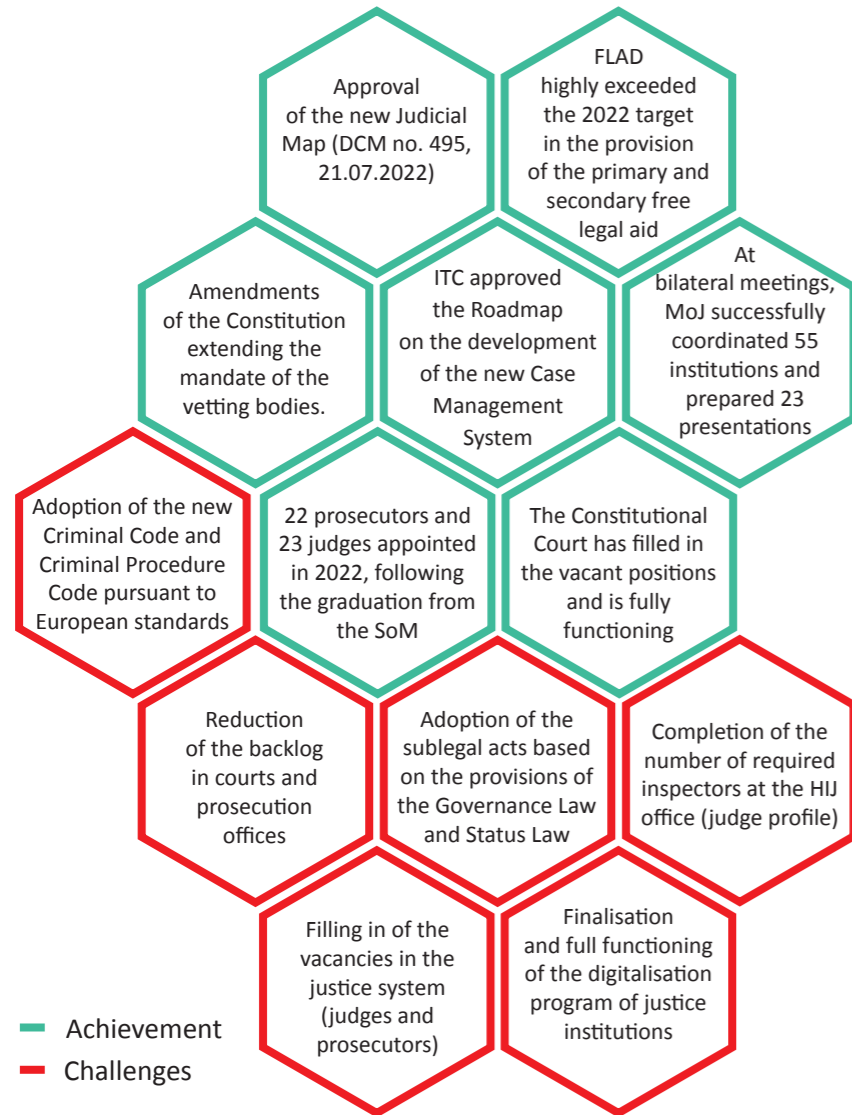


## MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES



Looking ahead, the CSJS and its strategic documents should be updated to enable improved performance by the institutions and a results-oriented report for monitoring performance in the implementation of the CSJS, which contains tools for risk identification and mitigation. The update will reflect the current situation of the justice system and institutions, as well as the needs and priorities of the institutions in the framework of the EU integration.



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# CROSS-SECTOR JUSTICE STRATEGY 2021-2025

## MONITORING REPORT 2022

*“The Crosscutting Justice Strategy 2021-2025 is the continuation of the joint path, started in 2014, for the transformation of the justice system into an independent, impartial and professional justice system, which essentially aims to protect the interests of every Albanian citizen with the same quality as the interests of every citizen of the European Union are protected.”*

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## Executive Summary

Justice Reform has been a priority for Albania in the last decade. The reform process was initiated with the aim of introducing fundamental changes in the justice system to guarantee and consolidate independence and efficiency, to increase transparency, to strengthen public trust in the justice system and to further improve the infrastructure of the penitentiary system. The successful implementation of the Justice Reform requires special attention on the delivery of the institutional responsibilities of each institution involved with the objective of consolidating the results.

The Cross-Sector Justice Strategy (CSJS) 2021–2025 and its strategic documents were adopted in 2021, with D.C.M no. 823, dated 24.12.2021. This flyer presents the main findings from the 2022 Annual Report that monitors the performance of 18 institutions in the implementation of the CSJS.

During its five years of implementation, the CSJS (2021-2025) foresees the realisation of four Policy Goals, 17 Specific Objectives and 184 measures. The analysis in the 2022 Annual Report considers 16 Specific Objectives and 169 implementable measures during the period 2021-2022. In summary, the year 2022 has marked several important, positive and encouraging achievements in the main areas of the Strategy which have been translated into concrete results and have had an impact in several main directions, in relation to the four Policy Goals of the Strategy.

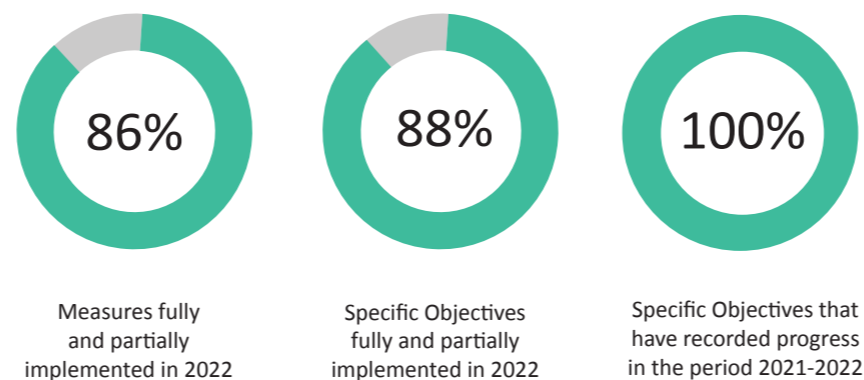
Albania applied for European Union (EU) membership in April 2009 and was granted candidate status in June 2014. On 24 March 2020, the Ministers for European Affairs of EU Member States gave their political agreement to the opening of accession negotiations with Albania, and the First Intergovernmental Conference between Albania and the EU was held in Brussels on 19 July 2022. This marked a historic moment in Albania's European integration journey and a step closer to realizing the aspiration of the Albanian people to become part of the European family.

The CSJS 2021-2025 aims to reflect the standards foreseen in Chapter 23, "Judiciary and fundamental rights". The vision of CSJS 2021-2025 and the policy goals directly aim at increasing the institutional capacities to lead the process of harmonisation of the legislation with the EU acquis for this chapter.

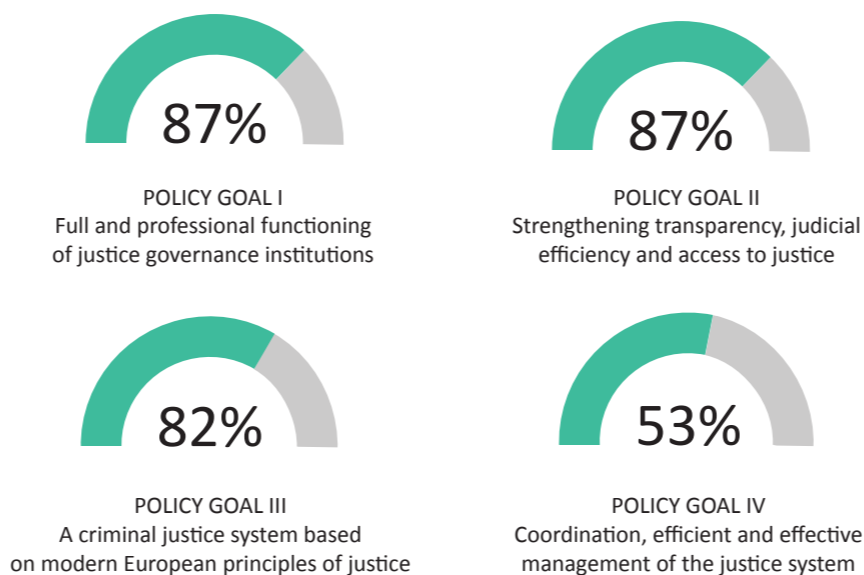
*"Good progress was made in particular through continued implementation and consolidation of the comprehensive justice reform."*

