* **Project purpose** Zagreb Justice Square (hereinafter ZJS) project is more than a square – it is envisaged as a place where judiciary system becomes a more efficient public service with outcomes (in the mid-run) and impacts (in the long-run) that positively affect a quality of individual’s life as well as a society in general
* Within the overall efforts on the reform of Croatian justice system, rationalization of the Court network and securing the adequate housing for judicial bodies in the City of Zagreb is considered as one of the most important of the Croatian Government
* Statistically, judicial area of the City of Zagreb (and Zagreb County) is the most loaded area (32% of all cases in Croatia are solving here) while the significant capital investments in new premises are missing.
* First ideas have developed almost 10 years ago, followed by the Architect Competition in 2008 but due to its complexity and the size of the investment it has not been realized so far. The main focus of the project is to rationalize network of Courts and increase efficiency of judicial system. Rough estimations vary from 150 MEUR – 200 MEUR (estimated by architect Zrinka Mrković, approved by the Croatian Chamber of Architects) which include construction, project documentation and equipping
* It is estimated that the whole process of completion of construction, removal from existing locations and starting with operations might take up to 5 years; paper work related to the projects, including various tenders and documentation needed, might take some 18 months
* ZJS will be developed to facilitate the housing of the County Court, the Municipal Civil Court of Zagreb, the Commercial Court, the Misdemeanour Court, the County State Attorney, the Municipal State Attorney, Judicial Academy, Administrative Court and some high courts (optionally Ministry of Justice). The net surface of the ZJS - core facilities will be about 58.000 m2 and it is property of the Republic of Croatia. Non-core functions might be added to the ZJS to contribute to a feasible and sustainable development; e.g. parking facilities, retail facilities, etc.
* Significant (budgetary) expenditures arise to Ministry of Justice due to rental fees payable for office space of judicial facilities and due to energy inefficiency of existing buildings (Ministry of Justice is spending approximately 20 mil HRK rental fees per year)
* In the period 2004 – 2016 Ministry of Justice has invested approximately 60 mil HRK in renovation, reconstruction and equipping judicial buildings (units A, B, D and E) which after building a new Justice Square remains it’s function (e.g. Municipal Criminal Court, County State Attorney, Land Registration Department of Municipal Civil Court of Zagreb).
* During 2017 MoJ is planning to begin preliminary activities in order to continue the Justice Square project in potentially smaller scale compared to previously envisage by the Architect Competition.

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| **Existing courts facilities in Zagreb** | **ZJS** |
| * Judicial bodies of the City of Zagreb are   spread all over the city – reduced efficiency   * Significant (budgetary) expenditures arise to MoJ due to   rental fees payable for some judicial bodies   * Significant expenditures (post and delivery costs) * Significant cost due to energy inefficiency of existing   buildings   * Irregular maintenance - diminishes value of property | * 2.500 employees and judges located on unique place with approx. 10.000 customers daily improve efficiency and satisfaction * Special focus on access for disable people * Existing building own by the RoC can be rented or sell – positive impact on the State Budget * Savings on other service (transportation of the employees, post-delivery services, coordination between different judicial bodies, ) * Buildings which are energy efficient – significant savings |



Existing renovated buildings

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| A – Municipal Criminal Court | D – Municipal Criminal Court, Youth Department |
| B – Land Registry, Municipal Civil Court | E – Municipal State Attorney |