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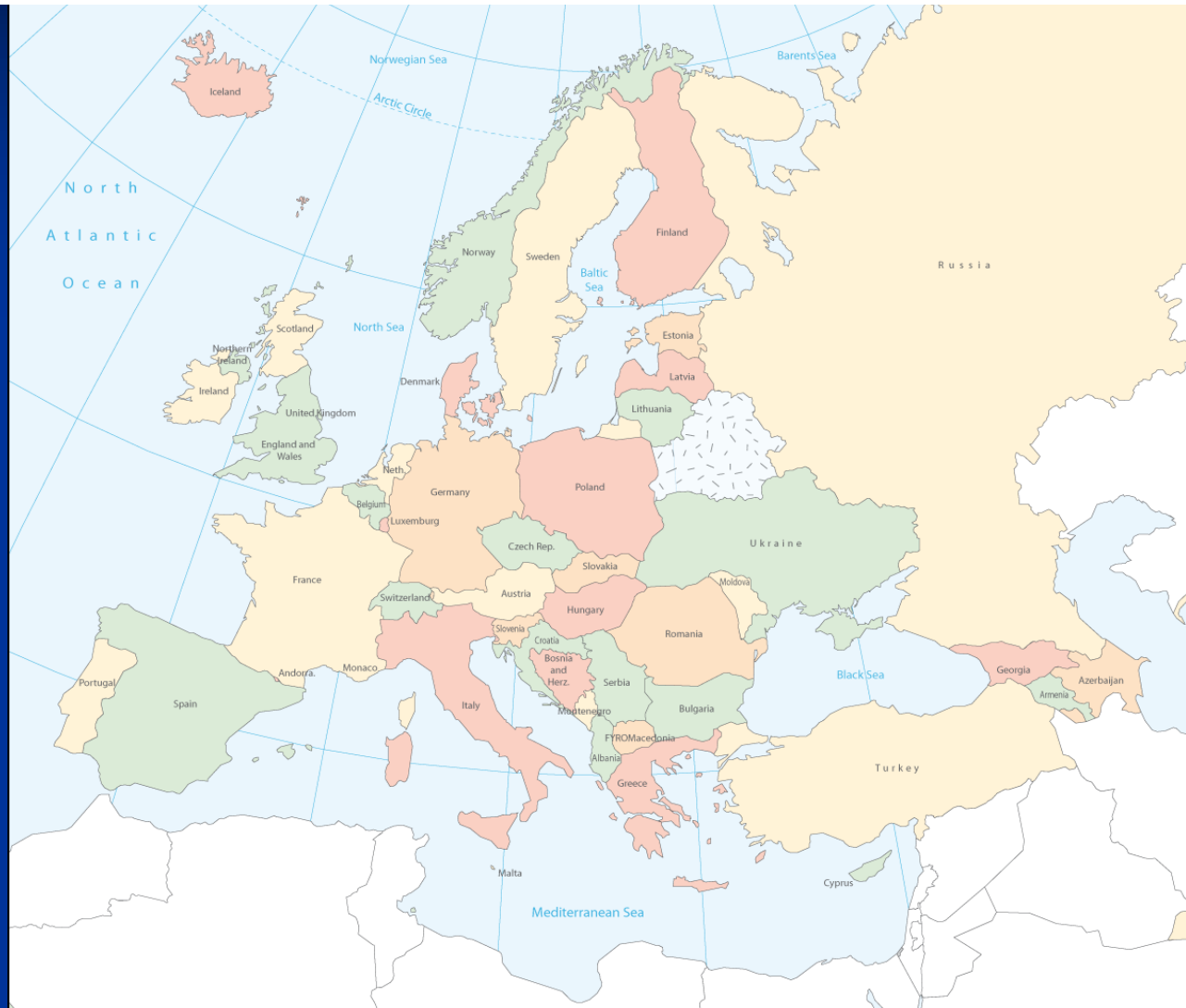
European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice Council of Europe



Council of Europe

founded in 1949
47 member states
engaged for
democracy, human
rights, rule of law

≠ European Union



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Council of Europe

European Convention on Human Rights (1953)

European Court of Human Rights



- Established on 18. SEP 2002
- Composed of experts from all the 47 member States of the CoE
- Bureau (4 experts)
Network of Pilot courts
Secretariat
- Mission to contribute to the improvement of the efficiency and the functioning of justice in all member states.



