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**EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR THE EFFICIENCY OF JUSTICE
(CEPEJ)**

41st plenary meeting

4 and 5 December 2023

(Strasbourg, France)

Abridged report

A. FOREWORD

The European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) of the Council of Europe held its 41st plenary meeting in Strasbourg (France) on 4 and 5 December 2023. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Francesco DEPASQUALE (Malta), President of the CEPEJ.

The meeting was opened by Christophe POIREL, Director of the Human Rights Directorate, who recalled the main work to be examined during this meeting.

The agenda and the list of participants are appended.

The meeting started with a panel discussion and presentations of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Systems applied in the field of justice.

The meeting began with a Study session on Artificial intelligence (AI) in the service of justice. The CEPEJ took this opportunity to thank Mr. Marek Świerczyński (Poland), Professor of Law, Member of the CEPEJ Artificial Intelligence Advisory Board (AIAB) for moderating this session. The CEPEJ also thanked Mr. Jan Spoenle (Germany), Judge at the Stuttgart Court of Appeal, Member of the CEPEJ Pilot Courts Network, who spoke about *AI support for the processing of mass trials*, Mr Pedro Alexandre Monteiro Almeida (Portugal), European Affairs Coordinator, Portuguese Ministry of Justice, Member of CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST who spoke about *Generative AI for a practical guide to access to justice*, Mr. Jacques Bühler (Switzerland), Deputy Secretary General of the Swiss Federal Supreme Court, member of the CEPEJ and the CEPEJ European e-Justice Network who spoke about *anonymisation of Court decisions through AI*, and Javier Hernández (Spain), Deputy Director General for Digital Transformation, Ministry of Justice who spoke about *machine learning applied to judicial hearings*, for the high quality of their presentations.

B. LIST OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CEPEJ

The CEPEJ:

1. Recent developments in the field of justice in the Member and Observer States

- **took note** of the information provided by delegations of Austria, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Slovak Republic, and Ukraine on a number of significant developments in their countries since June 2023.

2. Evaluation of judicial systems

- **took note** of the information concerning the preparation of the next CEPEJ Evaluation Report "European judicial systems" (Edition 2024, 2022 data) and notably of the structure of the report and the timetable of its preparation, **took note** of the work in progress within the Working Group on Evaluation (CEPEJ-GT-EVAL) to increase the support provided to CEPEJ national correspondents and to further improve the visibility of the report, **reminded its members** to ensure that the national correspondents respect the deadlines for data collection and to especially avoid changes in the data used for standardisation (GDP, number of inhabitants) after 1 June 2024;
- **encouraged** delegations to contact the Secretariat with a view to organising peer reviews or specific missions to support the collection and quality control of data for the next cycle;
- **welcomed** the continued cooperation with the European Commission, on the basis of the CEPEJ's own evaluation methodology, on: (i) an annual study on the functioning of the judicial systems in the EU member states, (ii) the annual evaluation of the functioning of the judicial systems in the beneficiaries of the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia), (iii) the annual evaluation of the functioning of judicial systems in the "Eastern Partnership" countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine), **took note** of the on-going discussions concerning the possible transfer of certain data collected from CEPEJ to EUROSTAT **and entrusted** the CEPEJ-GT-EVAL with the task of continuing this co-operation, which reinforces the preeminent role of the CEPEJ in the field of evaluation of justice, as well as the synergies between the European Union and the Council of Europe in this field.

3. Joint work CEPEJ-GT-QUAL / CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST on artificial intelligence

- **took note** of the progress in the implementation of the "Revised Roadmap to ensure the appropriate follow-up of the CEPEJ European Ethical Charter on the use of artificial intelligence in judicial systems and their environment"¹ and in particular of the work of the CEPEJ Artificial Intelligence Advisory Board (AIAB), the finalisation of the work on the operationalisation of the CEPEJ Charter (see also item 4 below) and the progressive establishment of the Resource Centre on Cyberjustice and Artificial Intelligence, **and invited** its members to submit information on relevant cyberjustice and artificial intelligence systems via a dedicated online form on the webpage of the Resource Centre.

4. Quality of justice

- **adopted** the "Assessment tool for the operationalization of the "European Ethical Charter on the use of artificial intelligence in judicial systems and their environment"² and **invited** the CEPEJ Secretariat to organise a test by applying it to an Artificial Intelligence system in order

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

¹ CEPEJ(2021)16

² CEPEJ(2023)16final

to further promote the Charter and its operationalization, and thus contribute to the responsible development of Artificial Intelligence applications in judicial systems;

- **took note** of the document "How to evaluate the quality of judges' work: a comparative analysis"³, which will serve as a basis for the development of guidelines in this area, possibly finalised before the next plenary meeting.

