



REGIONAL TRIAL MONITORING PROJECT

COMBATTING ORGANIZED CRIME AND CORRUPTION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

A year of trial monitoring of serious organised crime and corruption cases.

July 2021-June 2022

A year ago, the OSCE, in co-operation with the European Commission, launched the Regional Trial Monitoring Project in five jurisdictions in the Western Balkans.

This is our journey

COVERAGE

We have **five** trial monitoring teams based in **Tirana, Sarajevo, Pristina, Podgorica** and **Skopje**, brought together by a Programme Co-ordinator based in the OSCE Secretariat in Vienna. As of May 2022, the Project monitors **188** serious organised crime and corruption cases across all five jurisdictions.

TEAM PROFILE

All our monitors are **local lawyers**, with a passion for justice and prosperity for their community.

VISION

We want to support a sustainable criminal justice system that can **efficiently** and **effectively** respond to serious organised crime and corruption.

Building on our milestones we will continue with our trial monitoring and analysis.

UPCOMING MILESTONES

Our teams will meet with **over 200 judicial actors** across the region in discussion forums in June 2022 to get a better **insight** to our observations. The analysis of all the data, collected over the first year of our project, will feed into our **first findings and recommendations** report (October 2022), which will be made available to judges and prosecutors in each participating jurisdiction.

HOW

Our teams, following the ODHR methodology, select ongoing serious organised crime and corruption cases and monitor **hundreds of hearings**, review **thousands of pages of legal documents** and spend many hours in **consultations** with judges and prosecutors.