*European Commission Report on Albania, 12 October 2022*

### 16 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND 169 MEASURES IMPLEMENTABLE DURING THE PERIOD 2021-2022

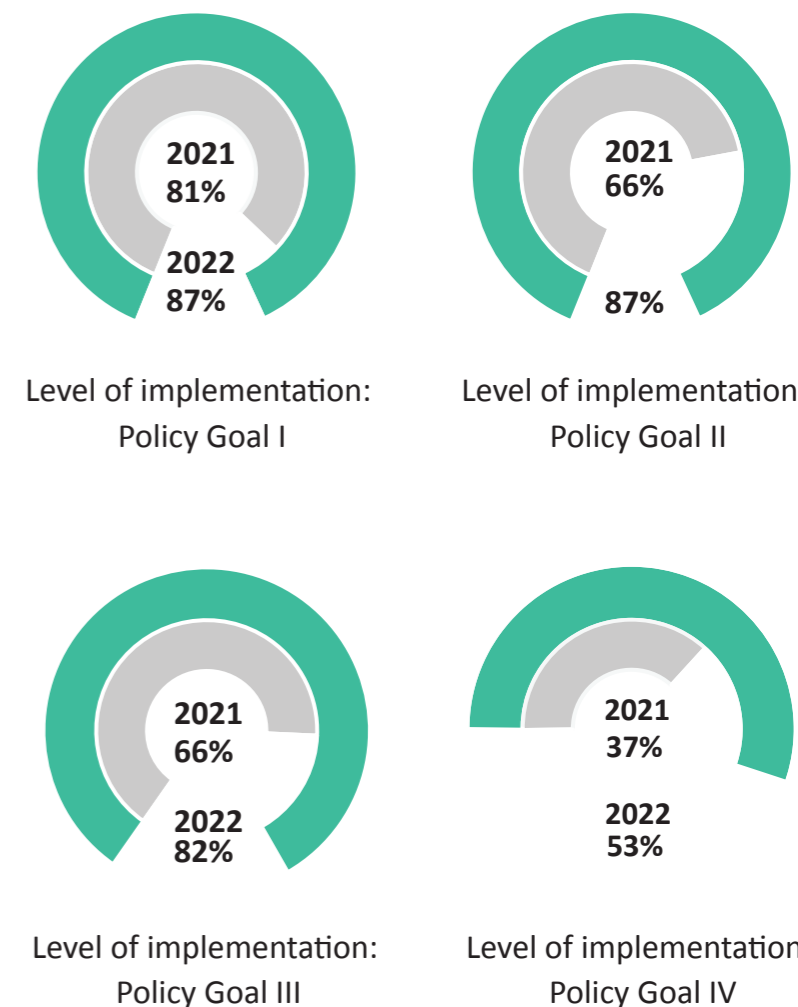


### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY GOALS IN 2022



Already in the second year of the implementation of the CSJS, all four Policy Goals have been implemented by over 50%

### In 2022 progress on all four Policy Goals



The current situation in Policy Goal IV requires continuous coordination efforts for the full development of the integrated system of electronic justice and the communication systems via IPSIS methodology.