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1. Objectives

By the joint organisation of the European Day of Civil Justice, the European Commission and the Council of Europe support initiatives which aim to bring justice closer to citizens. This Day represents an opportunity to inform citizens of their rights and offer them a better understanding of the functioning of the judicial systems through events organised mainly by courts. On this occasion, the work of the European Commission for the efficiency of justice (CEPEJ) is highlighted as a real support for justice professionals.

2. Support

The European Commission created posters translated into all Council of Europe Member States languages to be downloaded and provided with publications on the main legislative achievements towards creating a European area of civil justice.

The Council of Europe also sent documentation as well as pens, notepads and document wallets on request. Both organisations posted events on dedicated web pages.

3. Events by country

The main event of the 2012 edition of the European Day of Civil Justice was organised in Vilnius, by the National Court Administration of Lithuania. The Minister of Justice of Lithuania, as well as high level representatives of the European Commission and the Council of Europe took part in this event which included a conference on mediation with international keynote speakers.

On this occasion, the award ceremony of the Crystal Scales of Justice was held. This Prize has been jointly awarded by the Council of Europe and the European Commission since 2005 to highlight innovative and efficient practices used in European courts for court organisation or the conduct of judicial proceedings. The winning project of this edition was the work of the Regional Court of Antwerp (Belgium) on the follow-up of judicial expertise.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Municipal Court in Sarajevo

The court opened its doors to high school and law students as well as to media for a visit. A press conference was held in the court on the meaning of the European Day of Civil Justice. The event included a panel on communication skills and a judge's approach to amicable (alternative) dispute resolution and mock trial.

Cantonal Court in Novi Travnik

Free access to citizens and guided tours of law school students.

Representatives of the court presented to visitors the work of the court, the importance of information technology in the B&H judiciary (e-justice), with special emphasis on the audio recording of the trial. These tours were followed by a round Table on "Free legal aid - equal access to justice for all citizens." The round table was organised in cooperation with the project "Access to Justice: Dealing with the past and building confidence for the future", by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP B&H). It brought together representatives of ministries, courts, prosecutors, attorneys' offices, the bar association, the centers for social work and other governmental and non-governmental organisations in the Canton Middle Bosnia, with the aim of presenting the free legal aid system as a first step in achieving equal access to justice for all citizens. The event was open to the media.

Croatia

The Republic of Croatia celebrated the European Day of Civil Justice by organising a lecture on "Chapter 23 within the Accession of Croatia to the European Union", at the Faculty of Law in Zagreb. The purpose of this lecture was to inform the Croatian public on the negotiation and accession process of the Republic Croatia to the EU and on

the reforms in the judicial system. The invitation was sent to the students and exchange students of the Faculty of Law, representatives of NGOs, judges, state attorneys and civil servants.

Estonia

The Administrative Court of Tallinn organised a traditional moot-court event, this time for pupils of Audentes Secondary School. They introduced pupils to the basics of the court system and protection of rights. The case tried between the three classes was of a topical nature on current European affairs.

France

Court of Appeal of Rennes

The Court of Appeal of Rennes, the local representative of the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters, the « Maison de l'Europe-Europe Direct » of Rennes, and Haute Bretagne organised a round table on transborder procedures in Europe

Tribunal de Grande Instance de Toulouse

The *Cité européenne du droit* and the Court of Toulouse organised a colloquy on "Internet in Europe: liberty, equality and fraternity", on 9 November.

The *Cité européenne du droit* organised a colloquy on "The International Convention on the Rights of Children: an Utopy at the Digital Period?" on 20 November at the Court of Toulouse.

Germany

The Centre de Justice Eike von Repgow in Magdeburg organised various lectures, case simulations for students and a conference for judicial professionals on European judicial matters. This event was attended by high-level European Commission officials.

Ireland

Students from a number of universities in the Dublin area were invited to attend at the Four Courts in Dublin a series of presentations by judges of the Superior Courts. The presentations included an exploration of the work of the Supreme Court, the work of the Commercial List of the High Court, and the work of the High Court in civil cases generally with emphasis on personal injury cases and judicial review cases in the asylum area. Students had the opportunity to engage in question and answer sessions with the judges and to attend court hearings.

