

2012 edition of the Crystal Scales of Justice Prize awarding ceremony Cérémonie de remise du Prix Balance de cristal 2012

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Initiative: Judicial Data Warehouse and Performance
Dashboards, presented by the Supreme Court of Slovenia



The Jury of the Crystal Scales of Justice recognizes that Information Technology is one the key driving forces towards innovation of justice. Indeed, over the past years, many judicial systems in Europe have introduced a large number of new information systems and have undertaken deep IT transformation projects to provide courts with innovative tools.

What the Jury liked of the project presented by the Supreme Court of Slovenia was, in particular, and preferred among the others, the accent given to two concepts. The first is datawarehouse which is the integrated approach to data gathering, processing and analysis. In fact, the management of justice cannot be anymore referred to the single courts. On the contrary, all courts across their country, must be considered a part of the whole system, and data must be collected with the same logic from all the offices, creating a single consistent database, able to provide strategic data to policy makers and to all stakeholder of the justice world. The second concept that the jury appreciated is performance, which is something not yet fully accepted by the operators of justice. The point is, and this is well explained in the Slovenian project, that one thing is the justice as the supreme right of the human beings, another thing is justice seen as a service to citizens, comparable to all other services provided by the public administration. In this sense, performance is a way of measuring the effectiveness and the efficiency of such service for the benefit of the collectivity.