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**INSTITUTE OF CRIMES COMMITTED DURING THE  
WAR IN KOSOVO (ICCW)**

**WORK REPORT**

**(November 8, 2025 – May 8, 2026)**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period from 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) achieved significant progress in institutional consolidation, the advancement of state documentation of war crimes, and the strengthening of international cooperation in the fields of transitional justice and historical memory. During this period, the Institute further enhanced its professional and organizational capacities, reinforcing its role as a central state mechanism responsible for the collection, verification, processing, and preservation of documentation related to crimes committed during the war in Kosovo.

In order to advance the legal and functional framework of the Institute, the ex-post evaluation process of Law No. 08/L-177 was concluded during the reporting period in cooperation with the Legal Office of the Office of the Prime Minister. The relevant report has subsequently been submitted for review and approval by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo. This process represents an important step toward strengthening the legal foundation and further institutionalizing the mandate of the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW).

In the field of documentation and archiving, the Institute has continued to expand and consolidate its archival and library holdings. During the reporting period, the archival fund reached more than 405 linear meters of physical material and 21.75 TB of digital material, sourced from a total of 1,067 sources collected across 13 different countries. Concurrently, the Institute's library collection expanded to include more than 1,051 titles comprising books and publications of significant research value. In addition to the expansion of these collections, the Institute further advanced the processes of verification, systematization, and analysis of archival materials, thereby progressively transitioning from the initial phase of collection toward the establishment of a standardized and integrated archival management system.

During the reporting period, significant progress was also achieved in the development of the Kosovo War Victims Database covering the period 1998–2000. The process has focused on the harmonization and cross-verification of data from multiple sources, including additional field verifications and the integration of relevant archival and institutional materials. The publication of the database, anticipated during 2026, is expected to represent a milestone of particular institutional and societal importance, providing for the first time a comprehensive, verified, and official account of the human losses resulting from the war in Kosovo.

At the same time, the Institute continued the implementation of the three-year strategic project entitled *"Memory of Massacres in Kosovo"*, carried out in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, the University of Prishtina, the National Museum of Kosovo, and the National Library of Kosovo. The project aims to document the testimonies and memories of survivors of war massacres, while establishing a sustainable research and educational foundation for the advancement of transitional justice and the preservation of collective memory in Kosovo.

Within the framework of strengthening its academic profile, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) organized the second international conference entitled *"From War to Recovery: A Multidisciplinary Approach Towards Kosovo's War Trauma"*, which brought together more than 200 researchers, experts, and representatives of local and international institutions. Furthermore, the Institute expanded its network of cooperation with universities, scientific institutions, international organizations, and institutional partners in Kosovo, the region, and beyond, thereby reinforcing the international and interdisciplinary dimension of its activities.

In the field of historical memory and public communication, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) continued to organize forums, exhibitions, and publications within the framework of the “*Za n’Kujtesë*” platform. In parallel, the Institute further expanded its institutional presence across traditional media and social networks, thereby contributing to increased public awareness and the promotion of efforts aimed at documenting crimes committed during the war in Kosovo.

From a financial perspective, the Institute achieved a high level of budget execution during the 2025 fiscal year, with an implementation rate of 98.91%, reflecting efficient, transparent, and responsible management of public resources. Nevertheless, ensuring sustainable financial and infrastructural support remains a priority, particularly for the implementation of the archive digitization project, the expansion of institutional spatial capacities, and the strengthening of logistical support for field activities.

Despite ongoing operational and financial challenges, during this reporting period the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) progressively transitioned from the phase of initial institutional consolidation toward a stage of functional development and broader professional and international affirmation. In doing so, the Institute further strengthened its role as a central state institution dedicated to the documentation of war crimes, the preservation of historical memory, and the advancement of transitional justice processes in the Republic of Kosovo.

ICCW IN FIGURES – SUMMARY OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS (8 NOVEMBER 2025 – 8 MAY 2026)

**1 ENHANCEMENT OF THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

- Ex-post Evaluation Draft Report of Law No. 08/L-177 submitted to the Government
- Harmonization of the law with applicable legislation
- Clarification of institutional competencies and strengthening of interinstitutional cooperation
- Administrative Instruction entered into force (September 2025)
- Recommendations for legal amendments and supplements

**2 HUMAN RESOURCES & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**36**  
active positions

**10**  
positions under recruitment process

**10**  
professional trainings

According to the Regulation: 74 positions planned (2026)

46 / 74 positions filled

62%

Main training areas

- Transitional Justice
- Legislation & Legal Acts
- Project Management
- Communication & Public Administration

**3 DOCUMENTATION & ARCHIVES**

Type of material	Nov 2023 – Nov 2024	Nov 2024 – Nov 2025	Nov 2025 – May 2026	GRAND TOTAL
Physical materials (linear meters)	230.51 m	170 m	4.75 m	405.26 m
Digital materials (stored)	14.64 TB	5.96 TB	1.15 TB	21.75 TB
Book titles	/	951	187	1051

**417** New archival sources

**13** Source countries

**282** Signed handover protocols

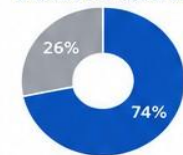
**4 VERIFICATION & ANALYSIS**

**466** verified registries

**24** archival fonds covered

**3,395** photographs identified

Structure of analyzed themes



- Human losses (74%)
- Economic damages (26%)

Transition from basic verification toward advanced analysis and structured databases.

**5 VICTIMS DATABASE**

- Final phase of the Kosovo War Victims Database (1998–2000)
- 42 verified massacre cases
- 21 “dark tourism” locations
- Inter-source and interinstitutional verification
- Functional digital platform

Publication planned during 2026.

**6 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “FROM WAR TO RECOVERY”**

**200+**

local and international participants

**8**  
discussion panels

**4**  
scientific sessions

**2**  
movie nights

Participants from universities and institutions from the United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, Sweden, Kosovo, Albania and others.