Italy

The Court of Bologna presented judicial instruments developed by the European Commission and the Council of Europe during a Conference addressed to judicial professionals.

The Juvenile Court of the Marche Region organised a meeting on family law (protection of children) on the occasion of the European Day of Civil Justice.

Lithuania

The main event of the 2012 edition of the European Day of Justice has been organised in Vilnius, in presence of the Minister of Justice of Lithuania. This event was made up of 3 events: a conference on mediation with international lecturers on current issues followed by a press conference. This conference has been followed by 2 awarding ceremonies; one organised by the Lithuanian Ministry of Justice, and the other one jointly organised by the the awarding ceremony to authors of the best short film on mediation and the Crystal Scales of Justice Prize awarding ceremony.

Republic of Moldova

The Supreme Court of the Republic of Moldova organised a round table on the implementation of reforms in the Moldovan justice system and hosted a visit of a group of students from the Faculty of Law of the State University. All courts held open doors with visits from students organised.

The Constitutional Court launched a new website including a database. A competition of all newspapers on access to courts was organised in universities.

Montenegro

A promotional event on "Civil justice with reference to the system of free legal aid" was organised by the Law faculty of the University of Montenegro in Podgorica. Lectures and debates were held on judicial reform and free legal aid.

Romania

The offices in charge of public relations for the courts transmitted a press release related to the European Day of Civil Justice that corresponds with the day of open doors.

The visitors, mostly students in law (and other fields) and school pupils, were invited to visit the court where they were accompanied by a judge or judicial clerk. Staff at the court explained the overall organisation of the court (the

archive, the registration office, the offices of the judges and the clerks, the rooms, etc) and the steps taken in proceedings.

Brochures on the New Civil Code and the guides for the orienteering of the claimant were distributed.

Some courts held extra events in local cultural centers in which representatives of local authorities also took part.

Meetings in local TV stations were organised and information leaflets were enclosed in local newspapers.

EJNCCM distributed the European Civil Justice Day posters to the courts, faculties of law and other institutions that develop judicial activities.

Some local courts organised short meetings for the professional training of the judges on the application of EC Regulations.

The Romanian National Institute of the Magistracy invited the Romanian national contact points for the EJNCCM from the Romanian Ministry of Justice, as well as the members of the Romanian Judicial Network in Civil Matters to celebrate the European Day of Civil Justice together with the representatives of the Romanian judges and members of the EuRoQuod Network in charge with the coordination of their colleagues in the field of the EU law.

The National School of Judicial Clerks also organised some events in their main headquarters as well as at their secondary headquarters in the territory.

Serbia

In the framework of ongoing judicial trainings in Serbia, the Judicial Academy of Serbia and the non-governmental organisation, the AIRE Centre (London), which specialises in ECHR and EU law, organised two events in Belgrade :

- on 25 October , participants from the Serbian Supreme Cassation Court and Appellate Courts attended a seminar to discuss issues arising from European Court of Human Rights case law on Article 6 of the ECHR
- on 26 and 27 October, senior judges and prosecutors who are part of the Judicial Academy's expert trainers group continued to discuss these issues, as well as the right to protection of property.

