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The “Justice Index” is a Step Toward the Implementation of the UN Global Goal 16

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The “Justice Index” Components

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THE FAIR TRIAL STANDARD

- public hearing by the court;
- an independent and impartial tribunal;
- a court established by law;
- consideration of a case by a court within a reasonable time;
- the person’s awareness of proceedings affecting his rights and freedoms;
- free exercise of procedural rights;
- free assistance of an interpreter if the person cannot understand or speak the language used in court;
- balance of private and public interests;
- legal certainty;
- a prompt and detailed notification of the person in a language understandable to him of the nature and cause of the accusation against him;
- equal treatment;
- provision of the individual with the sufficient time and facilities to prepare his/her defense;
- provision that anyone may defend himself in person or through legal assistance of his own choosing;
- if the individual does not have sufficient means to pay for legal assistance, he/she is to be given it for free when the interests of justice so require;
- the right to examine or have examined witnesses against him;
- the right to obtain an attendance and examination of witnesses on the individual’s behalf under the same conditions as witnesses against him.

$$\text{Rule of Law} = \frac{\text{actual value}}{\text{maximum value}}$$

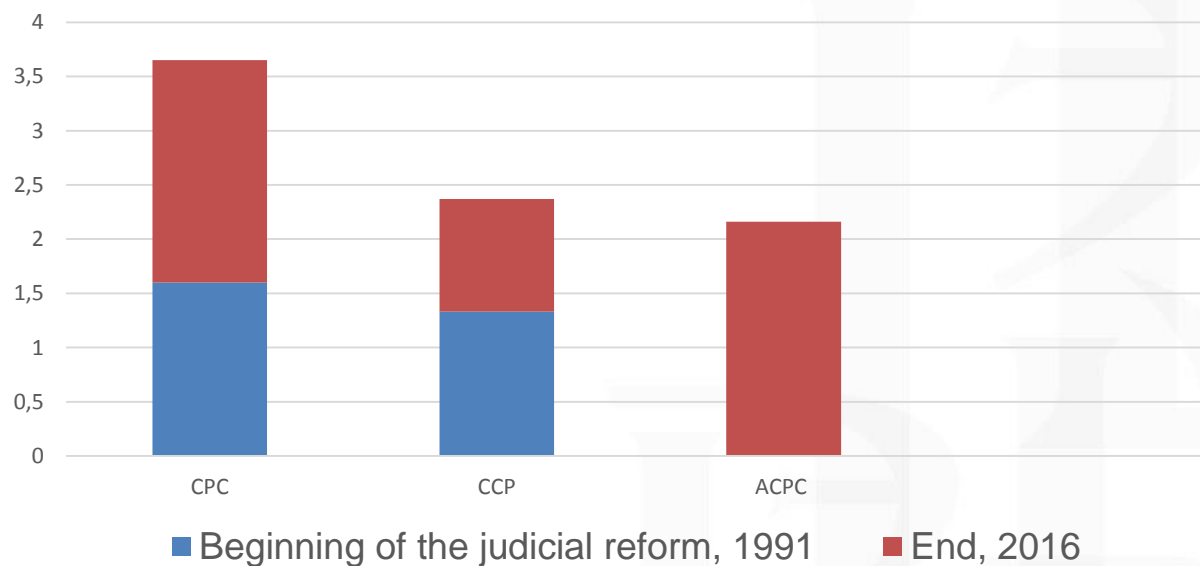
$$\text{Rule of Law} = \sum_{i=1}^n K^i \alpha^i = K^1 \alpha^1 + K^2 \alpha^2 + \dots + K^n \alpha^n$$