**7 STRATEGIC PROJECT “THE MEMORY OF MASSACRES IN KOSOVO”**

**45+** conducted interviews

**2.4 TB** collected audio-visual materials

**10** major massacres documented

Institutional partners  
University of Prishtina  
Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports  
Kosovo Museum  
National Library of Kosovo

The cultural and scientific platform “Za n’Kujtesë” has been launched.

**8 INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION**

**15**  
new agreements during the reporting period

TOTAL AGREEMENTS

**32**

(since establishment)

Cooperation with:

- Universities institutions
- ASHAK Local institutions
- ARC
- International

**9 PUBLIC OUTREACH & COMMUNICATION**

**898K**  
video views on Facebook

**22K**  
social media interactions

**944**  
link clicks

**6,800+**  
Facebook followers



Significant increase in visibility and public engagement.

**10 FINANCIAL REPORT**



Sustainable financial management and efficient use of resources.

**99.77%**  
execution in Goods & Services category

**€726,000**  
planned budget for 2026

**42.67%**  
current execution of the 2026 budget

**11 KEY OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES**

- Delays in archive digitization
- Lack of adequate space
- Budget limitations and lack of capital investments
- Insufficient staff capacities
- Lack of transportation vehicles for regional offices



These challenges require continuous institutional attention to ensure fulfillment of the Institute’s mandate.

**12 MAIN PRIORITIES FOR 2026**

- 1 Publication of the War Victims Database
- 2 Launch of the archive digitization process
- 3 Expansion of physical and archival infrastructure
- 4 Strengthening professional and technological capacities
- 5 Enhancing international cooperation

“Transitioning from institutional consolidation toward international affirmation of the IKKL.”

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## ENHANCING THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK

In terms of legal development and with the aim of enhancing the quality of law implementation, the Institute initiated the ex-post evaluation of Law No. 08/L-177 as an instrument for improving the existing legal framework. Following its review by the Council of Directors of the Legal Departments of the Ministries, the Draft Report on the Ex-post Evaluation of Law No. 08/L-177 on the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo was subsequently submitted for consideration and approval by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo. The report contains concrete analyses and recommendations aimed at addressing the challenges and gaps identified during the implementation of Law No. 08/L-177. These include the need to harmonize the Law with the legislation currently in force, further specify the competencies of the Institute, and strengthen mechanisms of inter-institutional cooperation. The recommendations further include proposals for amendments and supplements to laws and other sub-legal acts, with the aim of strengthening the mandate and improving the functioning of the Institute. The evaluation process was conducted under the coordination of the Office of the Prime Minister, specifically the Legal Office, in close cooperation with the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW). This process reflects the institutional commitment to advancing the legal and functional framework of the Institute in accordance with standards of public administration and the practical needs related to the documentation and research of crimes committed during the war in Kosovo. From a normative perspective, the Law on the Institute provided for the adoption of two by-laws. During the reporting period, the obligations arising from this legal framework were fulfilled, while the relevant sub-legal act — Administrative Instruction (ICCW) No. 01/2025 on Procedures and Measures for the Use of Archival Materials, the Protection of Personal Data, and Other Sensitive Data at the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo — entered into force in September 2025.

## DEVELOPMENT OF PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES

### INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOGISTICS

During the reporting period from November 2025 to May 2026, no significant developments were recorded with regard to the further expansion of the Institute's infrastructure. Nevertheless, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) continued to operate within its existing capacities, maintaining the operational functionality of both the central office and the regional offices established during the previous reporting period. During this period, one of the key issues concerned the discussions related to the relocation process of the Kosovo Cadastral Agency, which is directly linked to the release of the premises designated for the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW). Despite the ongoing discussions, the Institute continues to await the completion of this process in order to proceed with its relocation to the newly designated facilities. In the absence of these premises, institutional activities have continued under conditions that have required more efficient management and utilization of the existing logistical and spatial resources. This situation has consequently limited the Institute's opportunities for the further expansion of its organizational and operational capacities.

### STAFF AND HUMAN RESOURCES

First and foremost, it should be emphasized that during 2025 a considerable number of officials — nine in total — resigned from their positions at the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW). The reasons provided varied, including the significant emotional burden associated with the nature of the work, as well as the desire to transfer to other institutions offering more favorable working conditions and professional opportunities. Nevertheless, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) has undertaken measures aimed at replacing departing staff and strengthening its human resources capacities, in accordance with the Regulation on Internal Organization (OPM No. 04/2024). The primary objective remains the establishment of a professional and sustainable team capable of effectively fulfilling the Institute's institutional mandate. Currently, the Institute operates with 36 occupied positions, while ten additional positions are in the recruitment process and eighteen (18) further positions are projected for the coming years. The postponement of additional recruitment during 2026 is primarily due to budgetary limitations. (Table 1).

*Table 1. Distribution of positions and recruitment plan by categories for 2025-2026*

No.	Category	Current Positions	Positions in the Recruitment Process	Positions Pending Recruitment	Planned Positions under the Regulation (2026)
1	Senior Executive	1			
2	Middle Management	1	2		
3	Lower-level Management	7	3		
4	Professional 1	23	1		23
5	Professional 2	4	4		5
6	External experts	/			
7	Experts in Civic Diplomacy	/			
TOTALS		36	10		28

## TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

During the last six months, all officials of the Institute participated in ten different professional training programs aimed at strengthening institutional capacities and advancing professional competencies in key areas related to public administration, legislation, project management, and transitional justice. The training programs were conducted primarily in cooperation with the Kosovo Institute for Public Administration (IKAP) and the Museum Reporting House, covering topics of particular importance for the institutional functioning and professional development of the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW). Within the framework of these programs, officials also participated in training sessions covering areas such as the drafting and ex-post evaluation of legislation, the general theory of legal acts, public financial management, strategic communication in the public sector, statistical analysis and data interpretation (SPSS), public administration policies and legislation, as well as the use of project management tools. A significant portion of the staff also participated in training programs focused on transitional justice, war crimes, and responsible media reporting, reflecting the Institute's institutional commitment to advancing professional expertise in areas directly related to its mandate. These training activities contributed to the strengthening of the staff's professional and analytical capacities, thereby directly enhancing the quality of work, institutional efficiency, and the more effective implementation of the Institute's objectives and responsibilities.

