

## Programme

# EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF JUDGES

## EARLY SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND THE ROLE OF JUDGES

24 and 25 November 2003  
Room 5, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg

### Monday, 24 November 2003

08.30 onwards	Registration (outside meeting Room 5)	
09.30	<b>Opening of the Conference</b> <i>Welcoming words:</i> – Mr Guy DE VEL (Director General of Legal Affairs, Council of Europe) <i>Overview:</i> – Lord Justice MANCE (Chair of the Conference, Chair of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE), Judge, Court of Appeal of England and Wales)	
10.00	<b>I. INTRODUCTORY SESSION</b> Introduction: Mr Alain LACABARATS (Chair of the Introductory Session, Vice Chair of the CCJE, Judge, Court of Appeal, Paris)	
10.05	The need for judges to assist parties to reach an early settlement of disputes (with particular reference to the experience of the Economic Courts of the Russian Federation) Report: Mr Veniamin YAKOVLEV (President of the Supreme Economic Court of the Russian Federation)	11.30
10.25	Interveners on the experience of their courts: (maximum 5 minutes each intervener)	11.35
10.40	Discussions	11.55
11.00	Break	12.10
		12.30
	<b>II. PROCEDURES AND TECHNIQUES TO ENCOURAGE EARLY SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES</b>	
	<b>a. Procedures to avoid litigation and provisional measures aimed at protecting parties during litigation</b>	
	Introduction: Justice Louise OTIS (Chair of the topic, Judge, Court of Appeal, Quebec) Report: Mr Alain LACABARATS (Judge, Court of Appeal, Paris)	
	Interveners on the topic (maximum 5 minutes each intervener)	
	Discussions	
	Lunch	
	<b>b. Protection of the parties' cases and evidence, time limits, accelerated and summary procedures and interlocutory judgments</b>	
	Introduction: Mr Peter LAMPE (Chair of the topic, member of the CCJE, President of the District Court of Maastricht) First report: Mr Raffaele SABATO (member of the CCJE, Judge, Naples)	
	Interveners on the first report (maximum 5 minutes each intervener)	
	Discussions	
	Second report: Mr Lars OTTEDAL BROCH (member of the CCJE, Judge, Supreme Court of Justice, Oslo)	
	Interveners on the second report (maximum 5 minutes each intervener)	
	Discussions	
	Break	

- c. Legislative and judicial incentives to early resolution**
- 16.30 Introduction: Mr Lars OFTEDAL BROCH (Chair of the topic, member of the CCJE, Judge, Supreme Court of Justice, Oslo)
- 16.35 Report: Mr Aleš ZALAR (member of the the CCJE, Judge of the Ljubljana District Court)
- 16.55 Interveners on the topic (maximum 5 minutes each intervener)
- 17.15 Discussions
- 17.45 Reception in the Restaurant of the Palais de l'Europe

## Tuesday, 25 November 2003

- d. Alternative dispute resolution (ADR / mediation)**
- 9.30 Introduction: Mr Raffaele SABATO (Chair of the topic, member of the CCJE, Judge, Naples)
- 9.35 Report: Justice Louise OTIS (Judge, Court of Appeal, Quebec)
- 9.55 Interveners on the topic (maximum 5 minutes each intervener): Mr Francesco BENIGNI, Rome, Mr Giuseppe DE PALO, Rome and Mr Jean A. MIRIMANOFF, Geneva
- 10.10 Discussions
- 10.30 Break
- e. Case management – a proactive and innovative but impartial judiciary**
- 11.00 Introduction: Mr Aleš ZALAR (Chair of the topic, member of the the CCJE, Judge of the Ljubljana District Court)
- 11.05 Report: Mr Peter LAMPE (member of the CCJE, President of the District Court of Maastricht)
- 11.25 Interveners on the topic (maximum 5 minutes each intervener)

- 11.40 Discussions
- 12.00 Lunch
- 14.30 **III. CLOSING SESSION**
- 14.30 Introduction: Mr Veniamin YAKOVLEV (Chair of the closing session, President of the Supreme Economic Court of the Russian Federation)
- 14.40 Conclusions of the Chair of the Conference: Lord Justice MANCE (Chair of the the CCJE, Judge, Court of Appeal of England and Wales)
- 15.00 Closing of the Conference

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### Note for participants:

This Conference has been organised by the Council of Europe in cooperation with the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE), a consultative body of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

The aim of the Conference is to identify means available to judges to assist parties to reach an early settlement of disputes. The conference will not deal with the early settlement of criminal cases.

Interpretation will be available in English, French and Russian.

### Documents:

All the documents for the Conference can be found on the following website:  
[www.coe.int/judges](http://www.coe.int/judges), under "Conferences"

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