



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

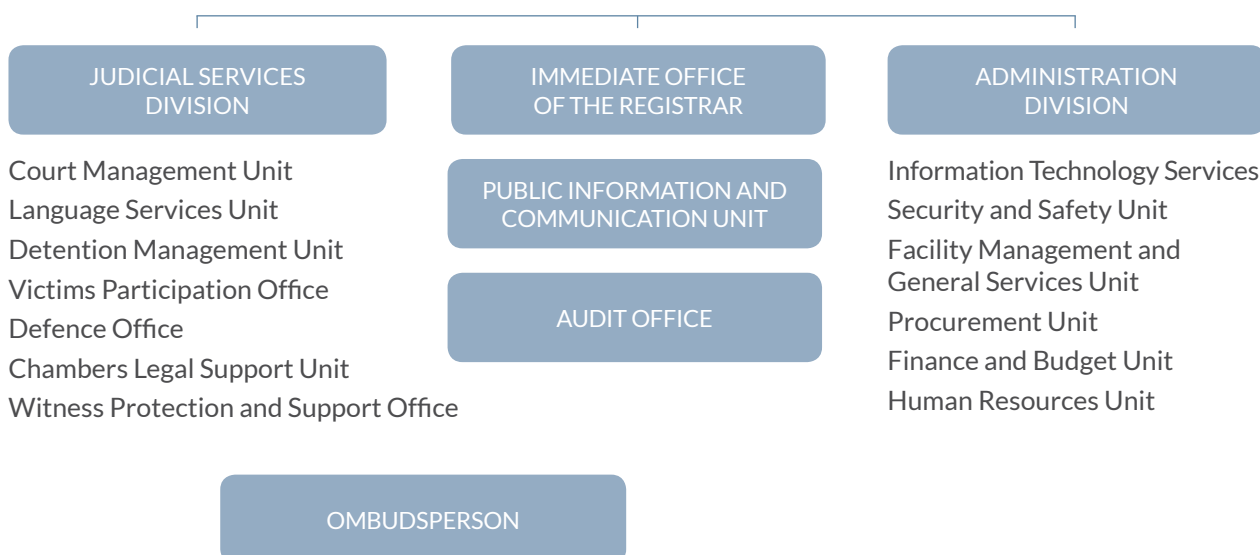
THE PRESIDENT, Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova



- 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



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 28 EU member states, and additional contributing states (Canada, Norway, Turkey, United States, Switzerland) are eligible to apply.

MILESTONES OF THE KSC

JANUARY 2011

The Council of Europe (CoE) Parliamentary Assembly approves a Report on “Inhuman treatment of people and illicit trafficking in human organs in Kosovo”.

SEPTEMBER 2011

The European Union establishes a Special Investigative Task Force (SITF) to conduct criminal investigations into the allegations of war crimes and organised crimes contained in the CoE Report.

APRIL 2014

The Kosovo President and the High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy exchange letters on the issue of “separate judicial chambers”.

NOVEMBER 2014

Establishment of the Court Planning Team (CPT)

AUGUST 2015

The Kosovo Assembly adopts Article 162 of the Kosovo Constitution and the Law on Specialist Chambers and Specialist Prosecutor’s Office.

JANUARY 2016

Kosovo and the Netherlands sign the Interim Host State Agreement, in preparation of the location of the future court in the Netherlands.

APRIL 2016

Dr Fidelma Donlon is appointed Registrar of the KSC, marking the **commencement of the work** of the Institution in The Hague.

JUNE 2016

The EU Council adopts a decision on the annual budget of the KSC, providing for its direct administration by the Registrar.

DECEMBER 2016

Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova is appointed President of the Specialist Chambers, taking office in January 2017.

JANUARY 2017

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

FEBRUARY 2017

19 Judges are appointed to the Roster of International Judges.

MARCH 2017

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

JUNE 2017

Review of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence by the Specialist Chamber of the Constitutional Court, to allow KSC to conduct criminal proceedings.

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