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European Commissions for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ)

Working Group on Evaluation of Judicial Systems (CEPEJ-GT-EVAL)

Peer Evaluation Visit

Estonia (6th Cycle)

Tallinn, 14-15 April 2014

PROGRAM

Monday 14 April, Ministry of Justice (Tõnismägi 5a, Tallinn)

9.30 – 10.00 Welcome speech. Short overview about Ministry of Justice – spheres of competence. (State Secretary of the Ministry of Justice, Margus Sarapuu)

10.00 – 11.00 Presentation about Estonian court system – the role of the Ministry of Justice, the Council for the Administration of Courts and the Supreme Court in the administration of courts (Ministry of Justice, Angelika Sarapuu)

Discussion (possible topics: functions of the Supreme Court: recruitment, training and promotion of judges, supervision and disciplinary authority) – Supreme Court, Tanel Kask

11.00 – 13.00 Presentation about project of the more efficient administration of justice – performance-based budgeting, court clerks as new position established among the court staff, reporting duty of the chairmen of the courts, presentation of the results achieved (Ministry of Justice, Kaidi Lippus; chairmen of the courts: Helve Särgava, Liivi Loide, Kersti Kerstna-Vaks)

Discussion with the representatives of the courts participating in the project.

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch in the Ministry of Justice

14.00 – 16.00 Presentation about e-solutions used in judicial system: E-File as a central database for courts, prosecution and police; Court Information System and Courts Statistics Portal (Ministry of Justice, Centre of Registration and Information Systems, Rasmus Karja, RIK)

Discussion with the persons responsible for the development of the IT tools in judicial system.

16.30 – 17.00 Visit of the Tallinn Administrative Court and Tallinn Circuit (Appellate) Court – (chairman of the Tallinn Administrative Court, Villem Lapimaa)

Tuesday 15 April, Ministry of Justice (Tõnismägi 5a, Tallinn)

9.00 – 09.45 Presentation about the institutions responsible for the collection of statistics on judicial system – the roles of Ministry of Justice, Council for the Administration of Justice, chairmen of the courts and analysts of the courts in the collection and analysis of statistics (Ministry of Justice, Angelika Sarapuu, chairman of the Tallinn Administrative Court, Villem Lapimaa)

Discussion (possible topics: methods of the collection and processing of judicial data; general monitoring and evaluation systems of court activities)

09.45 – 10.45 Presentations about the analysis of statistics, role of the Supreme Court in analysing the case law of lower courts – analysis on national justice system carried out by Ministry of Justice (Supreme Court, Maarja Lillsaar; Ministry of Justice Urvo Klopets);

Discussion with persons responsible for the activity of analysis: representatives of the Legal Information Department of the Supreme Court and Criminal Policy Department of the Ministry of Justice. More information about case law analysis in English at <http://www.riigikohus.ee/?id=1438>

10.45 – 11.15 Presentation about legal aid (Bar Association, Sten Luiga)

Discussion with the representatives of the Bar Association and Ministry of Justice

11.15 – 12.30 Presentation about the collection of statistics requested by CEPEJ – organisation of the collection and transmission of data, sources, difficulties (Ministry of Justice, Angelika Sarapuu, Külli Luha)

Discussion with persons involved in the collection of data requested by CEPEJ: Ministry of Justice, Supreme Court, Bar Association

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch in the Ministry of Justice

13.30 – 14.00 Final discussion and summary