CEPEJ – Requests

- Promote better implementation of existing Council of Europe instruments used for the organisation of justice
= European standards
- Ensure that public policies take account of the need of court users
- Help to reduce the case-load of the European Court of Human Rights by offering states effective solutions to prevent violations of the right to a fair trial within a reasonable time (Art. 6 ECHR)



CEPEJ – Activities

- to analyse the results of the judicial systems
- to identify their difficulties
- to define concrete ways to improve the evaluation of their results and functioning
- to provide assistance at request
- to propose to the competent instances of the Council of Europe the fields where it would be desirable to elaborate a new legal instrument.



CEPEJ – Tasks

CEPEJ is

- improving the quality and efficiency of the European judicial systems
- strengthening the court users's trust and confidence



CEPEJ – Tasks

CEPEJ is not

- a monitoring or follow-up body of the results of the judicial systems of the member States,
- nor an institution which is competent to elaborate new binding legal instruments.



Develops concrete and pragmatic
→ **management tools,**
→ **best practice and**
→ **guidelines**
aimed at policy makers and
judicial practitioners



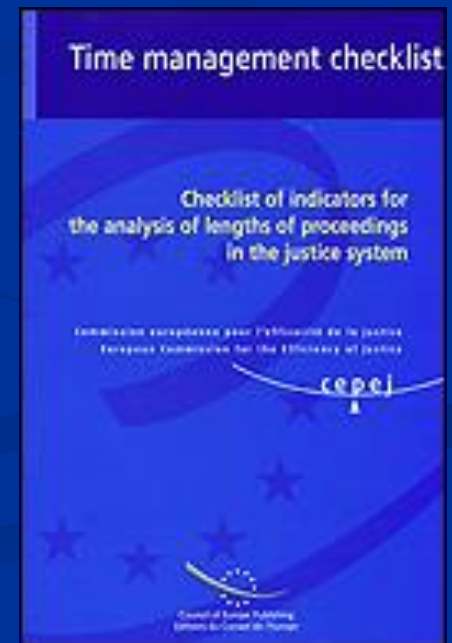
Analyses the functioning of judicial systems

→ Report on European Judicial systems



Have a better knowledge of judicial timeframes and optimize judicial time management

- SATURN Guidelines
- Judicial time management CL
- Compendium of best practices
- Studies





Promote the quality of the public
service of justice

→ Checklist for promoting the quality
of Justice

→ Handbook for conducting
satisfaction surveys

→ Studies

→ Other useful material



Facilitate the implementation of European standards

→ Guidelines for the better
implementation of the
existing Council of Europe's
Recommendation
- on enforcement
- on mediation





Provide assistance to
member states (at their
request), e.g.



- Court management
(judicial time management)
- Introduction of e-justice
- Reform of judicial system



Get the users closer to their justice system

- European Day of Justice
- Prize “The Crystal Scales of Justice”



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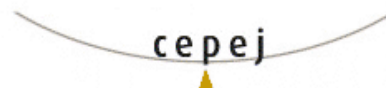
- Evaluation of Judicial Systems
- Judicial time management
- Quality of justice
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- Mediation
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PILOT COURTS

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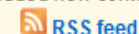


The CEPEJ report evaluating the functioning of the European judicial systems is public

In the framework of the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Council of Europe (Vienna, Austria, 20 September), the CEPEJ proceeded to the official publication of its 2012 report "European judicial systems". This report provides a detailed and comparative picture of the daily operations of judicial systems in 46 European states and gives a view on the main trends of the evolution of judicial policies in Europe. With this 4th biennial evaluation cycle, the CEPEJ proposes to public stakeholders and judicial professionals a concrete tool enabling to have a better knowledge of public service and justice in Europe, in order to improve efficiency and quality for 800 million European citizens.

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Plenary meeting of the CEPEJ



The CEPEJ plenary meeting took place in Strasbourg, on 5 and 6 July 2012, and was mainly devoted to the adoption of the 2012 edition of the CEPEJ evaluation report on the functioning