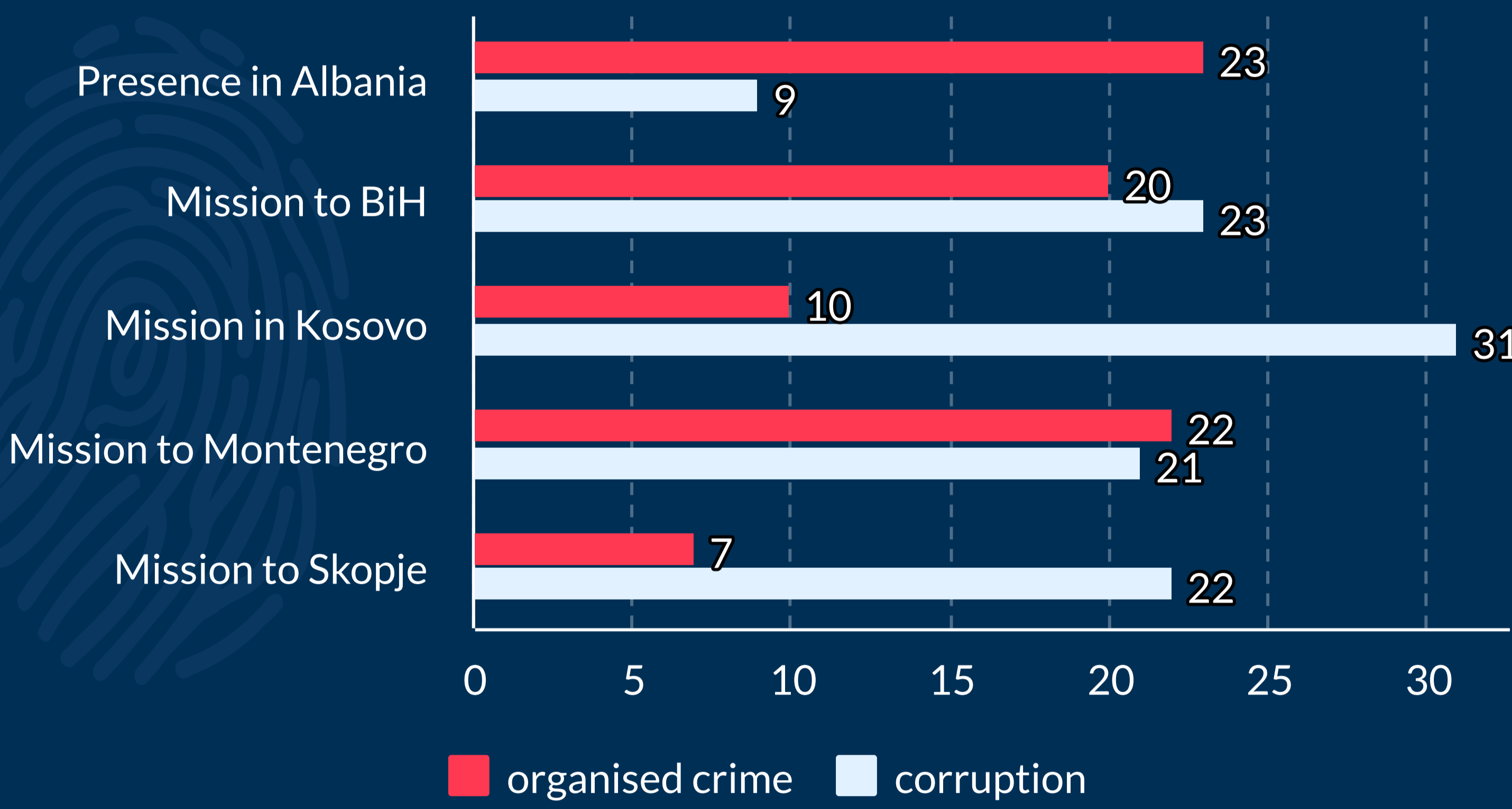
WHY

We seek to provide an **evidence-based** framework for future reform that meets real needs.

A SNAPSHOT ACROSS THE REGION

data from June 2021-May 2022

CASES MONITORED



IMPORTANT AREAS OF FOCUS

- fairness of proceedings
- efficiency of proceedings
- financial investigations
- asset seizure and confiscation
- plea bargaining
- sentencing policies