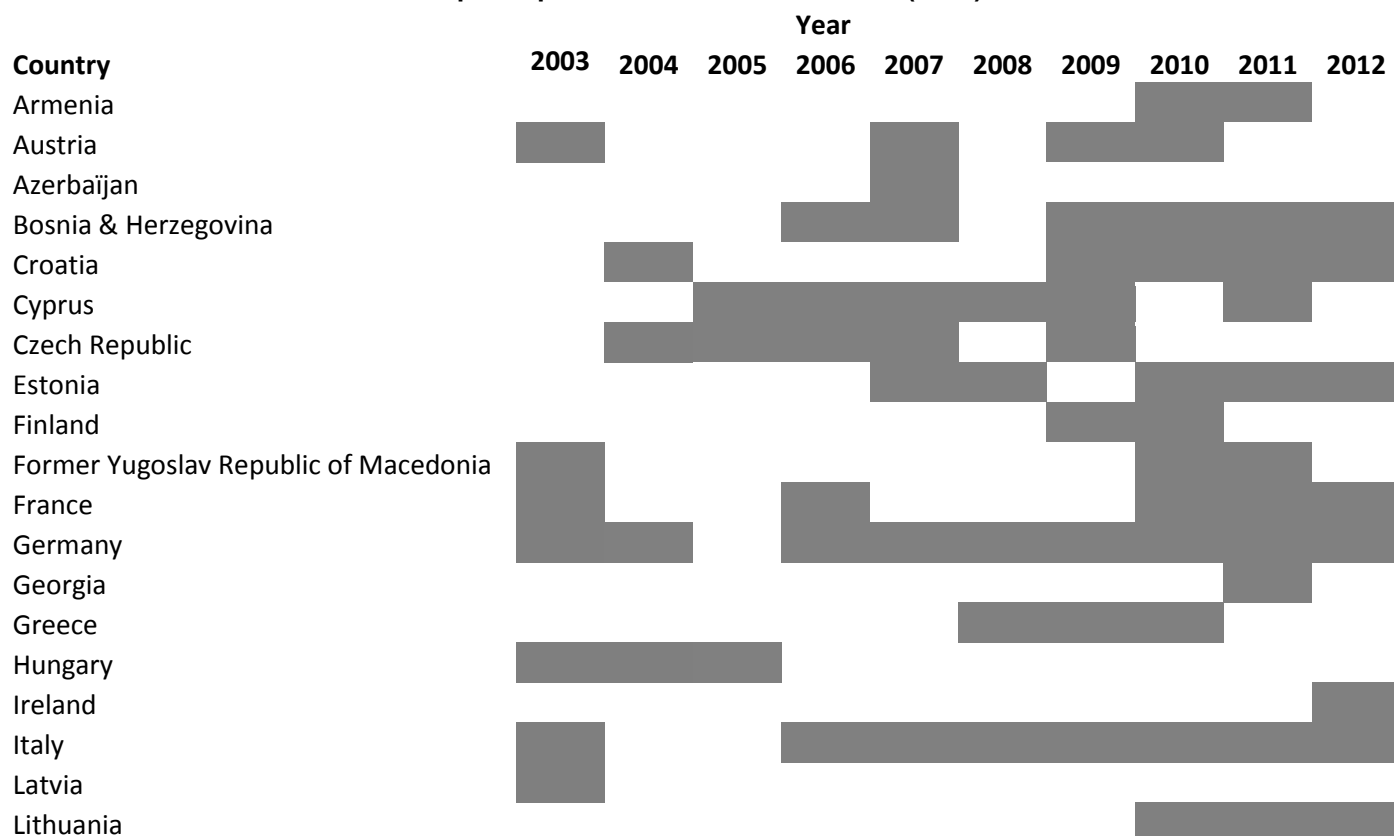
Slovenia

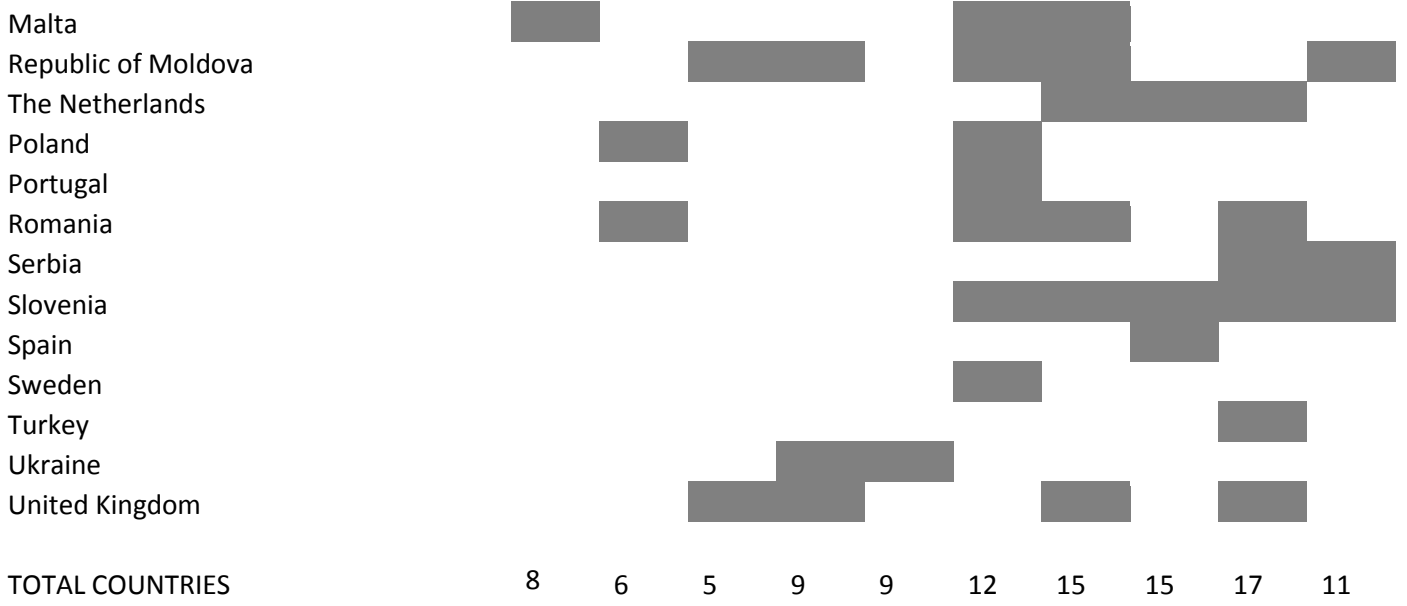
Two events were organised:

- a school for judges in the field of commercial and civil law, where different topics from the case law of courts connected with civil law were discussed by judges.
- The Supreme Court of the Republic of Slovenia opened its doors to the students of the University of Ljubljana Law Faculty. They also attended a presentation of the Slovenian judicial system and had the opportunity to discuss with a civil supreme court judge the vocation of a judge and his/her duties and responsibilities.

4. Statistics

EDCJ participation rate since its creation (2003)





Crystal Scales of Justice participation rate since its creation (2003)

Country	2005	2006	2008	2009	2010	2012	Grand Total
“The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”			1				1
Armenia					2		2
Austria	1	2	2	1	1	1	8
Azerbaijan						1	1
Belgium	6			1		4	11
Bosnia-Herzegovina		1	1		2	1	5
Bulgaria					3	1	4
Common (Austria and Germany)					1		1
Croatia					3		3
Cyprus	1						1
Czech Republic			2	1	1		4
Denmark			1				1
Estonia		1	1			1	3
Finland	2				2	1	5
France	1	4	4	1	3	6	19
Georgia						1	1
Germany	1		5	2	2	1	11
Ireland	1				2		3
Italy	1	2	11	8	7	2	31
Republic of Moldova		2					2
Norway	1						1
Poland		1	2	1		2	6
Portugal	1		3		3	2	9
Romania				4		1	5
Russian Federation				1		1	2
Slovenia	1				1	1	3
Spain	1	2		5	4	4	16
Sweden				1	1		2
Switzerland	1						1
The Netherlands	1		1	1		2	5
Turkey			1	2	1	4	8
United Kingdom	2	3	2	1	2	1	11
Grand Total	22	18	37	30	41	38	186

5. Press review

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La « Balance de Cristal » qui récompense les pratiques innovantes concourant à la qualité de la justice sera remis le 25 octobre

[15/10/2012-France Matin / France]

Le Prix européen 2012 « La Balance de cristal », attribué par le Conseil de l'Europe et la Commission européenne, sera remis le 25 octobre à Vilnius (Lituanie), à l'occasion de la Journée européenne de la Justice civile.

Pour la 6ème année, ce Prix permet d'identifier, de faire connaître et partager les pratiques innovantes dans le domaine de la justice civile en matière de gestion de procédure, d'organisation des tribunaux et de fonctionnement du système judiciaire en général.

Les quatre projets sélectionnés par le jury et qui seront présentés en détail sont : Belgique : Le suivi des expertises judiciaires – Tribunal de première instance d'Anvers

Espagne : Lexnet – Secrétariat Général d'administration de la justice

France : La Co-audition du juge aux affaires familiales / Auditeur d'enfant – Tribunal de Grande instance de Tarascon

Slovénie : Base de données juridique et tableaux de bord de la performance – Cour Suprême de Slovénie

La compétition 2012 a été ouverte à toutes les structures ayant des responsabilités dans le système judiciaire au sein des États membres du Conseil de l'Europe ou de l'Union européenne.

La cérémonie de remise des prix sera précédée d'une conférence de presse, en présence des membres du jury, des représentants du Conseil de l'Europe et de la Commission européenne et du Ministre de la justice de Lituanie.

Cour d'appel de Rennes : une journée droit européen – Bretagne

[20/10/2012-Ouest France / France]

La Commission européenne a instauré une journée de la justice civile européenne. Elle est fixée, chaque année, au 25 octobre, et se tiendra à la cour d'appel de Rennes, de 14 h à 18 h, au Parlement de Bretagne. Cette journée s'adresse plus particulièrement aux magistrats, avocats, notaires, huissiers... « L'idée est de sensibiliser les citoyens de l'évolution à la coopération judiciaire, notamment civile. Si l'on veut une Europe au sein de laquelle les Européens puissent circuler librement, s'établir ou changer de domicile, de travail, ce qui est le principe fondateur, il faut chercher les moyens de régler les conflits que cette mobilité est susceptible de générer », explique Marc Janin, conseiller à la cour d'appel de Rennes et représentant le Réseau judiciaire européen, co-acteur de cette journée avec la Maison de l'Europe de Rennes et de Haute-Bretagne.

La balance de cristal pour le tribunal de grande instance d'Anvers

[26/10/2012-Lextimes.fr / France]

Le prix européen de la Balance de cristal 2012, récompensant les pratiques judiciaires innovantes et efficaces en matière d'organisation des tribunaux, a été décerné hier au tribunal de grande instance d'Anvers, en Belgique, pour ses efforts consentis au suivi des expertises judiciaires.

Trois mentions spéciales ont également été décernées lors d'une cérémonie qui a eu lieu à Vilnius, en Lituanie.

« La co-audition du juge aux affaires familiales », présenté par le tribunal de grande instance de Tarascon (Bouches-du-Rhône), Lexnet, présenté par le secrétariat général pour l'administration de la justice espagnol et une base de données juridiques et tableaux de bord de la performance, présenté par la Cour suprême de la République de Slovénie.

Le Jury, composé de professionnels de la justice, a examiné 38 candidatures représentant 18 pays européens. La Balance de cristal est un Prix décerné conjointement par le Conseil de l'Europe, via sa Commission pour l'efficacité de la justice (CEPEJ), et la Commission européenne. ■ (A.A.)

Un prix européen pour le tribunal

[31/10/2012-La Provence / France]

Le prix européen La Balance de Cristal 2012, attribué par le Conseil de l'Europe et la Commission européenne, a été décerné au tribunal de Tarascon. Il vient couronner sa pratique d'écoute des enfants du divorce. Une démarche novatrice en France consistant en la mise en place d'un service de co-audition protecteur des enfants à partir de 8 ans. A Tarascon, l'enfant, assisté par un avocat est entendu par un juge aux affaires familiales et un auditeur

spécialement formé. Un double regard qui permet une meilleure prise en compte de la parole de l'enfant pris dans la tourmente du divorce de ses parents.

Un prix européen pour le tribunal de Tarascon

[01/11/2012-La Provence / France]

Il couronne sa pratique novatrice d'écoute des enfants du divorce



Jeudi dernier, Marc Juston et Mme Fabienne Allard, juge aux affaires familiales au tribunal de Tarascon, ont officiellement reçu ce prix à Vilnius des mains du ministre de la justice de Lituanie. Le fruit d'un véritable travail d'équipe. Le président du tribunal de grande instance de Tarascon, Marc Juston, ne veut surtout pas recueillir seul les lauriers que viennent d'attribuer le Conseil d'Europe et la Commission européenne. **"Si nous sommes parvenus à ce résultat, c'est parce que tout le monde ici s'est impliqué dans cette démarche, des avocats aux greffiers en passant par les juges"** justifie le magistrat.

La Balance de Cristal (c'est le nom de ce prix européen) vient couronner une démarche novatrice en France. **"Une démarche qui est prévue par la loi"** poursuit Marc Juston : la co-audition des enfants victimes de séparations conflictuelles.

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Pour résumer la démarche, l'enfant, assisté d'un avocat, est toujours entendu par le juge aux affaires familiales, mais aussi, et c'est l'originalité, par un auditeur spécialement formé. L'avantage, c'est bien entendu une meilleure prise en compte de la parole de l'enfant et par voie de conséquence, une meilleure appréciation pour le juge qui doit en dernier ressort prendre une décision. Un "double regard" valant assurément mieux qu'un simple.

"Ce travail, à deux professionnels aux professions complémentaires, avec en plus l'assistance de l'avocat d'enfant, permet une écoute affinée et réflexive de la parole de l'enfant, de ses besoins et de ses demandes. L'audition, au-delà du recueil des dires de l'enfant, devient une opportunité de changement, enfants et parents, en capacité pour les premiers d'exprimer leurs souffrances et leurs attentes, et pour les seconds de réinvestir leur fonction parentale exercée en commun dans l'intérêt retrouvé de l'enfant" ajoute le président Juston. Depuis sa mise en place en 2010, une centaine d'enfants de 8 à 18 ans a bénéficié de cette démarche de co-audition, avec un succès certain.

En 2005, le tribunal de grande instance de Tarascon avait déjà été honoré d'un prix européen pour son travail sur la médiation familiale.

Jean-Luc PARPALEI

Commission launches new online tool for cross-border debts

[25/10/2012-News Europe online / International]

On the occasion of this year's European Civil Justice Day, the European Commission launches a new online tool, the European Payment Order in order to facilitate creditors to recover uncontested debts in cross-border disputes. The European Payment Order is now available online in the European [e-Justice portal](#).

Drafted based on feedback from users and practitioners, the new forms make the Payment Order much easier to use, making the recovery uncontested pecuniary claims in civil and commercial matters more accessible to all EU citizens. The applicant has to fill an online form and if the necessary requirements are met, the court issues the order as soon as possible and normally within 30 days of the lodging of the application.

The European Civil Justice Day, celebrated on 25 October, is a joint initiative by the European Commission and the Council of Europe and aims to raise awareness over their rights of citizens and their access to justice anywhere in Europe. This year's main event is taking place today in Vilnius, Lithuania, with the participation of the Secretariat of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), the representatives from the European Commission Minister of Justice of Lithuania, Mr Remigijus Šimašius.

Tempi della giustizia: Italia maglia nera

[31/10/2012-Ilgiornale.it / Italia]

Cifre allarmanti nel nuovo rapporto della Commissione europea sui sistemi giudiziari: da noi alcuni processi durano oltre tre anni, molto più che negli altri Paesi membri

Cause civili che in Appello durano sempre di più e superano i tre anni e che in Cassazione sono lunghe in media 1.230 giorni. Procedimenti pendenti in primo grado che, pur in calo, sono più di 4 milioni, per una durata media ancora di molto superiore a quella degli altri Paesi europei. Che il nostro sistema giudiziario non goda di buona salute non è una novità, ma i numeri aiutano ad avere un quadro più preciso. Sono i dati del rapporto 2012 della Commissione europea per l'efficacia della giustizia, realizzata con il contributo dell'Istituto di ricerca sui sistemi giudiziari del Cnr.

Il nuovo bilancio (riferito al 2010) è stato presentato lo scorso 25 ottobre in occasione della Giornata europea per una giustizia civile più vicina ai cittadini. Il rapporto della Cepej-CoE (Commissione europea per l'efficienza della giustizia del Consiglio d'Europa) valuta i sistemi giudiziari di 46 dei 47 stati membri del Consiglio, mettendo a confronto budget, organizzazione della giurisdizione, flussi e durata dei procedimenti, patrocinii gratuiti a spese dello Stato. "Per l'Italia, si confermano i gravi problemi dovuti all'eccessiva durata dei procedimenti, ma si individuano anche segnali di miglioramento", spiega Marco Velicogna dell'Irsig-Cnr.

