

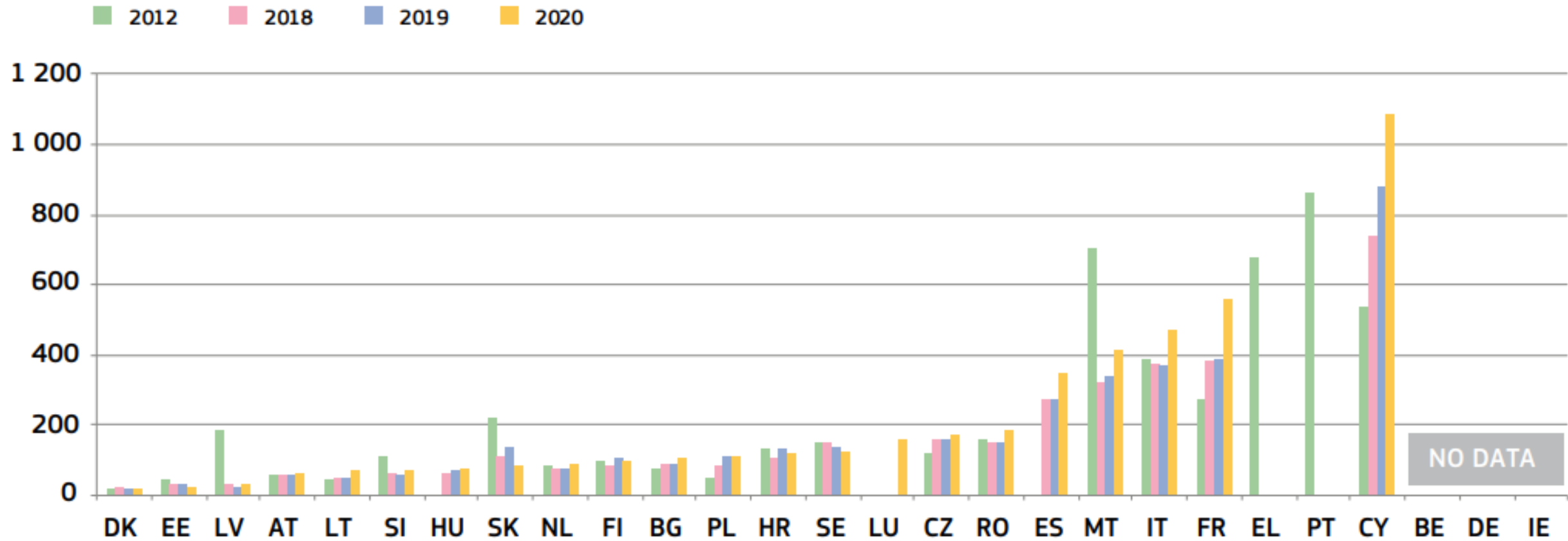


Digital Civil Courts – Long Term Experience and Outlook

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WHY?

Figure 6 Estimated time needed to resolve civil, commercial, administrative and other cases in 2012, 2018 – 2020 (*) (1st instance/in days) (source: CEPEJ study)



(*) Under the CEPEJ methodology, this category includes all civil and commercial litigious and non-litigious cases, non-litigious land and business registry cases, other registry cases, other non-litigious cases, administrative law cases and other non-criminal cases. Methodology changes in **SK**. Pending cases include all instances in **CZ** and, until 2016, in **SK**. **LV**: the sharp decrease is due to court system reform, error checks and data clean-ups of the information system.

HOW?

**People
Law**

Hardware & Software

How to become tech-savvy?



Innovative legislation



Code of Civil Procedure (previous)

§ 56. Case file in a civil case

(1) For each civil case, the court keeps a case file in which it collects, in chronological order, all procedural documents and other documents relevant to the case from all judicial instances, including records of proceedings and judicial dispositions. In situations provided for by law, other objects relevant to the proceedings are annexed to the file.

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§ 57. Digital case file

(1) The case file may be kept in its entirety or in part in the digital form.

(2) Paper documents are scanned and saved under the entry for the appropriate case in the Judicial Information System. The system automatically records the time of saving the document and the particulars of the person saving it. Documents saved in the system are deemed equivalent to paper documents.

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Code of Civil Procedure

§ 56. Case file in a civil case

(1) For each civil case, the court keeps a case file in the Judicial Information System in which it includes, in chronological order, all procedural documents as well as any other particulars relevant to the case from all judicial instances. In situations provided for by law, any other property objects relevant to the proceedings are also deemed to be part of the file.

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§ 57¹. Impossibility of keeping a digital case file