## Documentation and Research

### DOCUMENTATION

#### GATHERING MATERIALS AND TESTIMONIES

During the reporting period, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) continued to expand its archival holdings, while simultaneously consolidating its network of sources and increasing the diversity of the materials collected. In comparison with previous reporting periods, this development reflects a gradual transition from a phase of intensive expansion toward a more structured and selective approach focused on the collection of materials with significant documentary value.

During this six-month reporting period, 417 new sources were registered, compared to 582 sources recorded during the full one-year period of 2024–2025 and only 67 sources during the 2023–2024 period. The continuous increase observed in comparison with previous periods has also been accompanied by notable improvements in the quality, relevance, and targeted selection of the materials collected. Private collectors continued to constitute the principal source of archival materials, accounting for 282 registered sources. At the same time, an increase was observed in contributions originating from religious institutions, media outlets, and particularly online sources, thereby reflecting a greater diversification of resources and the Institute's continuous adaptation to contemporary forms of documentation and archival research (Table 2). The international scope of the archival collection process has remained well consolidated, with materials obtained from 13 countries, including Kosovo, Albania, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, Sweden, Norway, and Austria. This broad geographical reach further strengthens the transnational dimension of the archive and enhances cooperation with international partners and contributors. From a procedural perspective, the signing of more than 282 delivery records by private collectors alone during the reporting period demonstrates the increasing standardization of procedures and the strengthening of transparency in the process of receiving archival materials (Table 2). As part of the activities aimed at the collection and enrichment of the documentary fund, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) also received digitized archival materials from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), which,

in cooperation with the British Embassy in Kosovo, supported the digitization of the archival collection of Mr. Ahmet Grajqevci. Initiatives of this nature represent an important mechanism for the sustainable expansion of the archival fund, enabling the integration of new, standardized, and professionally processed resources into the Institute's documentation system.

*Table 2. Comparison of sources of archival materials submitted to ICCW by reporting periods*

	Period November 2023 – November 2024	Period November 2024 – November 2025	Period November 8, 2025 – May 8, 2026	TOTAL
<i>Private Collectors</i>	26	489	282	797
<i>Municipality</i>	24	9	4	37
<i>Non-governmental organizations</i>	9	6	7	22
<i>Scientific Institute</i>	2	5	6	13
<i>Ministers</i>	3	3	0	6
<i>Archival Institutions</i>	2	4	1	7
<i>Library Institutions</i>	1	2	2	5
<i>Embassy</i>	0	1	0	1
<i>Media</i>	0	6	7	13
<i>Religious institutions</i>	0	4	10	14
<i>Online Resources</i>	0	54	98	152
<i>Totals</i>	67	583	417	1067
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>1067</b>

In quantitative terms, the archival fund has reached 405.26 linear meters of physical material and 21.75 TB of digital data, while the library collection has expanded to 1,051 titles, thereby further strengthening the Institute's research and documentation capacities. Compared to the previous reporting period, a relative decrease has been observed in the volume of newly acquired materials during the current period (4.75 linear meters and 1.15 TB of digital data). This decrease is largely attributable to the fact that the present reporting period covers only six months, in contrast to the previous reporting cycle, which encompassed a full year. At the same time, this development reflects the Institute's increased institutional focus on the processing, systematization, and verification of existing archival materials (Table 3).

*Table 3. Comparison of the volume of archival materials submitted to the ICCW by reporting periods*

Material Type	November 2023 – November 2024	November 2024 - November 2025	November 2025 – May 2026	TOTAL
<i>Physical Materials</i>	230.51 m	170 m	4.75 m	405.26 m
<i>Digital materials</i>	14.64 TB	5.96 TB	1.15 TB	21.75 TB
<i>Book titles</i>	/	951	187	1051

Overall, the trend observed across the reporting periods demonstrates continuous institutional growth, reflecting a transition from a phase of rapid expansion toward the consolidation and advanced management of the archival fund. This development positions the archive of the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) as a reliable and increasingly significant infrastructure for the documentation of war crimes and the preservation of historical memory.

## VERIFICATION AND ANALYSIS OF ARCHIVAL MATERIALS

During the period from November 2025 to May 2026, the Verification Division entered a more advanced phase of institutional consolidation, transitioning from the initial verification of archival materials to a process of in-depth verification and analytical assessment. This development reflects a shift from a predominantly record-management approach toward a more analytical and content-oriented methodology, significantly enhancing the quality, reliability, and usability of the data.

Compared to the previous reporting period (November 2024 – November 2025), during which 1,266 registrars covering 23 archival fonds were verified at the basic level, an additional 466 registrars were verified during the current reporting period. At the same time, the number of archival fonds covered by the verification process increased from 23 to 24, reflecting a significant expansion in the scope of verification activities and a broader integration of archival materials into the Institute's documentation system. In terms of content, whereas the initial phase was primarily focused on the basic identification and categorization of archival materials, the current phase is characterized by a more in-depth analytical approach and the structured organization of data. The establishment of a centralized verification database has enabled the transition from static record-keeping to dynamic information management, integrating key components such as source identification, damage categorization, financial assessment, and cross-source verification. The data also demonstrate continuity in the structure of the processed materials, with cases related to economic damage accounting for approximately 26% of the total, while cases concerning human losses represent around 74%. This distribution reflects both the profile of the available archival materials and the continued institutional focus on documenting the human and material consequences of the war. With regard to visual documentation, following the identification of 38,510 units during the initial reporting period, approximately 3,395 additional photographs were processed and incorporated during the current period. This development demonstrates the continuity of efforts aimed at enriching the archival fund and further organizing and systematizing the existing materials (Table 4).

