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ONLINE CONFERENCE FOR JUDGES
**“CHANGE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE RULES: EXPERIENCE OF NATIONAL
AND INTERNATIONAL COURTS”**

10 March 2021

CONCEPT

Today Cyprus is undertaking the ambitious reform process with a view to improving the court system and strengthening the efficiency of justice. An important step in the ongoing reform - revision of the Rules of Civil Procedure - is facilitated under a Joint project of the COE and EU in collaboration with the Supreme Court.

Successful progress in the integration of the new Rules into the Cypriot civil law and procedure, which will undergo a serious reformation for the first time during the last 60 years, is of paramount importance as it is expected to provide ground for the improvement of the efficiency of justice and to contribute to an investment-friendly environment in Cyprus.

While the most difficult and demanding part – the drafting of the Rules and Forms – is over, the next challenging step – adoption and implementation of the new Rules – is ahead.

The challenges, questions and possible solutions linked to the introduction of new procedural rules in various international and national judicial institutions will be discussed at the Conference. The discussions will be dedicated to two topics: (1) presentation of the draft new Rules of Civil Procedure for Cyprus and the ongoing process of their adaptation and further implementation, and (2) experience of national and international judicial institutions in the process of new procedural rule introduction. In the first part representatives of the Cypriot judiciary will present the new Rules and the procedure related to their adoption and implementation. In the second part, the relevant experience will be presented and discussed by representatives of English and Irish courts, as well as of the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights.

There will be simultaneous interpretation from Greek to English and vice versa.

Venue: Online on **KUDO** platform: <https://vmeeting.coe.int/k8/241111884115/join>

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Moderator:- Mr Mikhail Lobov, Head of Human Rights Policy and Cooperation Department, Council of Europe

OPENING

- 11.00 - 11.30**
- Mrs Persefoni Panayi, President, Supreme Court
 - Mr George Erotocritou, Former Judge of the Supreme Court, Director of Reform and Training
 - Mr Daniele Dotto, Acting Director, Directorate B – Support to Member States Reforms, Head of Unit, Unit B2 – Governance & Public Administration, DG Reform, European Commission
 - Mr Mikhail Lobov, Head of Human Rights Policy and Cooperation Department, Council of Europe

PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED RULES

- 11.30 - 12.20**
- What will be the main changes?**
Mr Yiasemis N. Yiasemi, Justice of the Supreme Court, President of the Permanent Rules Committee *(20 minutes)*
- How the new Rules will affect Judges?**
Mr Alexandros Panayiotou, President of District Court, President of the Judges’ Association of Cyprus *(15 minutes)*
- What are the next steps?**
Mr George Erotocritou, Former Judge of the Supreme Court, Director of Reform and Training *(15 minutes)*

CHANGE OF RULES: National Experience

- 12.20 – 12.40**
- Change of Civil Procedure Rules in the UK**
The Right Honourable Lord Briggs of Westbourne, Justice of the Supreme Court, UK *(20 minutes)*
- 12.40 – 13.00**
- Change of Civil Procedure Rules in Ireland**
The Honourable Mr. Justice Seamus Noonan, Judge of the Court of Appeal, Ireland *(20 minutes)*

CHANGE OF RULES: International Experience

- 13.00 – 13.20** **The Recast of the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Justice of the European Union**
Mr Marc-Andre Gaudissart, Deputy Registrar of the Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg (*20 minutes*)
- 13.20 – 13.40** **European Court of Human Rights: Change of Rules and Backlog**
Mr Klaudiusz Ryngielewicz, Head of Department, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg (*20 minutes*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- 13.40 – 13.55** **Questions and Answers**
- 13.55 – 14.00** **Closing Remarks by Moderator**

NB:-

The Conference will be conducted with simultaneous interpretation from Greek to English and vice versa.

The session will be recorded.

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