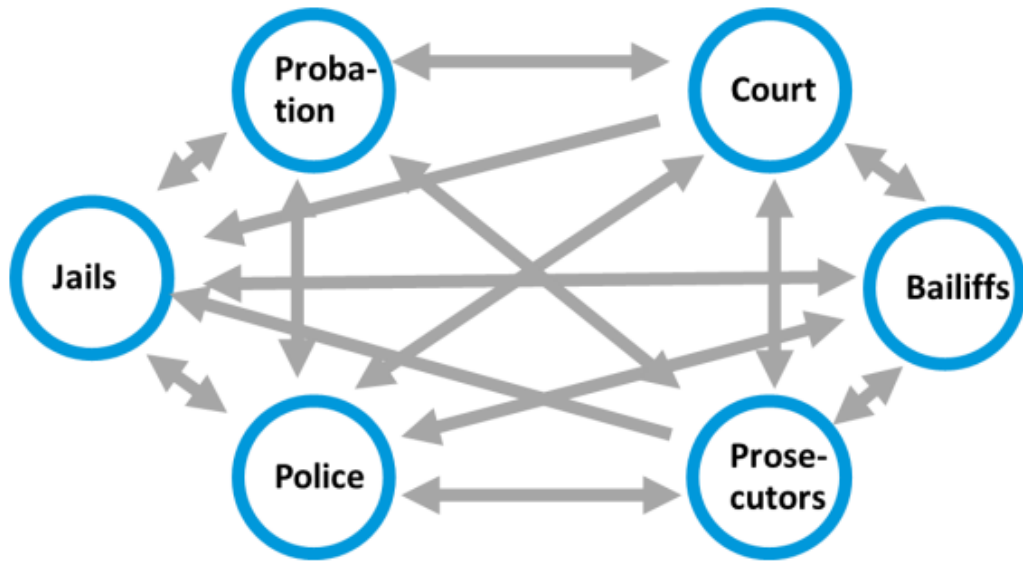
Where, due to a failure of the technical systems required to work on the digital case file – or to any other extraordinary circumstances – it is impossible to work on the file, as well as where, due to the location at which the procedural operation is carried out or to the urgency of creating a procedural document, it is temporarily not possible to carry out the operation or create the document in the digital form, the file or a part of the file is worked on in paper form. When the extraordinary circumstances are no longer present, the paper file or any document that is part of the paper file is added to the Judicial Information System without delay.

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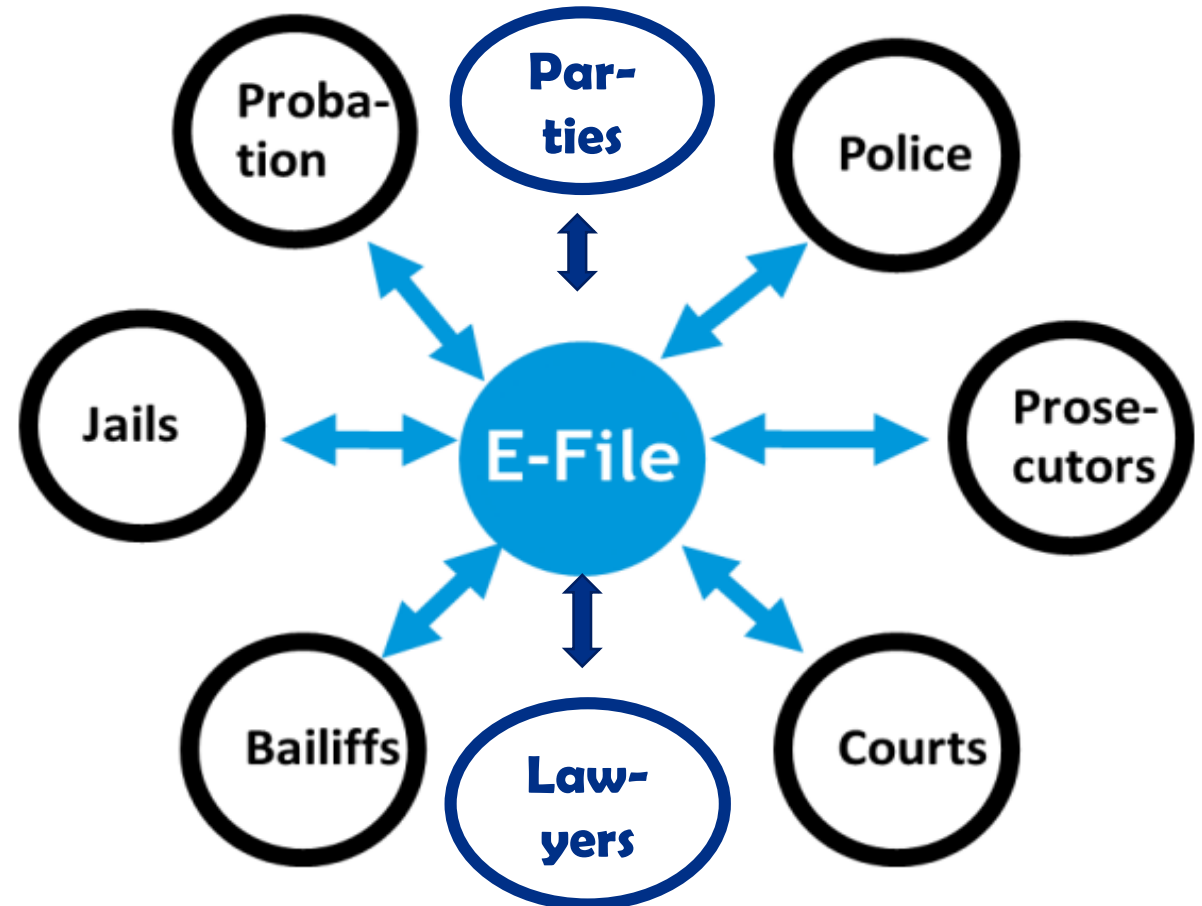
Judging a cybercrime case with tools from Middle Ages



Life before e-file



Life with e-file



**Future:
less citizens in
labor market
and
more cases in
courts.**



Questions?