*Table 4. Key Verification Data*

Description	Period November 2024 – November 2025	Period November 2025 – May 2026
<i>Verified Registers</i>	1,266	466
<i>Funds Covered</i>	23	24
Documented Photographs	38,510	3,395
<i>Economic damage</i>	95%	26%
<i>Human losses</i>	5%	74%

Overall, the comparison between the two reporting periods demonstrates a clear transition from the initial phase of collection and basic verification toward a more advanced analytical phase grounded in standardized systems and structured databases. This development represents a strategic step toward the establishment of a reliable, sustainable, and comparable documentation system, while simultaneously enhancing the potential use of data for institutional purposes and future scientific research.

## PROCESSING, ARCHIVING AND LIBRARY

During the reporting period, and in accordance with Law No. 08/L-177, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) continued the development and consolidation of its archiving and library functions as key components of the Institute's documentation infrastructure. In the field of archiving, a continuous increase was recorded in both the physical and digital archival holdings, reflecting the intensification of activities related to the collection and acquisition of materials. As a consequence, the existing physical archival space has approached its maximum storage capacity, making its expansion an urgent short-term necessity in order to ensure the safe, sustainable, and professional preservation of archival materials. In this context, the materials collected to date have gradually been systematized in specialized archival boxes compliant with international standards for the long-term storage, protection, and conservation of physical documents. This process represents an important step toward improving storage conditions and protecting archival materials from physical deterioration and environmental factors. In parallel, additional measures have been undertaken to enhance the standardization of procedures related to the handling, classification, and organization of archival materials, thereby further strengthening the Institute's capacities for the professional management of the documentary fund. Nevertheless, the expansion of archival space and increased investment in archival infrastructure remain critical priorities in order to address the growing volume of materials and ensure full compliance with contemporary archival and preservation standards.

In the field of library development, work has continued on the formalization of the Library of the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW), which, due to spatial limitations, remains in the preparatory phase. To date, a total of 1,051 book titles have been registered, donated by individuals, institutions, and international partners, all of which have been equipped with complete bibliographic data and unique identification codes. In parallel, the process of establishing the institutional seal intended to certify ownership and ensure the maintenance of the library collection is currently underway. The full formalization of the library, combined with the continued development of the archival system, will complete the establishment of an integrated documentary and research infrastructure, thereby further strengthening the capacities of the ICCW in the fields of documentation, preservation of historical memory, and scientific research development.

## RESEARCH

**SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "FROM WAR TO RECOVERY: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO KOSOVO'S WAR TRAUMA" (17-20 FEBRUARY 2026)**

During the reporting period, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) organized the second international conference entitled *“From War to Recovery: A Multidisciplinary Approach Towards Kosovo’s War Trauma”*, held from 17 to 20 February 2026 at the premises of the Central Administration of the University of Pristina. The conference provided in-depth analyses of war trauma and recovery processes through an integrated and interdisciplinary approach. The papers presented and the discussions held addressed war crimes from legal, historical, sociological, psychological, and political perspectives, while placing the experiences and voices of victims at the center of the scientific and academic debate. The conference was officially opened by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo, Albin Kurti, and brought together more than 200 participants, including local and international researchers, representatives of academic institutions, international organizations, and state institutions (Table 5). During the conference, dedicated sessions were organized for the presentation of scientific papers, thematic discussion panels, keynote addresses delivered by international scholars and public figures, as well as two film evenings devoted to the collective memory of the war. Following the conference, the publication of a second scientific volume is planned under the editorship of Cathrine Althaus and Blerina Kellezi. The Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) will assume a supervisory role in this process, while the final edition is expected to be published by prestigious international publishing houses. This initiative is anticipated to constitute an important contribution to the fields of transitional justice, war studies, and historical memory.

*Table 5. Conference Structuring*

Elements	Description
Title	From War to Recovery: A Multidisciplinary Approach Towards Kosovo’s War Trauma
Date	February 17-20, 2026
Country	Premises of the Central Administration of the University of Prishtina
Participants	Over 200 researchers, experts, and professionals
Main Panels	8 Panel Discussion
Sessions	4 presentation sessions divided by topics
Movie Screenings	2 movie nights – films themed from the war in Kosovo
Participating Institutions	Participating institutions and partner organizations included Nottingham Trent University, Stockholm University, University of Pretoria, University of Birmingham, University of Tirana, University of Prishtina, Kosovo Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims (KRCT), the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports of the Republic of Kosovo, Center of Albanological Studies, University of Shkodra, Institute of Forensic Medicine, the Government Commission on Missing Persons, Medica Kosovo, UBT College, and numerous other academic, research, and institutional partners.

## NOTE ON SPECIALIZED ANALYSIS DIVISION (SAD)

The Specialized Analysis Division (SAD) played an essential role throughout 2025 in the collection and analysis of data relating to all categories of war victims. During this period, the Division achieved significant progress in the development and verification of the war victim's database, encompassing the period from 1 January 1998 to 20 June 1999, as well as post-war casualties recorded during the period from 21 June 1999 to 31 December 2000.

This database includes verified information concerning persons killed, forcibly disappeared, and individuals who died as a consequence of the war, irrespective of ethnicity or civilian status. For each individual case, numerous reference sources were consulted, while additional field verifications were conducted in cases where discrepancies or inconsistencies were identified, with the aim of ensuring the highest possible level of accuracy and reliability of the data. In addition, an integrated digital platform has been established to facilitate the recording, search, and analysis of data relating to war victims, documentary sources, and wartime events, thereby laying the foundations for a stable and functional database system. The publication of verified data concerning persons killed, individuals who died as a consequence of the war, and missing persons is planned for 2026. In parallel, the Division contributed to the verification of 42 documented massacre cases and to the identification of 21 dark tourism sites, each accompanied by a documentary narrative developed on the basis of archival materials and the methodological framework of the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW)

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## THREE-YEAR STRATEGIC PROJECT (2025-2028): "MEMORY OF MASSACRES IN KOSOVO: DOCUMENTING THE MEMORY OF SURVIVORS OF 10 MASSACRES COMMITTED IN KOSOVO DURING THE 1998-1999 WAR PERIOD"

The Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) has continued the implementation of the three-year project entitled "*Memory of the Massacres in Kosovo: Documenting the Memory of Survivors of Massacres during the 1998–1999 War.*" This project represents a continuation of the preliminary work previously undertaken within the framework of documenting the Massacre of Krusha e Madhe and aims to document ten major massacre sites: Mejë, Studime, Sllovi, Raçak, Lybeniq, Qyshk, Poplek, Makoc, Suharekë, and Krusha e Vogel. Within the framework of the project, memoranda of cooperation have been concluded between the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW), the Institute of Anthropology of the University of Prishtina (IAUP), the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports of the Republic of Kosovo (MCYS), the National Library of Kosovo "Pjetër Bogdani", and the Museum of Kosovo. To date, more than 50 field interviews have been conducted. Over the course of the project's implementation, approximately 1,000 interviews with witnesses and survivors of the ten massacres are envisaged, with the aim of creating a valuable narrative, visual, and documentary archive. This archive is expected to contribute significantly to the preservation of collective memory, the advancement of scientific research and education, and the promotion of transitional justice processes.

