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Yambol administrative Court of Bulgaria, Winner of the Crystal Scales of Justice Prize for innovative Court practices

Equal before the law, but not always equal before the language –

Improving communication between courts and citizens

Strasbourg, 25.10.2010 - The 2010 European Crystal Scales of Justice prize for innovative court practices was awarded today in Ljubljana, marking the European Day of Civil Justice.

The jury of eminent individuals from the judicial world, examined 50 applications from some 20 member states of the Council of Europe.

Yambol Administrative Court (Bulgaria) won the award for its efforts to help-users better understand judicial procedures and related information

Three special mentions were also given to projects from Austria, Finland and Slovenia:

- <u>Promoting safer driving</u>, represented by Regional Court of Linz and FMG Amor (Austrian Mobility Research)
- New way of systematic management of delay reduction projects in <u>courts - combining external expertise and internal participation</u>, represented b y University of Technology and Ministry of Justice (Finland)
- <u>Automated system for enforcement of authentic documents (COVL)</u>, represented by the Supreme Court of the Republic of Slovenia

More information on Crystal Scales of Justice Prize