5. Judicial time management

- **adopted** the "Report on case weighting in public prosecution services"⁴;
- **adopted** "the Concept note on the database on backlog reduction practices"⁵;
- **took note** of the work in progress on the tool to analyse the length of the steps of the civil procedure⁶.

6. Cyberjustice and artificial intelligence

- **adopted** the "Guidelines on online Alternative Dispute Resolution"⁷;
- **took note of** the activities of the European Cyberjustice Network (ECN) currently composed of 87 members and 37 observers, **and welcomed** the opening of its thematic webinars to the CEPEJ Network of Pilot Courts and the CEPEJ members.

7. CEPEJ co-operation programmes

- **took note** of the ongoing activities, achievements and next steps of the cooperation programmes presented in the synthesis document⁸ and the presentation by project coordinators and managers concerning Albania, Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kosovo*, Latvia, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Tunisia and the South Programme V, as well as of a brief presentation of a future programme with Morocco that should start beginning of 2024;
- **took note** of the call for expressions of interest to be launched by the Secretariat mid-December for the pool of experts for cooperation programs, for which the deadline for applications is 31 January 2024.

8. Development of online training modules on CEPEJ tools

- **welcomed** the finalisation of the HELP-CEPEJ course on "Quality of justice: the work of the CEPEJ" that is available on the HELP (Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals) platform of online training courses and includes different modules in the fields of quality of justice, evaluation of judicial systems, cyberjustice and Artificial Intelligence, mediation and judicial time management;

³ CEPEJ-GT-QUAL(2023)11PROV2

⁴ CEPEJ(2023)14

⁵ CEPEJ(2023)15

⁶ CEPEJ-SATURN(2023)11

⁷ CEPEJ(2023)19

⁸ CEPEJ-COOP(2023)2

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- **thanked** Eva Pastrana, Head of the Council of Europe's Justice and Human Rights Training Division, for her presentation of the HELP platform's work and for her collaboration throughout the preparation of the CEPEJ course.

9. Preparation of the CEPEJ Activity programme 2024-2025

- **adopted** the CEPEJ 2024-2025 Activity Programme⁹ and **agreed** to submit it to the Committee of Ministers to take note of it;
- **entrusted** its Bureau to appoint its working groups members on the basis of the proposals presented by the members of the CEPEJ and sent to the CEPEJ Secretariat before 6 January 2024.

10. Crystal Scales of Justice Prize

- **thanked** the French Ministry of Justice for the excellent organisation of the Award Ceremony of the Crystal Scales of Justice Prize in Paris on 4th October 2023;
- **thanked** Ms Sonya Djemni Wagner, Chair of the jury of this Prize and member of the Bureau of the CEPEJ, as well as the members of the jury for their valuable commitment and the added value of their analysis;
- **welcomed** the quality of the initiatives received by the Secretariat and encouraged the member States to promote them;
- **congratulated** the winner of the 2023 edition of the Crystal Scales of Justice Prize: "« Kids in Court Game (KiCGame)» presented by the Cyprus Judicial Training School and "Hope For Children" CRC Policy Center (Cyprus), and also the institutions which received a special mention: "Facility Dogs Europe – FYDO" (Victim Support Europe, Belgium, France, Italy) and "Civil and criminal chamber specialised in environmental and urbanism matters" (Court of appeal of Mons, Belgium) and **thanked** them for their detailed presentations.
- **took note** of the launch of the 3rd Crystal Scales of Justice Prize – Junior Edition.

11. Observers and participants

- **took note** of the information provided by the observers: the European Expertise and European Institute (EEEI), the International Union of Judicial Officers (UIHJ), the European Union of Rechtspfleger and court clerks (EUR) and the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE);
- **took note** of the information provided by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in the field of justice.

12. Relations between CEPEJ and other Council of Europe Bodies

- **thanked** the President of the Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE) and the Secretariat of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) for their presentation of the ongoing work within both Councils and their proposals to consolidate the coordination and co-operation with the CEPEJ.

13. Other items

⁹ CEPEJ(2023)13PROV7


- **took note** that the 42d plenary meeting of the CEPEJ will take place in Strasbourg, on 18 and 19 June 2024, and that all the dates of the other CEPEJ meetings are indicated in the calendar which is on the CEPEJ website.

