# INSTITUTE OF CRIMES COMMITTED DURING THE WAR IN KOSOVO (IKKL)

## Mission

The IKKL’s mission is to document and research crimes committed during the war in Kosovo (1998–1999) from historical, legal, military, economic, environmental, cultural, psychological, forensic, and sociological perspectives, in line with Law No. 08/L-177. It gathers data on human losses, physical, psychological, economic, and environmental damages, and cultural heritage destruction.

## Scope and Timeframe

The Institute covers crimes from January 1, 1998, to June 20, 1999, and post-war crimes until December 31, 2000. It also examines related events that led to the war.

## Organizational Structure

IKKL has a clear internal structure with defined departments and divisions to manage documentation and research.

**-Documentation Department**

**-Research Department**

**-Department of Administration and General Services**

## Methodology

A detailed methodology guides the collection, verification, processing, and archiving of documents, videos, photos, and audio. Research uses this material for in-depth analysis to ensure all activities are consistent, structured, and credible.

## Key Achievements & Results

-Terminology: Uses clear, precise terminology aligned with international war crime laws.  
-Digitalization: Developing secure digital infrastructure for safe storage and researcher access.  
-Professional Values: Promotes a safe, respectful, and professional work environment.  
-Employee Manual: Approved on October 31, 2024, it sets out policies and expectations.  
-Confidentiality Agreement: Ensures staff protect sensitive information.  
- Academic Research: Involves identifying cases, witnesses, survivors, collecting testimonies, and analyzing evidence using strict ethical protocols.  
-Specialized Analyses: Provides tailored research for government institutions.  
-International Conference: Hosted experts to address challenges of documenting, investigating, and prosecuting war crimes, and highlighted cultural heritage and collective memory.

## Partnerships

IKKL works closely with state institutions and international partners, including universities and research networks, to expand knowledge, resources, and funding opportunities. Current MoUs include the State Archive of Kosovo, Central State Archive of Albania, Kosovo Agency of Statistics, Kosovo Cadastral Agency, Ministry of Justice, Kosovo municipalities, RIT Kosovo, AUK, and the University of Pristina.

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