24 (Justice, Freedom and Security)

▶ REGIONAL COOPERATION

Association had a great cooperation with:

Association of prosecutors of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Association of prosecutors of Republika Srpska, Association of public prosecutors of North Macedonia, Association of public prosecutors of Montenegro and Association of prosecutors of Portugal.

▶ AWARDS

Association was twice awarded by International Association of prosecutors in 2011 and 2017, as a recognition for continuity in promotion of judiciary in Serbia as well as our initiative for stronger networking of professional organizations of prosecutors and definition of international standards.

„TUŽILAČKA REČ“

“Tužilačka reč” is a magazine of the Association, professional journal which is published since 2004 and which informs the membership and public on the work of the Association. Special value of „Tužilačka reč” is fact that it represents the place of legal discussion regarding the professional issues relevant for prosecutors daily work. The Association published 35 issues so far and our authors are, besides public prosecutors themselves, the prominent professors of law and other eminent lawyers.



Dear colleagues,
Association of public prosecutors and
Deputy Public Prosecutors of Serbia has been
advocating for independent and autonomous public
prosecutors for 20 years, as a key element of rule of
law, legal security and democracy in the society.
We invite you to join us in accomplishment of this
mutual goal.

Check on www.uts.org.rs for an application and
become a member of Association of Public
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