

1st Regional Conference Court Performance Management Systems In the Western Balkan Countries

18-20 May 2016 (Wednesday - Friday)
Hotel Queen of Montenegro, Budva

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Conference moderators:

Audun Hognes Berg (Head of International Secretariat, Norwegian Courts Administration)

Amra Jasarevic (Regional Judicial Reform Advisor, UNDP/ Norwegian Courts Administration)

Day 1 (18 April 2016)

REGISTRATION in the Hotel

18.30 – 19.30 **Light Cocktail**

20.00 **Official Dinner**

Day 2 (19 April 2016)

09.00 – 09.30 REGISTRATION

09.30 – 09.50 **Opening Word**

Sven Marius Urke (Director, Norwegian Courts Administration)

09.50 – 10.10 **Support to the Judicial Reform in the Western Balkans Project: Introduction**

Audun Hognes Berg (Head of International Secretariat, Norwegian Courts Administration)

10.10 – 10.30 **Introduction of delegations**

Albania, BiH, Croatia, Kosovo*¹, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia

¹ *This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in the line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

10.30 – 11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.00 – 16.00 Panel I: CEPEJ standards and Case Duration Monitoring Systems

- 11.00 – 11.30 Introduction to CEPEJ and its role, SATURN guidelines for judicial time management and its application in Croatia (**Ivan Crnčec, CEPEJ expert**)
- 11.30 – 11.50 Case Monitoring System in Norway (**Frank Egil Holm, Senior Adviser at the Department of Financial Control and Property Management, NCA**)
- 11.50 – 12.30 Presentations of the case duration monitoring systems in the Western Balkan countries:
- Macedonia
 - Kosovo

12.30 – 14.30 Lunch Break and Mingling

- 14.30 – 15.00 Introduction to the discussion (**Prof. Dr. Amer Demirovic, Judicial Statistics Expert**)
- 15.00 – 16.00 Discussion
- Issues proposed for discussion:**
- How does the case duration monitoring system promote efficiency?
 - What is regarded as a satisfactory judicial performance in relation to the number/percentage of cases disposed within the predefined timeframes in your judiciary?
 - If the timeframes are not explicitly stated in your judicial system, what are, if any, expectations regarding the length of court proceedings?
 - What remedies have you developed to tackle case duration related problems that you were able to identify through your case management system?
 - How do you deal with old cases in the case duration monitoring system?

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Day 3 (20 April 2016)

09.00 – 10.30 Panel II: Quota Systems

09.00 – 09.30 Overview of Quota Systems in the Western Balkans (**Prof. Dr. Amer Demirovic, Judicial Statistics Expert**)

09.30 – 10.00 Presentations of the quota systems in the Western Balkan countries:
- Serbia
- Montenegro

10.00 – 10.30 Discussion

Issues proposed for discussion:

- Why quota(s)? Timeframe indicators vs. quota?
- Does the quota system in your country take into account the complexity of cases (case weighting)?
- Should the quota be a part of the evaluation of judges, and what implications do that have for the application of the quota system at National and local level?

10.30 – 11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.00 – 12.30 Panel III: How electronic judicial information system(s) can support case duration monitoring and quota systems

11.00 – 12.00 Presentations (15 minute each presentation):

- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Norway
- Albania
- Croatia

12.00 – 12.30 Discussion

Issues proposed for discussion:

- What is the biggest advantage of your ICT system in supporting case duration monitoring?
- Do you have readily accessible information/reports on the waiting time during court procedures (when further progress in a case awaits action from a judge)?
- To what extent your case management system prevents procedural errors being made in a case?

12.30 – 13.00 **What next?**

Concluding Remarks

Sven Marius Urke (Director, Norwegian Courts Administration)

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch**