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SUPPORTING JUDICIAL REFORMS

Reform of the judicial system has formed an important component of the preparations for Croatia's accession to the EU. There has been a rationalisation of the court network, hand-in-hand with a commitment to improve judicial processes.

Norway is supporting these reforms through the renovation and reconstruction of Karlovac Courthouse. The projects will improve working conditions and help to reduce the backlog of cases and protect the right of citizens to a trial within a reasonable time. In addition, Norwegian support will also improve the way cases are handled by the judicial system, applying the tried-and-tested methodologies developed by the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), which is an expert group within the Council of Europe.

PROMOTING INNOVATION: iNavis

The municipality of Šibenik wants to establish itself as the green innovation and industry centre of the Adriatic. Improving the quality of higher education and the level of innovation and business development is critical to achieving this goal.

Building on existing cooperation, a national resource centre – iNavis – is being established to further develop cooperation between Croatia and Norway in education, research and business innovation.

New university programmes and joint research programmes will be developed in cooperation between, amongst others, Zagreb University and the Institute Ruđer Bošković in Šibenik and Norwegian universities. iNavis will also act as a technology transfer office and host start-up companies working in aquaculture, environmental protection and sustainable energy.

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Programmes/projects	Partners	Grant allocation (€ million)
NGO Programme		1.3
iNavis – Green Innovation Centre		1.7
Integrated Schools – Vukovar and Knin		1.3
Judicial capacity building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening efficiency of judicial system • Renovation Karlovac Courthouse 	Council of Europe	3.65
Decent work and tripartite dialogue	Innovation Norway*	0.1

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Norwegian support is helping to renovate Karlovac courthouse where 25% of the cases take more than three years to proceed.