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## **European Crystal Scales of Justice Prize for innovative practices contributing to the quality of justice to be awarded on 25 October**

Strasbourg, 22.10.2012 - The 2012 "Crystal Scales of Justice" award ceremony will be held by the Council of Europe and the European Commission on 25 October in Vilnius (Lithuania), on the occasion of the European Day of Civil Justice.

For the 6<sup>th</sup> year, the prize aims to promote innovative practices in civil matters, in respect of conduct of proceedings, court organisation and general functioning of the justice system.

The four projects selected by the jury, which will be presented in depth are:

- . The follow-up of judicial expertise - First Instance Court of Antwerp (Belgium)
- . Lexnet - General Secretariat of justice administration (Spain)
- . The co-hearing of the judge to family affairs - Auditor of children - Regional Court of Tarascon (France)
- . Judicial data warehouse and performance dashboards - Supreme Court of Slovenia (Slovenia)

The 2012 competition was open to all bodies responsible for justice affairs in the member states of the Council of Europe or the European Union.

The **prize awarding ceremony**, which is open to the press and the public, **will begin at 4.15 pm**, in presence of the jury members, Council of Europe and European Commission representatives and of the Minister of Justice of Lithuania; it will be followed by a **press conference** (Artis hotel, Liejyklos St. 11/23).

More information: [European Crystal Scales of Justice Prize](#), [European Day of Civil Justice](#)

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