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## "ZA N'KUJTESË" COLLECTION – FORUMS, EXHIBITIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

The Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) has launched the "*Za n'Kujtesë*" collection as a cultural and scientific platform that combines academic research with public commemoration, while fostering discussions on neglected and insufficiently addressed aspects of Kosovo's recent history through forums, exhibitions, and publications.

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## FORUM & EXHIBITION "STUDENT POISONING IN SCHOOLS (1990–1992)"

As part of its activities aimed at promoting collective memory and raising public awareness, during the reporting period the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW), in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation of the Republic of Kosovo (MEST), organized the second forum within the “*Za n’Kujtesë*” platform, dedicated to the phenomenon of the mass poisoning of students in Kosovo during the period 1990–1992. This activity addressed one of the most sensitive and least documented episodes in the history of peaceful resistance in Kosovo. The forum aimed to contribute to the preservation of historical memory, the commemoration of victims, and the strengthening of public discourse on truth and justice, particularly within the context of the education system and civic education. Within the framework of this activity, a catalogue was also prepared and published, bringing together archival materials and testimonies from the respective period and serving as a valuable reference source for future research and educational purposes. As an integral component of the forum, a thematic exhibition featuring photographs and documentary materials was organized and remained open for five consecutive days at the premises of the National Library of Kosovo “Pjetër Bogdani”. The exhibition served as a space for reflection and public awareness, providing direct access to visual evidence related to one of the most serious episodes of the 1990s. Overall, this activity further reinforced the role of the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) as a key institution in the documentation and promotion of historical memory, while contributing to the construction of a fact-based historical narrative and supporting broader transitional justice processes.

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## EXHIBITIONS IN THE COUNTRY AND IN THE DIASPORA & OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

During the reporting period, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) presented a series of exhibitions in Kosovo, the region, and abroad, utilizing original materials from its archival collections, including photographs, documents, official records, and audio-visual evidence. Through these activities, the Institute contributed to the preservation and promotion of historical memory, the raising of public awareness regarding crimes committed during the war in Kosovo, and the strengthening of cooperation with partner institutions and Albanian diaspora communities.

Within the framework of these activities:

- Under the patronage of the President of the Republic of Kosovo, the exhibition entitled “Truth, Memory, Justice” was inaugurated, featuring archival materials from the collections of the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW);
- In the exhibition entitled “Three Days That Changed History”, organized under the patronage of the Speaker of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) contributed archival materials documenting the events of March 1998 in Prekaz;
- In cooperation with the Consulate General of the Republic of Kosovo in Düsseldorf, the Albanian Students’ Association in North Rhine-Westphalia, and the Student Council of the University of Duisburg-Essen, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) organized the exhibition entitled “*Poisonings in Kosovo (1990–1992)*”, held in Düsseldorf from 11 to 16 May. The exhibition aimed to promote historical memory and raise international public awareness regarding the mass poisoning of Albanian students in Kosovo during the period 1990–1992.

## COOPERATIVE ACTIONS AND INTER-INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENTS

During the period from 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) continued to expand and consolidate its network of inter-institutional cooperation, with a particular focus on strengthening academic, scientific, and professional partnerships at both the local and regional levels. Throughout this period, the Institute demonstrated a clear orientation toward the development of sustainable institutional capacities through cooperation with universities, scientific institutions, state agencies, and regional partners active in the fields of documentation, research, and transitional justice. In this context, cooperation agreements were initiated and formalized with several higher education institutions in Kosovo and the region, including Public University “Kadri Zeka”, University “Isa Boletini”, University of Tetovo, University “Mother Teresa”, as well as University for Business and Technology (UBT).

These partnerships aim at the development of joint research, educational and professional activities, contributing to the integration of the academic and interdisciplinary dimension in the processes of documentation and analysis of war crimes. At the same time, the cooperation with the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Kosovo (ASHAK) represents an important step in strengthening the Institute's connection with the scientific and academic community, creating opportunities for advancing research and raising the quality of scientific production. In the same vein, agreements with Heimerer College and partner university institutions have contributed to the integration of professional expertise in the fields of psychology, trauma treatment and interdisciplinary approaches in the Institute's activities within the activities of the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW). From an institutional and technical perspective, the agreement with the Civil Registration Agency (ARC) constitutes a development of strategic importance, as it provides access to official and reliable data necessary for the verification and documentation processes concerning war victims. This cooperation directly contributes to enhancing the accuracy, reliability, and standardization of data, thereby further strengthening the factual and institutional foundations for the documentation of war crimes in Kosovo (Table 6).

Overall, the agreements concluded during this reporting period reflect the continued expansion of the Institute's network of cooperation and the consolidation of partnerships with a direct impact on the quality and effectiveness of its work. This strategic orientation contributes to strengthening research capacities, improving verification processes, and integrating interdisciplinary approaches, thereby positioning the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) as an increasingly consolidated institution in the fields of documentation, historical memory, and transitional justice.

