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# CEPEJ Guidelines, Studies and Evaluation Tools



# **CEPEJ Guidelines**



### **Guidelines of the CEPEJ**

#### CEPEJ(2014)15E / 12 décembre 2014

European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) - Guidelines on the organisation and accessibility of court premises

#### CEPEJ(2014)14E / 12 décembre 2014

European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) - Guidelines on the role of courtappointed experts in judicial proceedings of Council of Europe's Member States

#### CEPEJ(2014)16E / 12 décembre 2014

European commission for the efficiency of justice (CEPEJ) - SATURN revised guidelines for judicial time management

#### CEPEJ(2013)7RevE / 06 December 2013

Guidelines on the Creation of Judicial Maps to Support Access to Justice within a Quality Judicial System

#### CEPEJ(2009)11E / 17 December 2009

Guidelines for a better implementation of the existing Council of Europe's Recommendation on enforcement

<u>CEPEJ(2008)11E / 22 October 2008</u> CEPEJ Guidelines on Judicial Statistics (GOJUST)



#### CEPEJ(2007)15E / 07 December 2007

Guidelines for a better implementation of the existing Recommendation on alternatives to litigation between administrative authorities and private parties

#### CEPEJ(2007)13E / 07 December 2007

Guidelines for a better implementation of the existing recommendation concerning mediation in penal matters

#### CEPEJ(2007)14E / 07 December 2007

Guidelines for a better implementation of the existing recommendation concerning family mediation and mediation in civil matters

#### CEPEJ(2004)19rev2E / 13 September 2005

A new objective for judicial systems: the processing of each case within an optimum and foreseeable timeframe - Framework Programme



# **CEPEJ Tools**

Handbook for court satisfaction surveys

Compendium of "best practices" on time management of judicial proceedings

Time management checklist

Checklist for promoting the quality of justice and the courts

# **CEPEJ Studies**

22 studies till now



#### CEPEJ(2008)8RevE / 25 September 2013 SATURN guidelines for judicial time management

The 15 Saturn Starting Priorities Guidelines...

- a) Planning and Collection of data
- b) Intervention
- c) Collection of Information
- d) Continuing analysis
- e) Establishing targets
- f) Crisis management
- g) Timing agreement with the parties and lawyers



**SATURN guidelines for judicial time management** clear priorities and clear principles – piece of cake

"... lenght ... should be planned...."

"... estimating the timing needed..."

".... departure from standards (?) and targets (?)..."

"... integral duration... duration of most important steps.."

"... data continualy analysed... and used...,

"... rapidly address the cause of a problem..."

"... judge reach agreement... on calendar... with the help of ICT..."

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# WHO and... HOW!?



- Bureaucratic Data Collection
- Normative Framework (standards and goals)
- Capacity building
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Accountability and Action



## Bureaucratic Data Collection

- a) Standardised typology of cases throughout the system?
- **b)** Functioning Case Management System?
- c) Unique case ID?
- d) Overall length of proceedings?
- e) How cases are closed? Transfered to other court?

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- f) (Ac)counting principles?
- g) Data quality checks

# Normative Framework

- a) What do you want to measure? What we REALY measure?
- b) What is measured by others?
- c) Clear timeframes (Norway, USA, Austria, Netherlands...)?
- d) Quality (reversed, revised decisions)?
- e) Cost efficiency How to fairly distribute funds?
- f) What is program budgeting (Netherlands)?
- g) We need standards! Now, how to set standards?!
- h) Do you set standards through debate, or you need to use some scientific methods?
- i) Where is my strategic plan?



### Capacity building

- a) Who is doing checking of lengths of proceedings (or other elements of normative framework)?
- b) Is the monitoring of the overall length of proceedings centralised or decentralised?
- c) Do you have offices, furniture, ICT system in place for individuals to do a task? Where tasks are being performed?

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### Monitoring and Evaluation

- a) Benchmarking?
- b) What will be monitored? Which quantitative indicators?
- c) How often?
- d) Triggers? at court, department, judge level
- e) Who will formulate and recommend policies?
- f) Who will create Strategic Plan? How? What data will be used?
- g) Will the process be centralised?



#### Accountability and Action

a) We need more resources (!), but who needs resources even more?

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- b) Who will review policies?
- c) Who will monitor progress and impact (of applied policies, implemented strategic plan, etc.)
- d) Who is supposed to do something? When?
- e) BI and Business Process Management

### Closing remarks

Why many countries fail to utilise their ICT capacities in judiciary?

IT doesn't matter?

Why some countries are so efficient?

#### Questions?



### THANK YOU