Presence in Albania

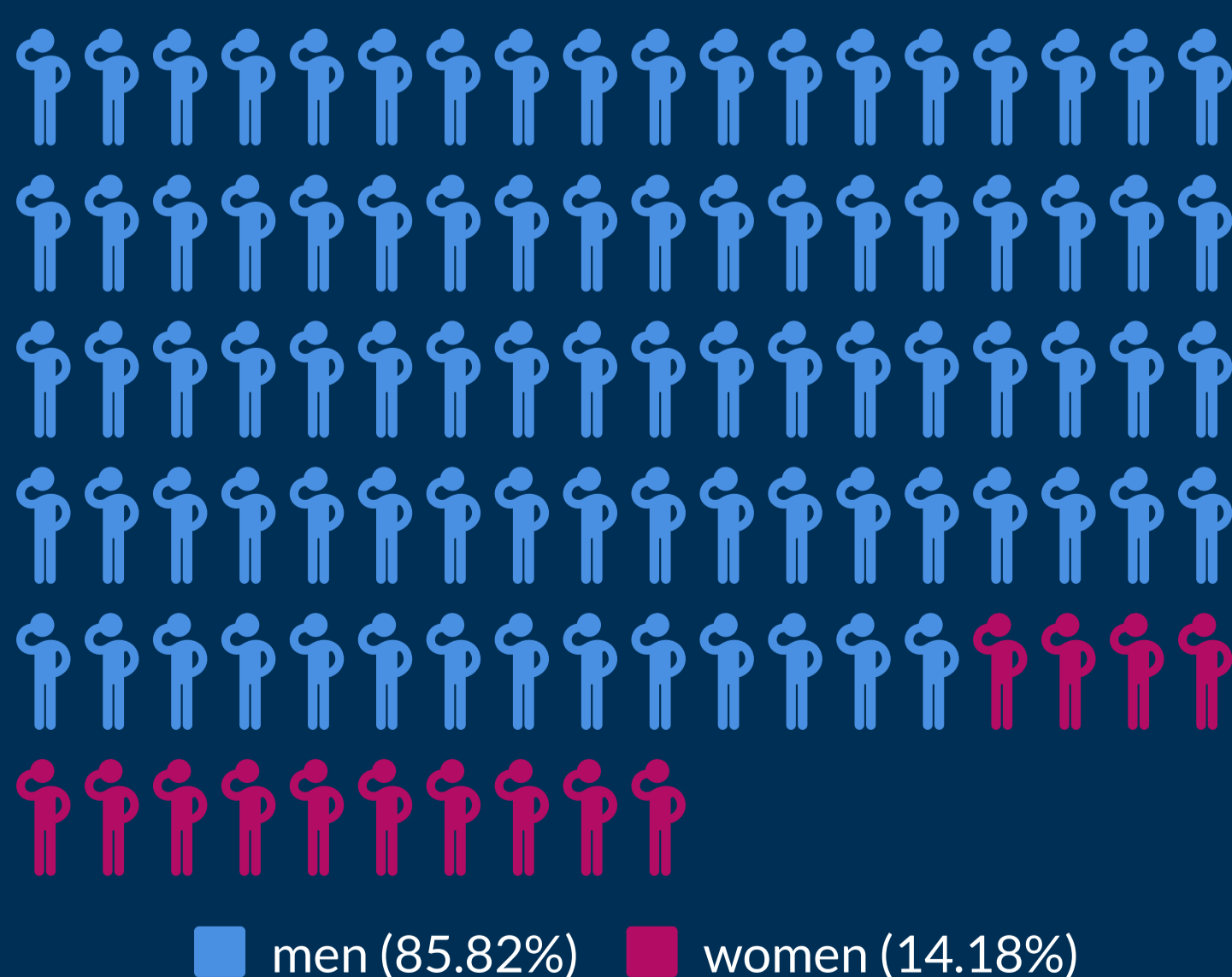


297 Hearings monitored

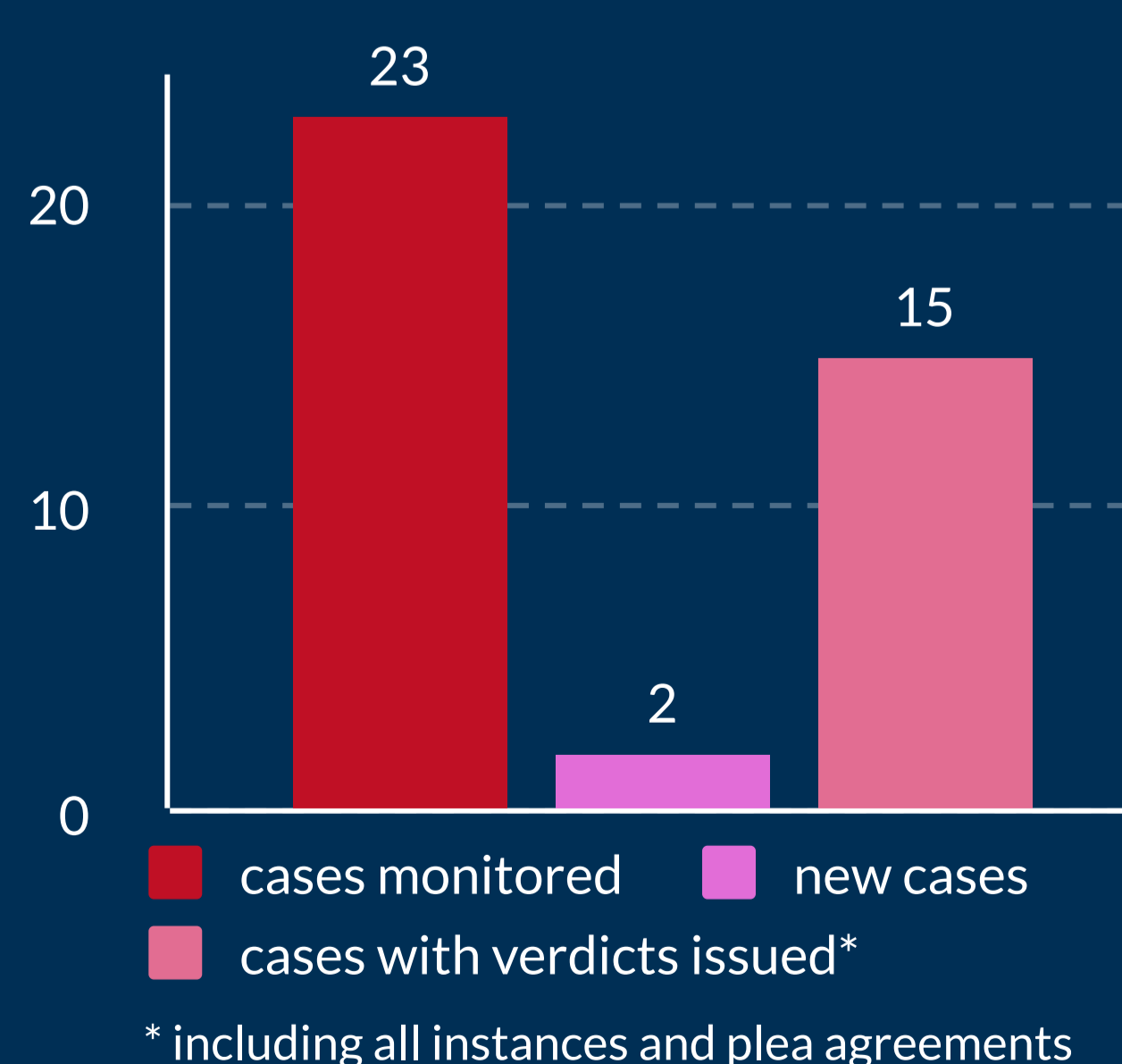


17 Meetings with key judicial stakeholders

