Mandate

- Temporary judicial institution.
- Mandate and jurisdiction over crimes against humanity, war crimes and other crimes under Kosovo law as specified in Article 15 of the Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office.
- Individual criminal responsibility only.
- KSC has jurisdiction over natural persons of Kosovo/Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) citizenship, or over persons accused of committing crimes against persons of Kosovo/FRY citizenship.
- KSC allows victims to participate in proceedings.

Structure

- Roster of International Judges
- When needed, Judges are assigned by the President from the Roster to a case according to the adopted Rules on Assignment

Staff

- In accordance with the Exchange of Letters between the Kosovo President and High Representative of the European Union in 2014, the KSC is staffed by international judges and personnel.
- Nationals of 27 EU member states, and additional contributing states (Canada, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, United States) are eligible to apply.

Key Documents

- Law on ratification of the international agreement – 23 April 2014, ratified by the Kosovo Assembly.
- Constitution and Amendment of the Constitution, Article 162: The Specialist Chambers and the Specialist Prosecutor’s Office – adopted by the Kosovo Assembly on 03 August 2015.
- Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office – adopted by the Kosovo Assembly, 03 August 2015.
The Kosovo Assembly adopts Article 162 of the Kosovo Constitution and the Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor's Office.

The Host State Agreement enters into force, providing legal basis for the KSC to conduct proceedings in the Netherlands.

Jack Smith is appointed as Specialist Prosecutor following David Schwendiman's resignation.

Dr. Fidelma Donlon is appointed Registrar of the KSC, marking the commencement of work of the institution in The Hague. Dr. Donlon is reappointed Registrar in April 2020.

The Specialist Prosecutor announces his intent to initiate proceedings and President Ekaterina Trendafilova assigns a Pre-Trial Judge to review indictments.

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