

1) **Fiche to be used for each step:**

The step under review	According to training needs, a sufficient number of Judges are specialised via training modules in the CPC procedure and the EU acquis in order to increase the expertise on State Aid in the Courts. An extensive training module on State aid rules in the EU covering substantially the EU acquis including key case-law provided by a trainer with significant experience and expertise in this area
Baseline	Baseline (2024) is 0.
Deadline of the step	December 2025
Actual results	<p>The agenda for the training was prepared with the World Bank. The title of the training was "Training for judges on the CPC procedure and on the EU acquis in order to increase the expertise in the Courts – Reform Agenda".</p> <p>The training was held at the Academy for training of the judges and public prosecutors from 24.11 until 26.11.2025. The two experts Juan Jorge Piernas Lopez, Professor of Public International and EU Law at University of Murcia, Spain and Teodor Asenov, Case Handler at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Competition, that were financed by the World Bank, were delivering the trainings. Also Jovan Todorov was experts from Macedonian Commission for Protection of Competition.</p> <p>There were participants from the administrative courts, civil courts and representatives from Ministry of justice.</p> <p>The first day of the training there were presentations on the concept of State aid, criteria for determination of the State aid, Procedure in State aid cases according to the Macedonian Law on State Aid Control, presentation of typical cases (individual aid and State aid scheme), Cases on State aid completed in the Administrative Court.</p> <p>The second day of the training, the presentation were made on when is aid beneficiary an undertaking and when are public resources involved in a national measure. Additionally, the following was discussed: do measures adopted by public companies qualify as State aid and do all interventions of public authorities in the Economy confer an advantage.</p> <p>The third day of the training was discussed about when is an advantage selective and when and how State aid is liable to distort competition and what is the role of national judges in the enforcement of State aid.</p>

	<p>The experts prepared material for working in groups. Each group prepared short presentation on case, taking into account the comments received and the previous discussions, including any proposals of amendments/remedies. At the end, there was final presentations and closing</p>
Evidence provided	<p>Agenda for the training 24.11-26.11 ((1) Power Poin by Teodor Asenov (2) Power Point Presentation by Jovan Todorov (2) Power Point Presentation by Juan Jorge Piernas Lopez (3) case simulation (4), list of participants, (5, 6, 7) photos from the 3 days seminar (8-34) Report from CPC (35)</p>
Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings	<p><i>Presence at the training of the verification person</i> <i>The invitation for the training of the judges was made by the Academy for training of the judges and public prosecutors. The administrative, the high administrative and general courts were invited.</i></p>
Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle	<p><i>The implementation of the steps [does not contravene/contravenes] the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 11(4) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1449 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</i> <i>The implementation of the steps [does not contravene/contravenes] the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).</i></p>
Double funding	<p><i>The experts were financed by the World Bank, no double funding</i></p>
Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step	<p><i>fully achieved</i></p>