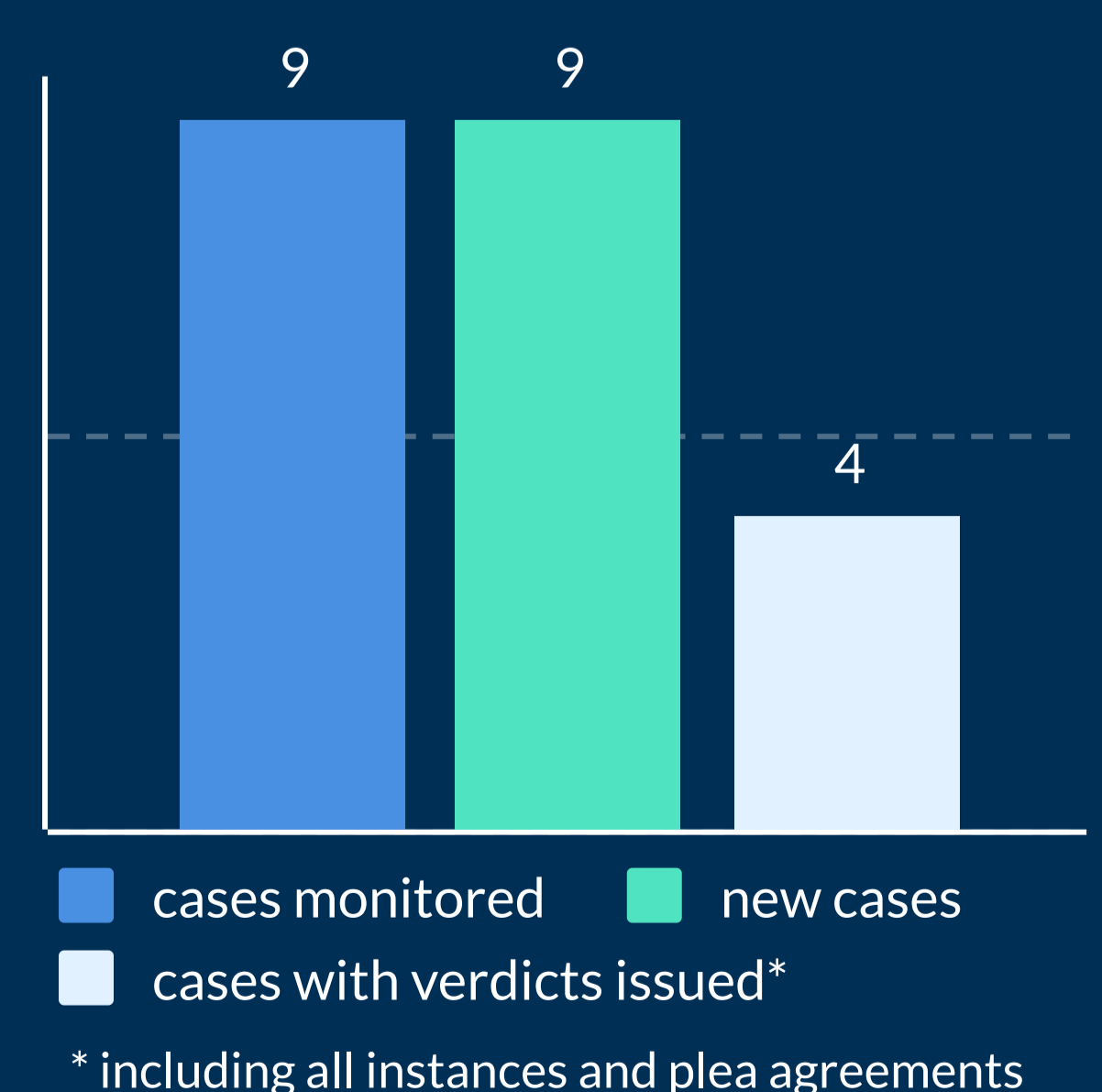
DEFENDANTS' PROFILE in monitored cases



Organised Crime monitored cases



Corruption monitored cases



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