"Rispetto alla rilevazione del 2008 – aggiunge l'esperto – si registra un lieve calo (-3%) dei procedimenti pendenti, che rimangono però intorno all'imponente cifra di 4 milioni. Sempre in primo grado, migliora anche la durata media dei contenziosi civili, da 532 a 492 giorni: certamente ancora troppi, se paragonati ai 289 della Spagna, 279 della Francia e 184 della Germania, ma si tratta finalmente di una tendenza positiva". La situazione delle corti d'Appello rimane critica. Continua Velicogna: "Il settore penale registra un costante aumento nella durata dei procedimenti, con 998 giorni: 194 in più dal 2008 e ben 213 dal 2006. Peggiora ancora la situazione del civile dove le cause di secondo grado durano in media 1.267 giorni, oltre 3 anni".

Anche la capacità dei tribunali di smaltire gli arretrati è peggiorata. Né migliorano le cose presso le sezioni civili della corte di Cassazione: "Occorrono mediamente 1.230 giorni per concludere un procedimento: 169 in più dal 2008 – conclude il ricercatore –. I casi pendenti, però, calano del 3%. Va meglio nelle sezioni penali, con una durata sui 240 giorni". Qualche speranza, sostengono gli esperti del settore, arriva dalla graduale diffusione del processo civile telematico.

La Comisión Europea premia el sistema de notificaciones electrónicas Lexnet creado por Justicia [29/10/2012- Europapress.es / España]

El Ministerio de Justicia y su sistema de notificaciones electrónicas Lexnet han sido galardonados recientemente con la mención especial del VI Premio "Crystal Scales of Justice", otorgado por el Consejo de Europa y la Comisión Europea, con motivo del Día Europeo de la Justicia Civil que se celebró ayer en Lituania, ha informado este lunes el Gobierno.

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Con ocasión de tal evento, el secretario general de la Administración de Justicia, Joaquín Silguero, defendió este proyecto, que durante el presente año 2012 ha alcanzado la cifra récord de 135.000 notificaciones diarias.

Los miembros del jurado destacaron la iniciativa española entre 38 proyectos presentados a esta 6ª edición del premio, al considerar que es una práctica innovadora que permite mejorar la eficacia y el funcionamiento del sistema judicial.

El sistema Lexnet permite el envío de las comunicaciones entre los Tribunales y los profesionales de la Justicia de forma segura y dotada de las garantías de firma electrónica, por medio de una aplicación web, disponible para su consulta las 24 horas del día.

AHORRO DE 2 EUROS POR NOTIFICACIÓN

Lexnet permite un importante ahorro de coste y tiempo, ya que evita la impresión de documentos y los costes del envío postal de dichas comunicaciones a los abogados, procuradores, graduados sociales y demás profesionales de la justicia. Las notificaciones se practican en menos de un minuto y cada una de ellas supone un ahorro estimado en torno a los 2 euros.

La nueva versión de este sistema ha permitido que, durante 2012, se vayan a superar los treinta millones de notificaciones electrónicas, lo cual supone duplicar el número de las realizadas durante el año anterior.

Las mejoras operativas realizadas recientemente en el sistema han llevado a que más de 38.000 profesionales de la Justicia utilicen Lexnet como medio de comunicación con los tribunales y que los diversos sistemas de gestión procesal puedan conectarse por esta vía.

En la actualidad, destacan en el conjunto del Estado, las Comunidades Autónomas de Andalucía, Valencia y Cataluña por la utilización de este sistema que el Ministerio pone a su disposición de forma gratuita.

El Ministerio de Justicia trabaja ya, en colaboración con el Consejo General de Procuradores y el Consejo General de la Abogacía española, en que este sistema permita la presentación de escritos dirigidos a los tribunales, lo que supondrá un avance más en el camino hacia la supresión del papel que colapsa los juzgados, según el Gobierno.

To commemorate the European Day of Civil Justice Ministry of Justice and its Lexnet system receive 6th "Crystal Scales of Justice" Award

[29/10/2012- [La Moncloa website](http://LaMoncloa.com)/ España]

The Spanish Ministry of Justice and its system of electronic notifications, "Lexnet", were recently given a Special Mention at the 6th "Crystal Scales of Justice" Awards from the Council of Europe and the European Commission to commemorate the European Day of Civil Justice that was celebrated in Lithuania on Sunday.

