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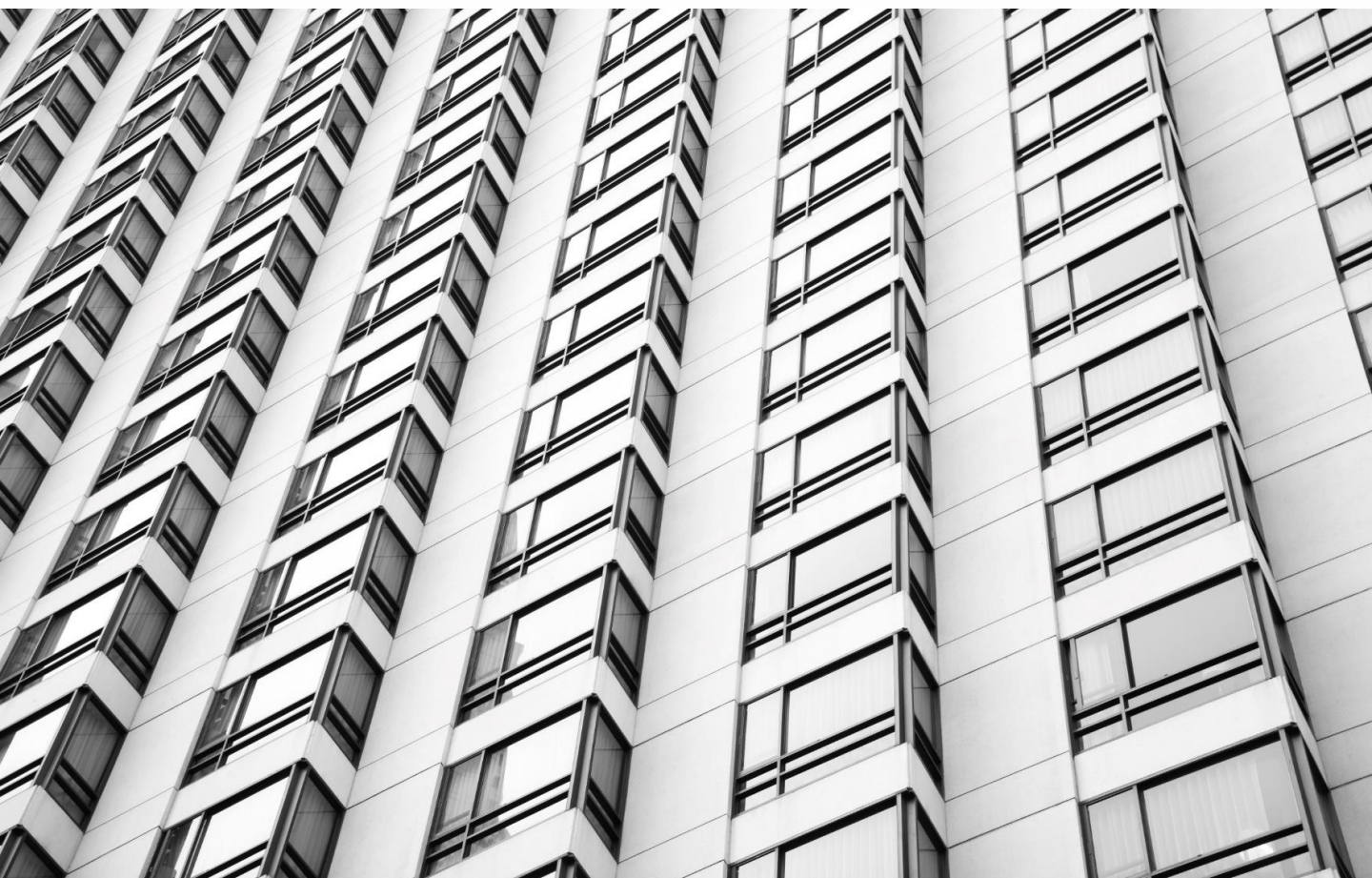
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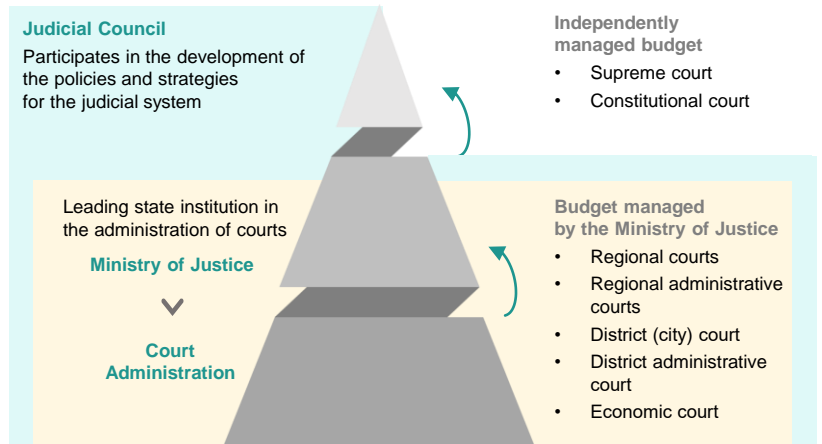
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Key Project Insights

An efficient justice system is crucial for reinforcing the rule of law – one of the fundamental values of EU and enabling individuals and businesses to fully exercise their rights and build mutual trust.

The Judicial Council's strategy for 2021-2025 focuses on safeguarding judicial independence, ensuring fair case handling, enhancing judicial effectiveness, and promoting responsible use of the state budget.

However, the Council currently lacks the capacity and methodology to obtain objective data for evaluating staffing needs and efficiency. Existing indicators do not fully capture court case workloads, hindering the implementation of measures for efficient resource allocation.



To strengthen its justice system, Latvia is developing a new statistical model and preparing institutional reforms.

Objective

To assist the Judicial Council in enhancing their capacity to calculate the court budget based on current trends and societal needs.

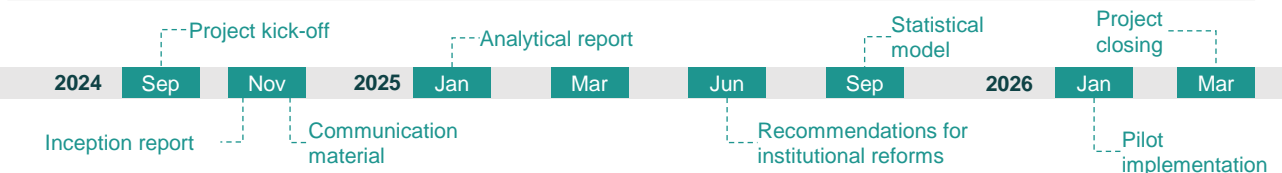
Project Outcomes

- 1 Roadmap for institutional reforms to improve the work efficiency of the judicial system
- 2 Adoption of a model based on statistical methodology for evaluating the effectiveness of the work of the national judicial system





Impact

The quality of the justice system is upheld and enhanced through sufficient human and technical resources.

Project Timeline



Project Activities

-  An **analytical report** aims to evaluate the current methodology for determining the required number of judges in Latvia. It will compare Latvia's approach with best practices from other countries and gather insights from judges, judicial representative organizations, and other stakeholders on ways to enhance judicial efficiency.
-  **Recommendations for institutional reforms** to improve the effectiveness of the operation of the judicial system and use of budget funds.
-  A new **statistical model to evaluate the judiciary's workload** and manage the budgetary aspects of the justice system.
-  A **pilot implementation** of the methodology, including **training sessions and a guidebook** on court data collection, methodology and resource assessment.

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