

## HOW TO IMPROVE DAY-TO- DAY FUNCTIONING OF COURTS TOWARDS A MORE EFFICIENT JUSTICE?

European Roundtable between justice professionals  
organised in the framework  
of the Chairmanship of Bosnia and Herzegovina  
of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and of  
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The rapid development of information and communication technologies (ICT) has opened up new opportunities to significantly improve the administration of justice and functioning of courts. The availability of web services, the use of electronic filing, the exchange of legal documents electronically, the possibility of laws and jurisprudence on-line, the use of scoreboards for file and time management are only some examples that are spinning the judicial administrations around the world to rethink their current functions and activities. ICT can be used to enhance efficiency, access, deadlines, transparency and accountability, helping the judiciaries to provide adequate services to court users. However, IT equipment is not equivalent in all European courts. It requires a specific budget, training and expertise which are not systematically offered to the courts.

How to find a good balance between existing means (staff, budget, IT), the workload of the court and the obligation to provide an efficient and impartial justice? This question still remains a relevant topic for in-depth discussions between justice professionals all around Europe. The presentation of good practices already tested in European judiciaries can also help in these exchanges.

This Roundtable is proposed by the European Commission for the Efficiency of justice (CEPEJ) of the Council of Europe, the aim of which is the improvement of the efficiency and functioning of justice in its 47 member States. This event is organized in the framework of the Chairmanship of Bosnia and Herzegovina of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

## OPENING OF THE MEETING

9.00 - 9.30 **Igor CRNADAK**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe for Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Josip GRUBEŠA**, Minister of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Anton KASIPOVIĆ**, Minister of Justice of Republika Srpska

**Mato JOZIĆ**, Minister of Justice of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Safet PIZOVIĆ**, President of the Judicial Commission of the Brcko District

**Georg STAWA** (Austria), President of the CEPEJ

*New tools for an efficient justice in the XXIst century*

**Muriel DECOT** (Council of Europe), Co-secretary of the CEPEJ

## SESSION I - THE USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES WITHIN THE COURTS, INTERNAL TOOL FOR A BETTER CASE MANAGEMENT

9.30- 9.40 **The point of view of the Ministry of Justice**  
Intervention by **Fabio BARTOLOMEO** (Italy), CEPEJ member, President of the Jury of the Crystal Scales of Justice Prize, Director of Statistics at the Italian Ministry of Justice

9.40-9.50 **The point of view of High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina**  
Intervention by **Ružica JUKIĆ**, Vice President of High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia-Herzegovina

9.50 - 10.00 **The point of view of the judge**  
Intervention by **Amir JAGANJAC**, President of the Supreme Court of the Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina

10.00 - 10.20 Discussion

10.20 - 10.40 *Coffee break*

## SESSION II - GOOD PRACTICES THROUGHOUT EUROPE TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF JUSTICE - PRIZE AWARDING CEREMONY OF THE CRYSTAL SCALES OF JUSTICE PRIZE

Moderator: **Georg STAWA (Austria)**, President of the CEPEJ

10.40 - 11.30 **Presentation of the shortlisted initiatives in the framework of the Crystal Scales of Justice Prize** (by alphabetical order of the country of the initiatives)

▶ Court Administration of the Republic of Latvia, project "Recording of court hearings with technical means"

**Edvins BALSEVICS**, Director of Court Administration and  
**Andreta SKRASTINA**, Director of the Department of Courts and Land Registry

▶ Raad voor Rechtsbijstand (The Netherlands), project "Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) for Relational Disputes"

**Peter VAN DEN BIGGELAAR**, Executive Director, Dutch Legal Aid Board  
**Tsvetelina MIHAYLOVA**, Product Manager at HiiL Rechtwijzer Technologies

▶ Judicial Institute for Scotland, project "The judicial HUB"

**Alistair JM DUFF**, Director of the Judicial Institute for Scotland

▶ High Judicial Council of Serbia, project "Model Court Guideline for the Basic and Higher Courts in the Republic of Serbia"

**Aleksandar STOILJKOVSKI**, Judge, elective member of the High Judicial Council  
**Mr Dragomir MILOJEVIC**, President of the High Judicial Council of the Republic of Serbia, judge

11.30-11.50 **Publication of the name of the winner of the Crystal Scales of Justice Prize and Prize awarding ceremony**

11.50 - 12.00 Intervention of the President of the jury of the Crystal Scales of Justice Prize, **Fabio BARTOLOMEO** (CEPEJ member for Italy) and of **Dragomir VUKOJE**, Jury member of the Crystal Scales of Justice Prize (CEPEJ member for Bosnia and Herzegovina)

*End of the meeting*