*Table 6. Institutional Collaborations by Reporting Periods*

Period November 2023 – November 2024		Period November 2024 – November 2025		Period November 2025 – May 2026	
Name	Status	Name	Status	Name	Status
State Archives Agency of Kosovo	Finalized	General Directorate of Archives of Albania	Finalized	University of Tetovo- Faculty of Philosophy, Tetovo	Finalized

American University in Kosovo – Rochester Institute of Technology	Finalized	Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania	Finalized	Kadri Zeka University, Gjilan(UKZ)	Finalized
Institute of Spiritual and Cultural Heritage of Albanians – Skopje, North Macedonia	Finalized	National Library of Albania	Finalized	Isa Boletini University, Mitrovica	Finalized
Kosovo Agency of Statistics	Finalized	Radio Television of Kosovo (RTK)	In the process	Mother Teresa University in Skopje	Finalized
University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina"	Finalized	Kosovo Cadastre Agency	Finalized	Heimerer College, Prishtina	Finalized
Institute for Studies on the Crimes and Consequences of Communism in Albania	Finalized	Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina" National Museum of Kosovo, National Library of Kosovo "Pjetër Bogdani"	Finalized	University for Business and Technology (UBT)	Finalized
Srebrenica Memorial Center	In the process	Ministry of Human Rights and Minority Peoples in Montenegro	Finalized	Kosovo Academy of Sciences and Arts (ASHAK)	Finalized
		Ministry of Education, Science and Technology	Finalized	Civil Registration Agency (ARC)	Finalized
		Radio Television of Albania	In the process	Employment Agency of the Republic of Kosovo (APRK)	Finalized
		Media Union of Albania	In the process	Employment Agency of the Republic of Kosovo (EARK) within the Ministry of Finance, Labor and Transfers (MFLT)	Finalized

				Media Union, Tirana	In the process
				Pan Albanian Federation, VATRA	In the process
				Haxhi Zeka University (UHZ) Peja	In the process
				University of Gjakova "Fehmi Agani" (UGJFA)	In the process
				Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC)	In the process
TOTAL	7	10		15	
<b>TOTAL</b>					
<b>32</b>					

## PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS AND SEMINARS

During this six-month reporting period, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) actively participated in local, regional, and international forums, seminars, and conferences through which it promoted its institutional mission and strengthened cooperation with academic partners, diplomatic representatives, and international organizations operating in the fields of transitional justice, documentation, and historical memory. These engagements contributed to enhancing the Institute's international profile, facilitating the exchange of professional expertise and experiences, and expanding the network of cooperation for the verification and documentation of war crimes in Kosovo.

The Executive Director of the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) participated in the XVII Forum on Transitional Justice in Post-Yugoslav Countries entitled "*The Future through the Past*", organized by RECOM and the Humanitarian Law Center (HLC), held on 13–14 December in Zagreb. In addition, ICCW participated in a study visit to the United Kingdom entitled "*Different Memories, Shared Futures: Towards Inclusive Memorialisation*", organized by the British Council. Representatives of organizations, museums, and institutions from Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, and Serbia participated in this study visit, creating a shared platform for the exchange of experiences and practices related to remembrance and the memorialization of war crimes in the Western Balkans. The Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) also participated in the international conference on memorialization held in Rijeka and organized by the British Council, where it presented Kosovo's experience in the documentation of war crimes and the construction of collective memory. The Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) was also represented at the scientific conference of the International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM), organized by Edith Cowan University in Perth. This prestigious conference brought together more than 360 scholars and academics from around the world. At this important event, ICCW presented the context of the war in Kosovo and the Institute's ongoing research activities through a joint presentation delivered with Catherine Althaus, Gerda van Dijk, and Marli Calpo, emphasizing the essential importance of documenting collective memory as a foundation for achieving sustainable peace in societies affected by war. In Sydney, representatives of the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW), with the support of former Deputy Minister Bardhyl Dobra, also contributed to a workshop organized by the Women's and

Girls' Emergency Centre (WAGEC), where they shared Kosovo's experience in documenting war crimes and emphasized the importance of strengthening international cooperation in this field. Furthermore, ICCW participated in a delegation visit to the Israel specialized training programs related to the documentation of conflict-related sexual violence and the documentation of war victims, with a particular focus on improving methodologies for constructing individual victim narratives. During the visit, ICCW representatives also participated in study visits to Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, as well as the National Library of Israel. These trainings and study visits were made possible through the support of the Embassy of the Republic of Kosovo in Israel.

## MEDIA PRESENCE AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

During the reporting period, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) continued to strengthen its institutional identity and digital presence by utilizing social media platforms and its official website as the principal channels for public communication and engagement with the academic and civic community. In addition to the expansion of its audience reach, a significant improvement was observed in the quality of content, the level of interactivity, and institutional transparency, reflecting the adoption of a more strategic and professional approach to public communication.

Within the framework of increasing public visibility and promoting institutional activities, the Executive Director of the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) participated in a considerable number of interviews and television programs in local and regional media, including central news programs and prime-time debate broadcasts. Through these public appearances, issues related to the documentation of war crimes, transitional justice, historical memory, and the research activities of the Institute were addressed, thereby contributing to the enhancement of public awareness and the strengthening of the Institute's presence within public and academic discourse.

In terms of performance, during the reporting period, the official Facebook page has recorded significant increases in all major indicators. The number of visits has reached 66,000 (+108.1% compared to the previous period), while clicks on links have increased to 944 (+427.4%). Also, interactions (likes, comments and shares) have reached 22,000 (+153.4%), while video views have increased tremendously, reaching 898,000, compared to only 5,208 in the previous period. These data show a significant increase in public engagement and the effectiveness of digital communication (*Table 7*).

*Table 7. Number of followers on ICCW's social networks (Facebook, Instagram, X and LinkedIn)*

Social Network	November 2023 – November 2024	November 2024 – November 2025	November 8, 2025 - May 8, 2026	Number of followers
Facebook	3115	2255	1571	6941
Instagram	63	159	52	274
X (twitter)	70	32	47	149
LinkedIn	N/A	570	133	703
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>8067 +</b>

The improvement in performance is directly linked to the development of educational and documentary content, including exhibitions, “Za n’Kujtesë” forums, and publications related to the Institute’s research activities and international cooperation initiatives. These activities have contributed significantly to increasing institutional visibility and strengthening the role of the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) as a credible and reliable source of information in the field of war crimes documentation.