Annex I : Agenda

Meeting with simultaneous French-English interpretation
The order of business can be different than the order of the items in the agenda

December 4 morning (9:30am - 12:00pm): Study session on "Artificial intelligence in the service of justice - concrete examples of implementation".

December 4 afternoon (4:30 - 5:30 pm): Presentation of the Crystal Scale of justice award initiatives

Documents preceded by the sign  are submitted for examination by the CEPEJ in view of their adoption.

No document will be distributed at the meeting

The working documents are available, in restricted access, on the [CEPEJ collaborative workspace](#) which is regularly updated. You can access this space by logging in with your email address and the password you have been given. If you encounter any problem of access or for any other information, please contact: Sandrine.lutz@coe.int

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| 1 | OPENING OF THE MEETING | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Introduction by Christophe Poirel, Director of Human Rights➤ Adoption of the agenda and other information | BACKGROUND DOCUMENT

Draft agenda of the 41 st CEPEJ plenary meeting |
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| 2 | WORKSHOP SESSION | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ "Artificial intelligence (AI) in the service of justice - concrete examples of implementation"

<i>Moderator: Marek Świerczyński (Poland),
Professor of law, Member of the CEPEJ Artificial Intelligence Advisory Board (AIAB)</i>✚ AI support for the processing of mass trials
<i>Speaker: Jan Spoenle (Germany), Judge, Appeal Court of Stuttgart, Member of the CEPEJ Pilot Court Network</i>✚ Generative AI for a practical guide to access to justice (GPJ)
<i>Speaker: Pedro Alexandre Monteiro Almeida (Portugal), Head, International Cooperation Unit, Ministry of Justice of Portugal, Member of the CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST</i>✚ Anonymisation of Court decisions through AI (ANOM)
<i>Speaker: Jacques Bühler (Switzerland), Deputy Secretary General of the Swiss Federal Tribunal,</i> | |
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Member of the CEPEJ and of the CEPEJ
European Cyberjustice Network

✚ **Voice to text, machine learning applied to
judicial hearings**

Speaker: Javier Hernández (Spain), Deputy
Director General for Digital Transformation,
Ministry of Justice

3 RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE FIELD OF JUSTICE IN MEMBER AND OBSERVERS STATES	<p>➤ <i>Delegations are invited to inform the CEPEJ of significant developments in their country since June 2023 - Interventions limited to 3 minutes</i></p>	
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4 EVALUATION OF JUDICIAL SYSTEMS (CEPEJ-GT-EVAL)	<p>➤ <i>Presentation of the ongoing work by Jaša VRABEC (Slovenia), President of the CEPEJ-GT-EVAL</i></p> <p>✚ 2024 evaluation cycle (2022 data) – Preparation of the CEPEJ Evaluation report on European judicial systems</p> <p>✚ Data collection support and peer evaluation</p> <p>✚ Use and dissemination of the Report</p> <p>✚ Cooperation with the European Union</p> <p>➤ Study on the functioning of judicial systems in the member States of the European Union (EU Justice Scoreboard)</p> <p>➤ Eurostat data</p> <p>➤ Dashboard Western Balkans</p> <p>➤ Justice Dashboard Eap (Eastern Partnership countries)</p>	<p>BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</p> <p>Scheme for evaluating European judicial systems – 2024 cycle CEPEJ(2022)9rev1</p> <p>Explanatory note to the Evaluation scheme – 2024 cycle CEPEJ(2023)2</p> <p>45th meeting report of the CEPEJ-GT-EVAL CEPEJ-GT-EVAL(2023)11</p>
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5 JOINT WORK ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (CEPEJ-GT-QUAL/CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST)	<p>➤ <i>Presentation of the ongoing work by Maria Giuliana CIVININI (Italy), President of the CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST</i></p> <p>✚ Resource Centre on Cyberjustice and Artificial Intelligence (AI)</p> <p>✚ Artificial Intelligence Advisory Body (AIAB)</p>	<p>BACKGROUND DOCUMENT</p> <p>Link to the Resource Center</p> <p>Report of the 4th AIAB meeting CEPEJ-AIAB(2023)3Rev1</p>
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			Report of the 5th AIAB meeting CEPEJ-AIAB(2023)4Rev1
6	QUALITY OF JUSTICE (CEPEJ-GT-QUAL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Presentation of the ongoing work by Joao Arsenio de OLIVEIRA (Portugal), President of the CEPEJ-GT-QUAL</i> ➤ Follow-up to the European Ethical Charter on the use of artificial intelligence in judicial systems and their environment: Assessment tool for the operationalisation of the AI Ethical Charter ➤ How to assess the quality of the work of judges: comparative analysis 	<p>WORKING DOCUMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📄 Assessment tool for the operationalisation of the AI Ethical Charter CEPEJ(2023)16PROV1 How to assess the quality of the work of judges: comparative analysis CEPEJ-GT-QUAL(2023)11PROV2 <p>REFERENCE DOCUMENT Report of the 35th meeting of the CEPEJ-GT-QUAL CEPEJ-GT-QUAL(2023)15</p>
7	JUDICIAL TIME MANAGEMENT (CEPEJ-SATURN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Presentation of the ongoing work by Giacomo OBERTO (Italy), President of the CEPEJ-SATURN</i> ➤ Case weighting in public prosecution services ➤ Database on backlog reduction practices ➤ Tool to analyse the different timeframes according to the stages of the procedure ➤ Follow-up to the adoption of the Backlog Reduction Tool 	<p>WORKING DOCUMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📄 Draft report on case weighting in public prosecution services CEPEJ(2023)14 📄 Concept Note on the database on backlog reduction practices CEPEJ(2023)15 Concept note: “Which way forward for the tool to analyse the length of the steps of the civil procedure?” CEPEJ-SATURN(2023)11 <p>REFERENCE DOCUMENT Report of the 35th meeting CEPEJ-SATURN(2023)14</p>
8	CYBERJUSTICE AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Presentation of the ongoing work by Maria-Giuliana CIVININI (Italy), President of the CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST</i> 	<p>WORKING DOCUMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📄 Draft guidelines on online alternative dispute resolution

(CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST)	✚ Draft guidelines on online alternative dispute resolution	CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST(2023)3Rev5 Report of the 9th meeting CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST(2023)6Rev1
9 COOPERATION ACTIVITIES OF THE CEPEJ	➤ <i>Presentation of the current and future cooperation activities by project coordinators and/or managers</i>	WORKING DOCUMENT Status of implementation of CEPEJ cooperation programs CEPEJ-COOP(2023)2
10 DEVELOPMENT OF ONLINE TRAINING MODULES ON CEPEJ TOOLS	➤ <i>Presentation of the course by Eva KONECNA and Eva PASTRANA</i> ✚ Discussion	WORKING DOCUMENT Training course on HELP on the CEPEJ: Quality of justice: the work of the CEPEJ General information (English only)
11 CEPEJ PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES 2024-2025	➤ <i>Presentation of the CEPEJ's draft programme of activities for the next two years by Francesco DEPASQUALE, President of the CEPEJ</i> ✚ Discussion on possible topics and tools to be developed by the CEPEJ for the period 2024-2025	WORKING DOCUMENT 📄 CEPEJ activity program for 2024-2025 (including CEPEJ working group mandates) CEPEJ(2023)13 REFERENCE DOCUMENT Plan d'action de la CEPEJ 2022 - 2025 « La digitalisation pour une meilleure justice »
12 CRYSTAL SCALES OF JUSTICE PRIZE	➤ <i>Presentation of the 2023 Edition of the Crystal Scales of Justice by the awarded teams</i> ✚ Crystal Scales Award: "Kids in Court Game - KICGame" (Cyprus)	

✚ Special Mention: "Chambre civile et pénale spécialisée en matière d'environnement et d'urbanisme" (Belgium)

✚ Special mention: "Facility Dogs Europe - FYDO" (Belgium/France/Italy)

➤ Launch of the 2024 Edition of the Crystal Scales of Justice Junior Edition

13 OBSERVERS *Observers to the CEPEJ have the possibility to make an oral presentation of their current activities of interest to the CEPEJ and/or to submit written information to the Secretariat, which will share it during the meeting.*

14 RELATIONS BETWEEN CEPEJ AND OTHER COUNCIL OF EUROPE BODIES *Presentation of work in progress at the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) and the Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE)*

15 OTHER ITEMS *2024 Meeting Calendar*

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Meeting Calendar

INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Abridged Report of the 40th meeting of the CEPEJ
CEPEJ(2023)12

Annex II : List of participants

Public list of participants / Liste des participants publique

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