To commemorate the event, the Secretary-General of the Justice System Administration Service, Joaquín Silguero, defended the "Lexnet" project (which achieved a record total of 135,000 daily electronic notifications in 2012) in

front of representatives from the Council of Europe and the European Commission, as well as the Minister for Justice and the President of the Lithuanian Supreme Court.

The members of the panel highlighted the Spanish initiative from among the 38 projects presented at this sixth edition of the awards, considering it to be an innovative project that enables improvements to the efficiency and operation of the judicial system.

The "Lexnet" system enables secure communication with the guarantee of an electronic signature between the courts and professionals working for the Justice system via a web application that is available for consultation 24 hours a day.

Lexnet enables a significant saving in both time and money as it avoids the printing of documents and the cost of sending this information by post to lawyers, court attorneys, labour relations professionals and other justice professionals. The notifications are delivered in less than one minute and each one represents an estimated saving of about 2 euros.

The latest version of this system enabled more than thirty million electronic notifications to be delivered in 2012, which is double the number of the previous year. Recent operational improvements made to the system mean that more than 38,000 justice professionals use "Lexnet" as a means of communication with the courts and that the various procedural management systems can also be inter-connected. At present, the autonomous regions of Andalusia, Valencia and Catalonia stand out for their use of this system that the Ministry of Justice has made available free of charge.

The Ministry of Justice is already working in collaboration with the General Council of Court Attorneys and the General Council of Spanish Lawyers on enabling the use of this system to present documents addressed to the courts. This would represent another step along the path to eliminating the paper burden that collapses the Spanish court system.

El sistema de notificaciones electrónicas Lexnet creado por Justicia premiado por la Comisión Europea [30/10/2012- Informativo juridici / España]

El Consejo de Europa y la Comisión Europea premian el sistema de notificaciones electrónicas Lexnet creado por el Ministerio de Justicia, en la 6ª edición del Premio 'Crystal Scales of Justice'

El Consejo de Europa y la Comisión Europea han premiado el sistema de notificaciones electrónicas Lexnet creado por el Ministerio de Justicia.

El secretario general de la Administración de Justicia, Joaquín Silguero, ha defendido este proyecto en la 6ª edición del Premio 'Crystal Scales of Justice', donde ha despuntado la propuesta española de entre 38 proyectos presentados, al ser considerada una iniciativa innovadora.

El sistema Lexnet permitirá mejorar la eficacia y el funcionamiento del sistema judicial, ya que los Tribunales y los profesionales de la Justicia se podrán comunicar de forma segura y con la garantía de firma electrónica, a través de una aplicación web disponible para consultar las 24 horas del día.

Además, Lexnet permitirá que las notificaciones se practiquen en menos de un minuto y cada una de ellas supondrá un ahorro aproximado de 2 euros.

Project van Antwerpse rechtbank kaapt Europese prijs weg in Litouwen [26/10/2012- Knack.be / Belgique]

(Belga) De rechtbank van Antwerpen heeft de prestigieuze 'Crystal Scales of Justice' in de wacht gesleept voor haar project dat het deskundigenonderzoek in burgerlijke zaken moet versnellen. Rechter Greet Nuyens mocht de prijs gisterenavond in ontvangst nemen in Litouwen.

De Europese Raad en Commissie organiseren de wedstrijd sinds 2005. Ze gaan op zoek naar innovatieve projecten die juridische procedures of de organisatie van de rechtbank efficiënter doen verlopen. Rechtbanken uit heel Europa dienden dit jaar 37 projecten in. De rechtbank van Antwerpen kreeg eerder al te horen dat zijn project de shortlist had gehaald, samen met nog drie anderen, maar wist uiteindelijk ook de prijs weg te kapen. (ANA)

Regional Court of Antwerp wins the Crystal Scales of Justice Prize [29/10/2012- watchdog.org/ International]

Regional Court of Antwerp won the the 2012 European Crystal Scales of Justice prize for innovative court practices. The prize was awarded in Vilnius, marking the European Day of Civil Justice, in presence of the Minister of Justice of Lithuania. The jury examined 38 applications from some 18 European States.

The Regional Court of Antwerp won the award for its efforts in the area of judicial expertises. Three special mentions were also given to projects from France, Spain and Slovenia.

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