

Strasbourg, 27 November 2023

# CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN JUDGES (CCJE)

24th plenary meeting

29 November - 1 December 2023

Council of Europe

Main Building (Palais), Room 11

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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Opening of the meeting: Wednesday, 29 November 2023, 14:00

Closing of the meeting: Friday, 1 December 2023, 12:30

# Session schedule (Strasbourg time):

→ Wednesday, 29 November 2023: 14:00 – 17:00

 $\rightarrow$  Thursday, 30 November 2023: 09:30 – 12:30; 14:30 – 17:30

→ Friday, 1 December 2023: 09:30 – 12:30

Venue: Strasbourg, Council of Europe, Main Building (Palais), Room 11. Please note that the meeting will take place in fully presential format.

#### Agenda:

Under each agenda item, specific time is allocated for an exchange and discussion, taking into account the constraints of the remote process.

In line with the Committee of Ministers' practice, each delegation's interventions should not exceed 3 minutes, unless a different indication is provided by the President based on time available.

# **Working Documents:**

The working documents are available on the <a href="CCJE shared workspace">CCJE shared workspace</a>

**Draft order of business:** (provisional and subject to change in light of the work pace)

Date	Strasbourg time	Agenda items (see below)
29 November 2023	<i>Afternoon</i> 14:00 - 17:00	Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 (elections) at 16:00
30 November 2023	Morning 09.30 - 12:30	Item 5 (continued)
	12:30 - 14.30	Break
	<i>Afternoon</i> 14:30 – 17:30	Items 5 (continued)
1 December 2023	Morning 09:30 - 12:30	Items 5 (continued), 6, 8, 9, 10

# **DRAFT AGENDA**

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- 1. Opening of the meeting
- 2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business

#### **WORKING DOCUMENT**

CCJE(2023)OJ1PROV2	Draft agenda

3. Information by the President, the Bureau and the Secretariat

#### REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

CCJE-BU(2023)4	Report of the CCJE Bureau meeting, 21 June 2023
CCJE-GT(2023)5	Report of the CCJE Working Group meeting, 21-23 June 2023
CCJE(2022)5	Report of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> plenary meeting of the CCJE, 30 November – 2 December 2022

- 4. Exchange of views on topical developments in member States in the area of justice reforms and independence of justice (main task i) & Information from the Council of Europe bodies and committees and observer organisations
  - Tour de Table on topical developments in member States in the area of justice reforms and independence of justice and other relevant events

Members and observers are invited to present to the CCJE their brief information, through a Tour de Table, on recent legal and institutional developments, as well as on various events (since December 2022).

- 5. Draft Opinion No. 26 (2023) of the CCJE on moving forward: the use of technology in the judiciary (specific task i)
  - Examination, with a view to its adoption, of draft Opinion No. 26 (2023)

#### **WORKING DOCUMENT**

CCJE(2023)3Prov1	Draft Opinion No. 26 (2023)
	on moving forward:

	the use of technology in the judiciary
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#### REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

CCJE(2023)2	Compilation of comments on draft Opinion No. 26 (2023) provided before the CCJE plenary meeting
CCJE(2023)1	Compilation of responses of the CCJE members to the questionnaire for the preparation of Opinion No. 26 (2023)

# 6. Exchange of views on the CCJE's activities in 2024 as well as future priorities and focus areas (main task ii)

#### REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

CCJE(2023)4	CCJE thematic study on lessons learnt as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and their effect on the administration of justice
CM(2023)131-add	Terms of Reference of the CCJE for 2024-2027
SG/Inf(2020)34	Strategic Framework of the Council of Europe
CM/Res(2021)3	Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods

# 7. Elections (Bureau) and appointments (Rapporteurs)

#### 7.1 Election of the President and of the Vice-President

According to CM/Res(2021)3, the CCJE is expected to proceed with the election of its President and Vice-President. The President and Vice-President are elected for a one-year period, renewable once.

Ms Anke EILERS (Germany) held the office of President of the CCJE in 2022 and 2023.

Ms Leonie REYNOLDS (Ireland) held the office of Vice-President of the CCJE in 2022 and 2023.

# 7.2 Election of the members of the Bureau

According to CM/Res(2021)3, Bureau members are elected for the period corresponding to the duration of the mandate of the committee renewable once.

Mr Kim LEWISON (United Kingdom) was elected as a member of the Bureau in 2022 and 2023.

Mr Duro SESSA (Croatia) was elected as a member of the Bureau in 2022 and 2023.

## 7.3 CCJE Working Group for 2024

According to CM/Res(2021)3 ("Where necessary, in order to expedite the progress of their work, committees may entrust a rapporteur or a limited number of committee members with a specific task to be fulfilled by their next meeting") the CCJE can decide to set up a Working Group (CCJE-GT) which will be entrusted with the preparation, for its 25<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting, of the draft Opinion for 2024. The members of the Bureau of the CCJE will also attend the CCJE-GT meetings.

# 7.4 Appointment of a CCJE Gender Equality Rapporteur

According to CM/Res(2021)3 ("Where necessary, in order to expedite the progress of their work, committees may entrust a rapporteur or a limited number of committee members with a specific task to be fulfilled by their next meeting"), and the proposed Terms of Reference, the CCJE may appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur to support its work.

- 8. Any other business
- 9. Date and place of next meetings
- 10. Approval of the draft meeting report