At the institutional level, the official website, [www.ikkl.rks-gov.net](http://www.ikkl.rks-gov.net), continues to serve as the primary platform for transparency, accountability, and public information, providing open access to the Institute’s reports, official documents, and publications. Through this portal, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) ensures continuous communication with citizens, media representatives, and partner institutions.

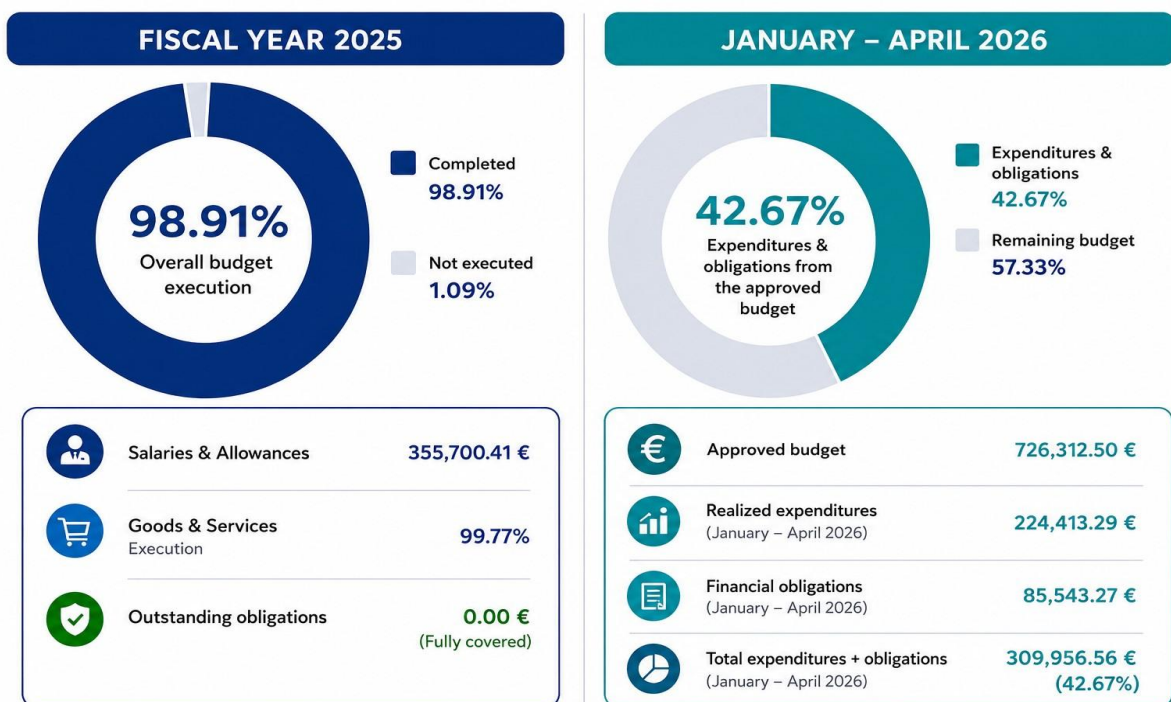
**FINANCIAL REPORT**

During the reporting period, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) continued to demonstrate efficient management of financial resources, ensuring a high level of budget execution and the full fulfilment of all financial obligations. During the 2025 fiscal year, the Institute recorded a very high level of financial performance, achieving an overall budget execution rate of 98.91%. This level of implementation reflects the Institute’s institutional capacity for the efficient, transparent, and responsible management of public resources. Within the category of Wages and Salaries, expenditures amounted to €355,700.41, reflecting an increase resulting from budget harmonization and decisions adopted by the Government. The resulting deficit was fully covered, leaving no outstanding financial obligations. Similarly, in the category of Goods and Services, the execution rate of 99.77% demonstrates accurate financial planning and a high degree of fiscal discipline.

With regard to the 2026 fiscal year, the approved budget in the amount of €726,312.50 represents an increase compared to the previous year, particularly within the category of Goods and Services, reflecting the expansion of the Institute’s institutional activities and its growing operational needs. During the period from January to April 2026, realized expenditures amounted to €224,413.29, while financial commitments reached €85,543.27. In total, expenditures and commitments amounted to €309,956.56, representing approximately 42.67% of the overall approved budget. This reflects the initial phase of budget execution and financial commitment for the 2026 fiscal year. The expenditure structure continues to be primarily dominated by the categories of Wages and Salaries, Daily Allowances, and Goods and Services, while no expenditures were recorded within the Municipal category during the present reporting period.

Overall, the financial trend demonstrates institutional stability, effective budgetary control, and sound financial management, while also indicating considerable capacity for the implementation of the activities planned for the remainder of the year, in accordance with the Institute’s operational planning and strategic priorities.

*Figure 1. Budget comparison by categories*



## OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

During this reporting period, the principal challenges were related to the inability to advance the digitization of the archive, expand infrastructural capacities, strengthen human resources, and enhance logistical support for field activities. Limitations in the initial budget allocation, combined with the absence of funding within the category of capital expenditures, contributed to the postponement of several planned development investments, including the commencement of the archival digitization project. Although the project had been prepared and formally processed since 2024, the lack of adequate financial support prevented its operational implementation during the current reporting period.

At the same time, spatial limitations within the central office continue to present a significant challenge to the efficient organization of work, the expansion of the physical archive, and the further development of the institutional library. The continuous growth of the archival and documentary holdings has created an urgent need for the expansion of existing premises and the improvement of conditions for the storage, preservation, and professional management of archival materials.

In terms of human resources, nine officials departed from the Institute during 2025, primarily due to the sensitive and emotionally demanding nature of the work, as well as the availability of more favorable working conditions in other institutions. Although the Institute has undertaken measures aimed at staff consolidation and the recruitment of personnel for key positions, procedural delays in recruitment processes have resulted in a considerable number of positions envisaged under the organizational structure remaining unfilled. Furthermore, discrepancies continue to exist between the approved organizational structure and the Institute's current budgetary capacities, thereby limiting the full operationalization and functional development of the institutional structure.