$\alpha^i = 1 - i$ criterion weight coefficient

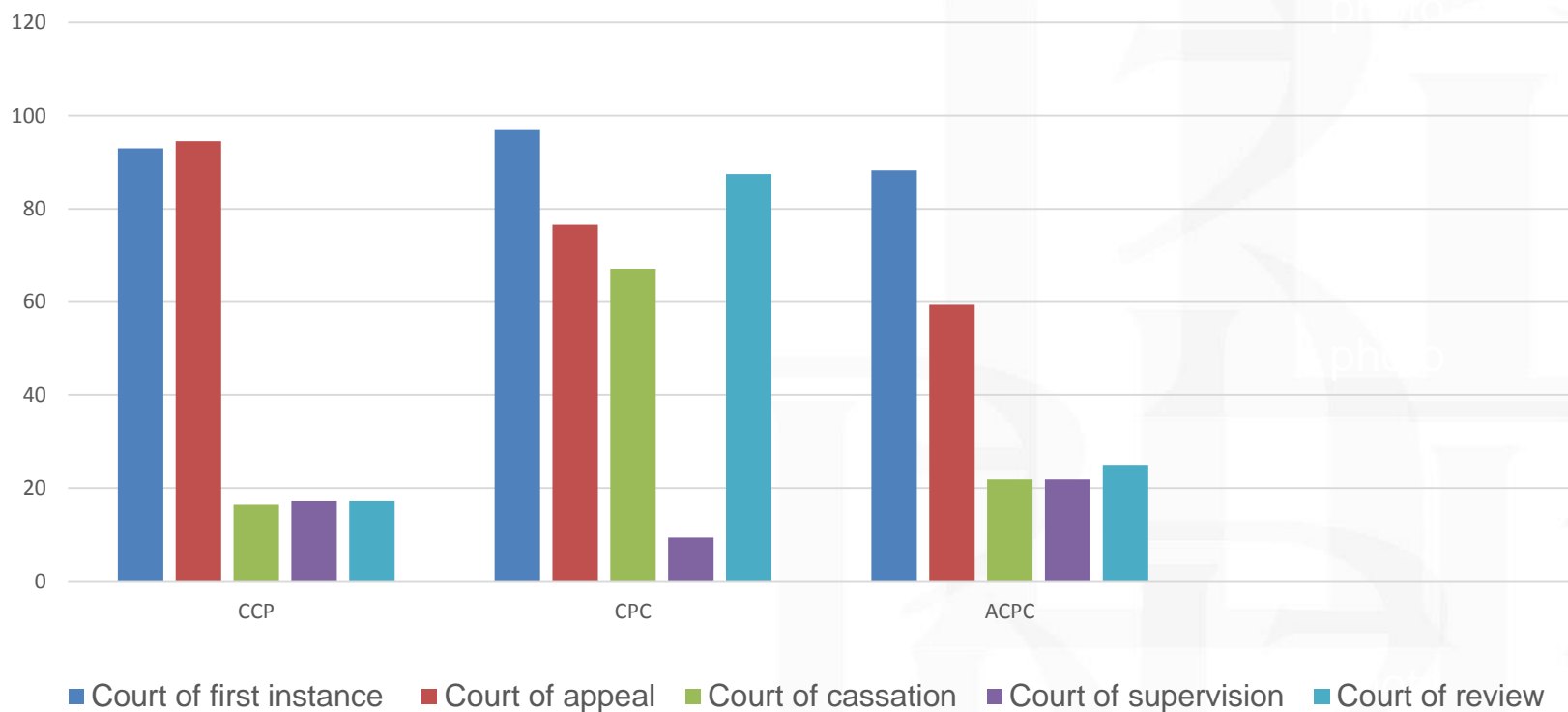
$n=16$ number of criteria

$K^i \in [0, 6.25\%]$ i criterion value

'Fairness Growth' in Russia During the Last 25 Years



Compliance of the Russian Rules of Justice with the Fair Trial Standard

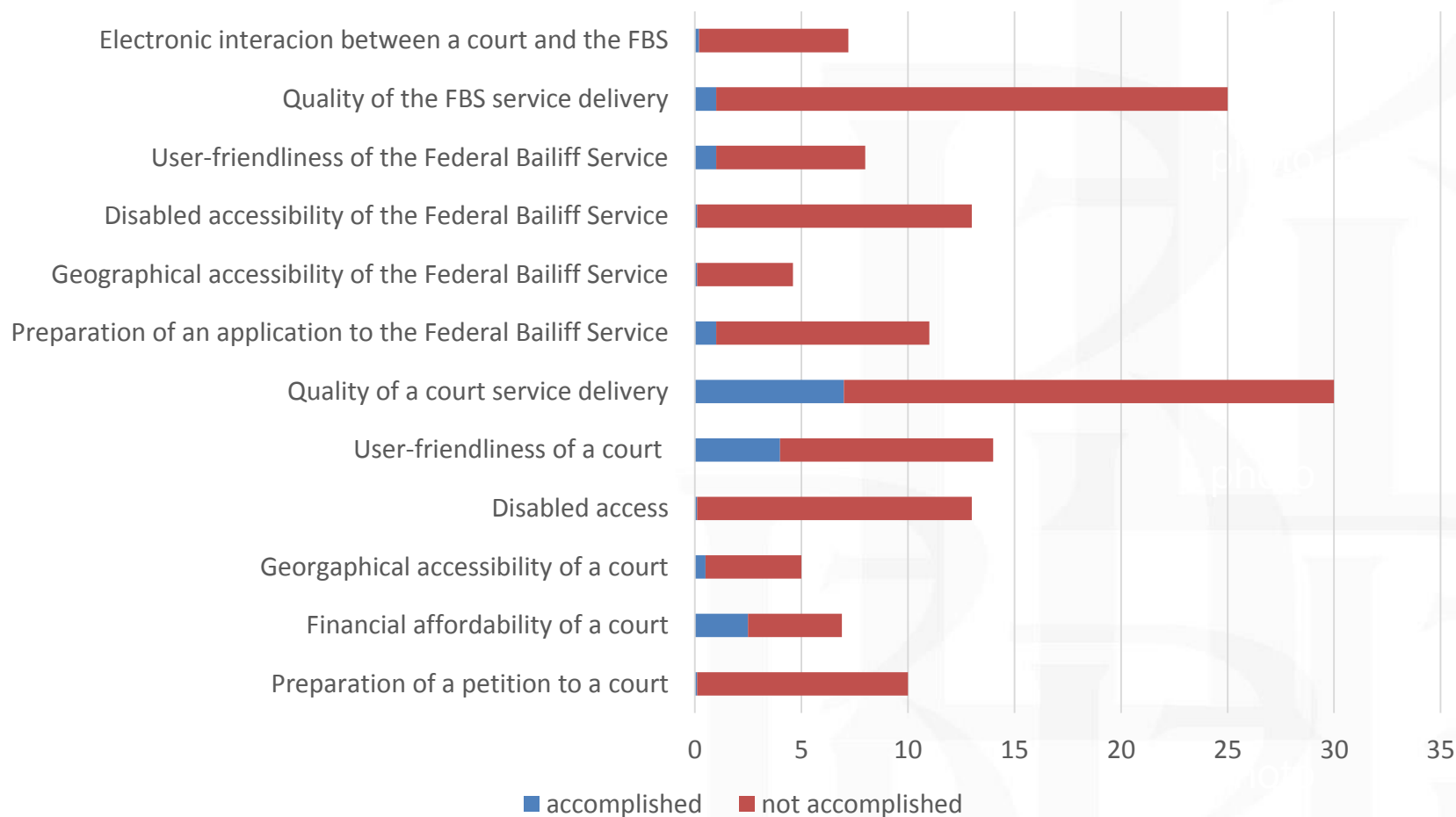


$$\text{Access to Court} = \frac{\text{actual value}}{\text{maximum value}}$$

$$\text{Access to Court} = \sum_{j=1}^m K^j / 131$$

Where $m = 131$ number of evaluation criteria
 K^j – j criterion value

Access to Court. “Access to Justice” Figures



The "Justice Index" = Rule of Law + Access to Court

The “Justice Index” may be instrumental for:

- ✓ Assessment of a current procedural legislation and access to court;
- ✓ Assessment of the draft laws;
- ✓ Assessment of a lawmaker’s effectiveness;
- ✓ Creation of effective public procedures;
- ✓ Ensuring wider access to the court;
- ✓ Ensuring public bodies’ accountability at all levels;
- ✓ Reaching overall societal well-being.



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