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## Strengthening the efficiency and quality of the Slovak judicial system

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### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Reforms with a view to strengthening the efficiency of  
the Slovak judicial system and the quality of courts

9 July 2019

*Borik Hotel*

*Bratislava, Slovakia*

## Outline

The goal of this conference is to review the results of the cooperation between the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic and other national partners, as part of the project “Strengthening the efficiency and quality of the Slovak judicial system”.

Another objective is to consolidate the communication and public relations with judges, experts and the general public by informing them about the on-going reform of the justice system, so that they can engage in the reform process. For the same purpose, a press briefing will take place at the end of the event.

The event served as a platform for presenting the strategic view of the Slovak justice sector stakeholders on the way forward to increasing the efficiency and the quality of services in the Slovak justice sector, as well as the CEPEJ experts’ recommendations based on case studies of different European countries.

## AGENDA

### 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and introduction

*Mr Gábor Gál, Minister of Justice of the Slovak Republic*

*Ms Edita Pfundtner, State Secretary of the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic*

*Mr Georg Stawa, Judicial Attaché for the Western Balkans of the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ex-President of the CEPEJ*

**9:15 – 9:45** The position of the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic on the achievements of the project and further priorities with regard to judicial reforms.

*Ms Edita Pfundtner, State Secretary of the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic*

**9:45 – 10:00** The perception on the part of the judiciary of the cooperation with the CEPEJ and its view on further reforms.

*Judicial Council of the Slovak Republic*

10:00 – 10:30 – Coffee break

**10:30 – 12:00** Evaluation of the on-going cooperation by the CEPEJ. The progress reached by the working groups and summary of the court-coaching programme.

*Mr Leonid Antohi – General presentation of the project’s outcomes.*

*Mr Georg Stawa – The importance of promoting a case weighting system for a healthy judiciary.*

*Mr Francesco Contini – How to pursue the implementation of a modern system and means for the assessment of courts' performance.*

*Mr Francesco De Santis – Introduction of the concept of “visiting judges.*

*Mr Ladislav Duditš – How did the pilot courts perceived the CEPEJ court coaching programme and what follow up should be given to it*

**12:00 – 12:15** Closing remarks and the perspectives of future cooperation

*Ms Edita Pfundtner, State Secretary of the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic*

*Mr Leonid Antohi, Project manager, CEPEJ*

**12:20 – 13:00** Press briefing

*Mr Gábor Gál, Minister of Justice of the Slovak Republic*

*Ms Edita Pfundtner, State Secretary of the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic*

*Mr Georg Stawa, Judicial Attaché for the Western Balkans of the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ex-President of the CEPEJ*

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- 2. Mr Francesco Contini, Researcher, Institute of Legal Informatics and Judicial Systems, National Research Council of Italy (IRSIG-CNR)*
- 3. Mr Ladislav Duditš, Judge of the Regional Court in Kosice, Member of the CEPEJ, Slovak Republic*
- 4. Mr Francesco De Santis, Researcher in civil procedure and judicial systems, Legal expert for the CEPEJ Working Group on Quality of Justice, Italy*
- 5. Mr Leonid Antohi, Project manager, CEPEJ*

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