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ENCJ South-Western Seminar on Timeliness
Madrid, 28-30 November 2016
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Monday 28 November 2016 - Calle Trafalgar 27, Madrid

From 13:00 Registration

14:00 – 14:15 Opening and Welcome by President ENCJ Nuria Díaz Abad

14:15 – 15:15 Plenary Session

Niels Grubbe, *coordinator, former justice at the Danish Supreme Court and president of the Court Administration*

Scope, Impact and Causes of Timeliness. Balancing Remedies with other Quality Features and Independence

Luca Vercelloni, *researcher Centre of Social Studies of the University of Coimbra*

Reduction of Backlog; the Experience of the Strasbourg Program and the Census of Civil Justice

Ana Maria Carrascosa Miguel, *advisor at the CGPJ, Coordination of Mediation and ADR Programmes*

Mediation and other Forms of ADR in the Spanish Legal System

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 – 17:15 Work Shop session I: Reduction of Caseload

- Judicial dispute prevention
- Alternative dispute resolution
- Amicable settlement
- Extended competence of lower courts – limitation of appeal
- Multiparty actions

20:30 Dinner at (venue to be confirmed)



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Tuesday 29 November - Calle Trafalgar 27, Madrid

10:00 – 10:40 Plenary Session

Ana de Azeredo Coelho, *judge at the Court of Appeal, chief of the Vice President's Office*

Judges' President Competences: Transfer of Cases, Reallocation of Judges

Eva Jorge, *Ministry of Justice, Directorate-General of Justice Administration*

Flying Brigades

10:40 – 12:10 Work Shop session II: Capacity Management

- Balancing load and capacity
- Transfer of cases, reallocation of judges, flying brigades
- Retired judges and juridical assistants
- Composition of the tribunal

12:10 – 12:40 Plenary Session - Debate and Conclusions on topics I and II

12:40 – 14:10 Lunch

14:10 – 15:20 Plenary Session

Jesús González, *professor, adviser at the Spanish Constitutional Court*

The Spanish Experience concerning Small Case Procedures in Civil Matters

Isabel Namora, *judge, president of Coimbra Court*

Reduction and Limitation of the Hearing: Directive Powers and the Power-Duty of the Judge in Trial

Rui da Silva Leal, *lawyer, vice-president of the General Council of the Portuguese Bar Association*, and

Sérgio Manuel Valadas Silva Pena, *Prosecutor, General Prosecutor's Office*

Restriction of Witnesses and Written Testimonies: Simplification and Limitation

15:20 - 16:50 Work Shops III: Procedures and Case Management

- Procedural steps – reduction and time limitation
- Case management, call-overs
- Hearing – reduction and limitation
- Written judgements – simplification and limitation
- Small case procedures

16:50 – 17:20 Plenary Session - Debate and Conclusions on topic III

20:30 Dinner (venue to be confirmed)



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Wednesday 30 November 2016 - Calle Trafalgar 27, Madrid

09:30 – 10:10

Plenary Session

Antonello Ciriello, *magistrate, member of STO (IT development Commission)*
Processo Civile Telematico (PCT: On-line Civil Trial). Improving the Efficiency of the Justice and Reducing the Length of Civil Cases. The Italian Experience
Ivana Borzova, *Member of the Bureau of CEPEJ*
The Saturn Centre Experiences

10:10 – 11:40

Work Shop session IV: Processing and Goals

- Video and telephone meetings
- Electronic recording
- Electronic tracing and filing
- Specialization
- Staff
- Court rooms
- Requirements and goals for processing time
- Consequences of not fulfilment

11:40 – 12:00

Coffee break

12:00 - 12:30

Plenary Session - Debate and Conclusions on topic IV

12:30-13:00

Plenary Session - General Conclusions and Closing of the Seminar by Niels Grubbe

13:00

Lunch

For the workshops the participants will be divided into groups, each composed of representatives from the invited stakeholders, Councils for the Judiciary, Court Administrations, judges, advocates, and government officials. Each group will be invited to discuss relevant subjects listed, on basis of more detailed reference papers specifying questions to be addressed.



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