

European Commission project "Improving judicial efficiency and budgeting in Latvia" (24LV15)

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Judicial Council, kindly requests your support for the ongoing project "Improving judicial efficiency and budgeting in Latvia". The project is implemented by the company "PricewaterhouseCoopers SIA" (hereinafter - PwC), with the financial support of the European Commission by Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support (hereinafter - DG REFORM).

The main objective of the project is to provide recommendations for institutional reform of the justice system and develop a statistical methodology for assessing the labour intensity of court cases, and the distribution of personnel in judiciary institutions. The case weighting model will assist the Judicial Council in strengthening a budgeting process and methodology for future improvements. The key objectives of the project tasks include:

- i. An analytical report assessing the current situation.
- ii. Recommendations for institutional reforms to improve the effectiveness of the operation of the judicial system and use of budget funds.
- iii. A new statistical model to evaluate the judiciary's workload and manage the budgetary aspects of the justice system.
- iv. A pilot implementation of the methodology, including training sessions and a guidebook on court data collection, methodology and resource assessment.

The DG REFORM has appointed PwC to undertake the assignment and execute the project. The project has started in September 2024 and is expected to conclude in March 2026.

Considering the fact that your role and performed functions are important in the judicial system and in achieving the goals of the project, we would be very grateful if you would agree to cooperate with the contract implementers, including by participating in interviews and workshops, or by providing the data you have at your disposal. You may expect to be contacted by either the Project Manager, Zlata Elksniņa-Zaščirinska [zlata.elksnina@pwc.com / +371 6709440], the Project Coordinator Ramona Daukste [ramona.daukste@pwc.com / +371 20290776], or a consultant Elizabete Muzikante [elizabete.muzikante@pwc.com / +371 29479198].

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Judicial Council representative Juris Siliņš [Juris.Silins@tiesas.lv], the Secretariat of the Judicial Council [rihards.veinbergs@at.gov.lv], or DG REFORM representative Ella Ahmas [ella.ahmas@ec.europa.eu].

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated and will significantly contribute to the delivery of high-quality work that will be beneficial for Latvia.

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President of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Latvia
and the Judicial Council



Signed electronically



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