The professional development of staff continues to represent an ongoing challenge, particularly in specialized fields related to verification processes, archiving, data analysis, and the handling of sensitive materials. The specific nature of the Institute's mandate necessitates the continuous enhancement of the professional, methodological, and technical capacities of its personnel, alongside the provision of sustained professional support mechanisms to assist staff in coping with the emotional burden associated with the processing of war-related materials and testimonies.

In terms of logistics, although the regional offices have had access to two vehicles utilized on a rotational basis, the current transportation capacities continue to be insufficient for the optimal implementation of field activities and the collection of documentary materials across all regions of Kosovo. This situation has affected staff mobility and has limited the pace and efficiency of documentation and verification activities conducted in the field.

Despite these challenges, during the reporting period the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) continued to advance its internal organizational processes, strengthen institutional management mechanisms, and develop sustainable capacities aimed at the reliable documentation of war crimes, the preservation of historical memory, and the advancement of transitional justice processes in the Republic of Kosovo.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR THE FOLLOWING PERIOD (2026)

During the forthcoming period, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) will continue to focus on strengthening institutional capacities, advancing documentation and scientific research processes, and expanding local and international cooperation in the fields of transitional justice and historical memory. The central priority for 2026 remains the completion and publication of the Kosovo War Victims Database covering the period 1998–2000, in parallel with the further development of the database on massacres and mass graves in Kosovo. Significant progress has already been achieved in advancing the War Victims Database toward the final phase of data verification and harmonization. The current process is focused on the cross-comparison of information obtained from multiple sources, the conduct of additional field verifications, and the integration of relevant data derived from archival and institutional collections, with the aim of ensuring the highest possible level of accuracy and reliability. The publication of this database during 2026 is expected to constitute a development of particular institutional and societal importance, providing for the first time a comprehensive and verified account of the human losses resulting from the war in Kosovo. In addition, the database is expected to contribute significantly to the strengthening of collective memory and the advancement of transitional justice processes in the country.

One of the Institute's principal priorities remains the operationalization of the archival digitization project prepared during 2024. This project is intended to modernize the archival management system, enhance the long-term security and preservation of archival materials, and establish an integrated electronic system for the administration, management, and retrieval of data. In this regard, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) will continue its efforts to secure the necessary technical and financial support in cooperation with the Office of the Prime Minister, the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, and other relevant state institutions.

In the field of public communication and the promotion of historical memory, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) plans, during 2026, to organize exhibitions and cultural activities both in Kosovo and within the diaspora, with a particular focus on cooperation with academic institutions and Albanian diaspora communities. In addition, the Institute intends to publish international catalogues and scientific volumes aimed at further advancing its publishing activities and promoting the scientific documentation of the war in Kosovo.

In organizational and professional terms, priority will be given to the further strengthening of staff capacities through specialized training programs in the fields of verification, archiving, data analysis, and the management of sensitive documentation, as well as to the improvement of the Institute's technological and logistical infrastructure.

Through the implementation of these priorities, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) aims to further strengthen and advance its role as a central state institution dedicated to the documentation of war crimes, the preservation of historical memory, and the development of transitional justice processes in the Republic of Kosovo.

Through the activities carried out during this reporting period, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) has further consolidated the institutional foundations for the development of the state system of documentation, historical memory, and transitional justice in the Republic of Kosovo.

## MAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUBSEQUENT PERIOD

### NEED FOR BUDGET GROWTH – DIGITALIZATION PROJECT

The analysis of budget implementation for 2025 has demonstrated that the current financial capacities remain insufficient to fully address the Institute's development needs and ensure the realization of its strategic priorities. In this context, the principal priority for the forthcoming period remains the commencement of the archival and institutional document digitization project, which constitutes one of the most significant development initiatives of the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW). For the 2026 fiscal year, the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW) has proposed a budget allocation in the amount of €1,642,422.15, of which €550,000.00 is designated for the initial phase of the digitization project. The project is aimed at the digital scanning and archiving of physical materials, the establishment of an integrated system for data management and retrieval, and the development of the technological infrastructure necessary for the secure and long-term preservation of documentation. Although the technical and methodological documentation required for the implementation of the project has already been prepared, the lack of adequate financial support has hindered the commencement of its practical implementation. For this reason, securing budgetary support for the digitization process remains imperative for the modernization of the archival system, the enhancement of institutional efficiency, and the fulfilment of the legal obligations arising from Law No. 08/L-177.

### THE NEED FOR SPATIAL EXPANSION

The lack of sufficient space within the Institute's central office continues to represent one of the principal operational and organizational challenges. The continuous expansion of the archival holdings, the development of the institutional library, and the growth of documentation activities have created an increasing need for the improvement and expansion of the Institute's spatial capacities. In this context, the relocation of the Institute's central offices to the premises expected to be vacated by the Kosovo Cadastral Agency has been proposed. Such a development would create more suitable conditions for the advancement of the Institute's administrative, research, and professional activities, thereby directly contributing to increased institutional efficiency and improved working conditions for staff. At the same time, addressing the need for adequate premises for the Institute's physical archive and library remains a key priority, in order to ensure the long-term preservation, professional organization, and protection of archival and library materials.

### THE NEED FOR IMPROVED LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORTATION

During the reporting period, the need to strengthen logistical and transportation capacities was identified as a key requirement for the effective implementation of field activities and the process of collecting documentary materials. The current transportation capacities, utilized on a rotational basis among the regional offices, have enabled only partial coverage of the Institute's operational needs. As a result, staff mobility and the overall dynamics of field activities continue to remain limited, thereby affecting the efficiency of documentation and verification processes. For this reason, the provision of dedicated transportation resources for the regional offices, together with the further strengthening of logistical capacities, remains an important priority for the forthcoming period, with the aim of increasing operational efficiency and ensuring the more effective fulfilment of the institutional mandate of the Institute of Crimes Committed During the War in Kosovo (ICCW).



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