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**CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL  
OF EUROPEAN JUDGES  
(CCJE)**

**22<sup>nd</sup> plenary meeting**

**3-5 November 2021**

**Council of Europe, Main Building (Palais, Room 2)**

**Hybrid and virtual event**

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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

**Opening of the meeting:** Wednesday, 3 November 2021, 14:00

**Closing of the meeting:** Friday, 5 November 2021, 12:30

**Session schedule** (Strasbourg time - make sure you adapt to your time zone):

→ Wednesday, 3 November 2021: 14:00 – 17:00

→ Thursday, 4 November 2021: 09:30 – 12:30; 14:30 – 17:30

→ Friday, 5 November 2021: 09:30 – 12:30

### Venue: KUDO platform

Links to connect to each meeting session will be provided by e-mail to confirmed participants individually in advance of the meeting. Links will be different for each day.

For information on how KUDO works, please see : [https://youtu.be/\\_kkVkpSPRDM](https://youtu.be/_kkVkpSPRDM)

### 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 [CCJE shared workspace](#)

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

Date	Strasbourg time	Agenda items (see below)
<b>3 November 2021</b>	<i>Afternoon</i> 14:00 - 17:00	Items 1, 2, 3, 4
<b>4 November 2021</b>	<i>Morning</i> 09.30 - 12:30	Item 4 (continued)
	12:30 - 14.30	<i>Break</i>
	<i>Afternoon</i> 14:30 – 17:30	Items 4 (continued if necessary), 5, 6
<b>5 November 2021</b>	<i>Morning</i> 09:30 - 12:30	Items 7 (Elections), 8, 9, 10, 11

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## DRAFT AGENDA

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### 1. Opening of the meeting

### 2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business

#### WORKING DOCUMENT

<a href="#">CCJE(2021)OJ1PROV1</a>	Draft agenda
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### 3. Information by the President and the Secretariat

- Introduction of Mr Daniele Cangemi, Head of Department for Human Rights, Justice and Legal Co-operation Standard Setting Activities, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law

#### REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

<a href="#">CCJE-BU(2021)5</a>	Report of the CCJE Bureau, 9 June 2021
<a href="#">CCJE(2020)4E</a>	Report of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Plenary meeting, 4-6 November 2020
<a href="#">CCJE(2021)6</a>	Statement by the President on the protection needs of judges and other legal professionals in Afghanistan

### 4. Draft Opinion No. 24 (2021) on the evolution of the Councils for the Judiciary and their role in independent and impartial judicial systems (specific task i)

- Examination, with a view to its adoption, of draft Opinion No. 24 (2021)

#### WORKING DOCUMENT

<a href="#">CCJE-GT(2021)2Prov4</a>	Draft Opinion No. 24 (2021)
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#### REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

<a href="#">CCJE(2021)9</a>	Compilation of comments on the draft Opinion No. 24 (2021) provided before the plenary meeting of the CCJE
<a href="#">CCJE(2021)1</a>	Compilation of responses of the CCJE members to the questionnaire for the preparation

	of the Opinion No. 24 (2021)
<a href="#">CCJE-GT(2021)3</a>	Report of the meeting of the Working Group, 9-11 June 2021

**5. Exchange of views on topical developments in member States in the area of justice reforms and independence of justice (main task i) & Annual exchange of views to evaluate the CCJE activities and future priorities and to advise the Committee of Ministers on future priorities in this sector (main task ii)**

- 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, through a Tour de Table, to the CCJE recent legal and institutional developments, as well as on various events (since November 2020).*

- Discussion of the current situation and challenges for the judiciary and the key strategic priorities under the four-year strategic framework of the Council of Europe

**REFERENCE DOCUMENT**

<a href="#">SG/Inf(2020)34</a>	Strategic Framework of the Council of Europe
<a href="#">Letter</a>	Letter of the Chairman of the Polish National Council for the Judiciary addressed to the CCJE President
<a href="#">Attachment</a>	Attachment to the above-mentioned letter

**6. Exchange of views on CCJE's proposed workplan for 2022-2023 and focus areas**

- Introduction to the CCJE's draft terms of reference and the new Council of Europe programme and budget (2022-2025), by Ms Livia Stoica Becht, Head of Legal Co-operation Division

**REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

<a href="#">CM(2019)131(restricted)</a>	Terms of reference of the CCJE for 2020-2021
<a href="#">CM(2021)131(restricted)</a>	Draft terms of reference of the CCJE for 2022-2025
<a href="#">CM/Res(2021)3</a>	Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods

- Discussion of the freedom of expression of judges as a prospective topic for the CCJE Opinion No. 25 (2022), already discussed and approved by the CCJE Bureau, and which is

in line with key strategic priorities 2 and 6 of the above-mentioned four-year strategic framework (see above).

- Discussion of possible topics for prospective studies of the CCJE in 2022-2025 (to be coordinated with the CCJE Bureau).

## **7. Elections (Bureau) and appointments (Rapporteurs)<sup>1</sup>**

### 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 Nina BETETTO (Slovenia) held the office of President of the CCJE in 2020 and 2021 and her current mandate ends on 31 December 2021.*

*Mr Kim LEWISON (United Kingdom) held the office of Vice-President of the CCJE in 2020 and his current mandate ends on 31 December 2021.*

### 7.2 Election of 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 Duro SESSA (Croatia) was elected as a member of the Bureau in 2019 and has completed a first mandate (period 2020-2021).*

*Ms Anke EILERS (Germany) was elected as a member of the Bureau for a first mandate (period 2019-2020), and re-elected for a second mandate (period 2021-2022).*

### 7.3 CCJE's Working Group for 2022

*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 23<sup>rd</sup> plenary meeting, of the draft Opinion for 2022. The members of the Bureau of the CCJE will also attend the CCJE-GT meetings. There is no automatic re-appointment of a member of the Working Group from one year to the next. The Working Group will start on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 subject to the adoption of the terms of reference by the Committee of Ministers on 23-25 November 2021.*

### 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*

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<sup>1</sup> Their terms of office will start on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 subject to the adoption of the terms of reference by the Committee of Ministers on 23-25 November 2021.

*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. Information from other Council of Europe bodies and committees and observer organisations**

**9. Any other business**

**10. Date and place of next meetings**

**WORKING DOCUMENT**

[CCJE\(2021\)8](#)

Calendar of CCJE meetings in 2022

**11. Approval of the draft meeting report**