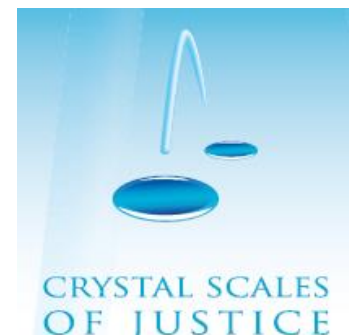




# European Day of Justice

## The crystal scales of Justice Award





**Celebrated each year on**  
**25 October**  
**since 2003**



- **Crystal Scales of Justice:  
Initiative by **CEPEJ****
- **European Day of Justice:  
Initiative by **CEPEJ** and the  
European Commission (Brussels)**



# **Civil justice is omnipresent in the life of all citizen**

**→ at work, when they get married,  
have children, buy goods and  
services**



**promote citizen's awareness of  
their rights  
better understanding how  
justice works**

- bring justice closer to  
citizen**
- improve access to justice**



- Each member State is free to participate and to organize, e.g.**
- open doors**
  - simulation of procedures**
  - meet judges and judicial servants**
  - information sessions**



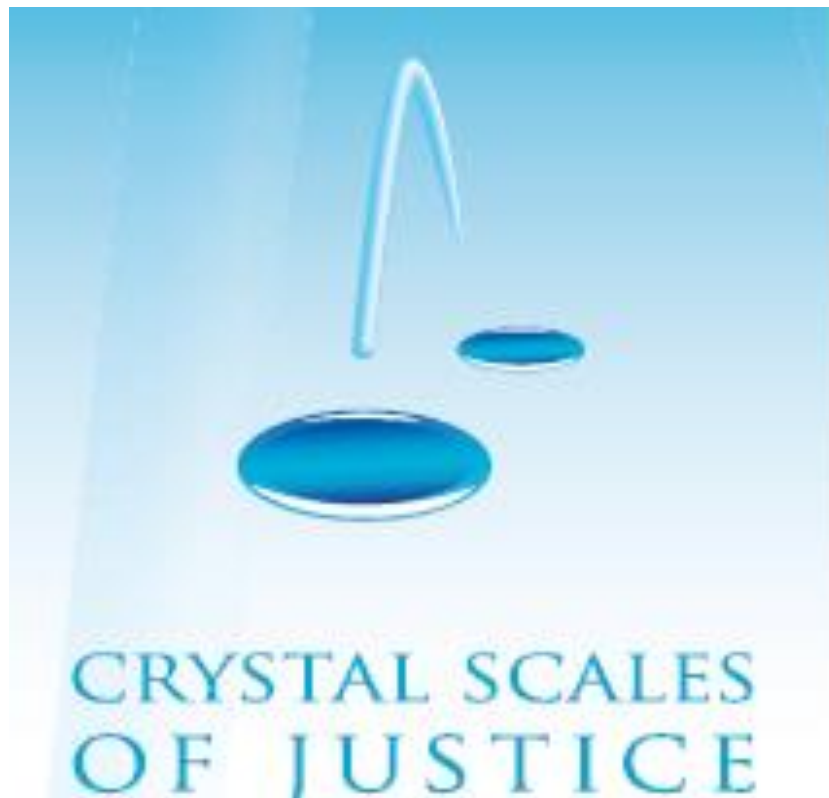
**In 2015 the main event took place  
in Banja Luka (Bosnia and  
Herzegovina) in the framework of  
the Chairmanship of the  
Committee of Ministers by Bosnia  
and Herzegovina**



# **In 2015, 10 countries organised events in the framework of the European Day of Justice**

**(Austria, Azerbaïdjan, Bosnia and Herzegovina,  
Republic of Moldova, Germany, Italy, Lithuania,  
Romania; Serbia  
Slovenia)**





# The Crystal Scales of Justice Award Since 2005

organised by **CEPEJ**



Competition to highlight  
innovative and efficient practised  
use in European courts  
→ improve the functioning of  
justice system



Competition open to :

- courts
- associations of legal professionals
- prosecutor's offices
- non-governmental organisations

...



# Projects from the fields of criminal and civil justice



## Criteria

- deal with judicial procedures or court organisation
  - innovative practices
  - effectively implemented
- have improved the functioning of justice
  - can be applied to other jurisdictions or states



Jury composed of 6 experts from  
the judicial world and one  
President

1 winning project is awarded  
3 other projects are given a  
special mention



## Past awards



2015: Judicial Institute for Scotland

[The Judicial HUB](#)

No Crystal Scales of Justice competition has  
been organised in 2013





## Past awards



2014: General Council of Spanish Bars

Online legal aid: Better solutions for people's rights  
in [French and English](#) / in [Spanish](#)

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been organised in 2013





# 2012: "Follow-up of judicial expertises" from the Regional Court of Antwerp

No Crystal Scales of Justice competition has been organised in 2013



# 2010: Yamol Administrative Court (Bulgaria): clear and open communication between the Court and citizen

No Crystal Scales of Justice competition has  
been organised in 2011



2009: The Central Board of  
Prison service (Poland): voluntary  
work of the convicts (helps  
needful people)



2008: Ministry of Justice (UK):  
Small claims mediation service  
(free mediation for parties  
wishing to settle disputes out of  
courts)



2015: 18 applications from some  
9 member states



**2016: take part in the European  
Day of Justice !**



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