KSC AT A GLANCE

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
- Alleged crimes committed between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 2000 related to the allegations contained in the Council of Europe Assembly Report of 2011
- 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

CHAMBERS
THE PRESIDENT, Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova
- Roster of International Judges
- When needed, Judges are assigned by the President from the Roster to a case according to the adopted Rules on the Assignment

REGISTRY
THE REGISTRAR, Dr Fidelma Donlon
- Court Management Unit
- Language Services Unit
- Detention Management Unit
- Victims Participation Office
- Defence Office
- Chambers Legal Support Unit
- Witness Protection and Support Office

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, Turkey, United States, Switzerland) are eligible to apply.
MILESTONES OF THE KSC

FEBRUARY 2017
Entry into force of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, following confirmation by the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court of their compliance with the Constitution.

JANUARY 2017
The Host State Agreement enters into force, providing legal basis for the KSC to conduct proceedings in the Netherlands.

MARCH 2017
Judges adopt the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, subject to revision by the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court.

JUNE 2017
Entry into force of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, following confirmation by the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court of their compliance with the Constitution.

MAY 2018
Pietro Spera is appointed Ombudsperson of the KSC.

SEPTEMBER 2018
Jack Smith succeeds David Schwendiman as Specialist Prosecutor.

JUNE 2019
The KSC and the SPO move to their new premises.

FEBRUARY 2020
The Specialist Prosecutor announces his intend to initiate proceedings and President Ekaterina Trendafilova assigns a Pre-Trial Judge to review indictments.

KEY DOCUMENTS

- Law on ratification of the international agreement ("The Exchange of Letters") – 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
- Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers – as adopted by the Plenary of Specialist Chamber Judges and reviewed by the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court in June 2017

All documents, filings and press releases are available at: wwwscp-ksorg