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

23rd plenary meeting

30 November - 2 December 2022

Council of Europe, Main Building (Palais, Room 6) and online

Hybrid event

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Opening of the meeting: Wednesday, 30 November 2022, 14:00

Closing of the meeting: Friday, 2 December 2022, 12:30

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

→ Wednesday, 30 November 2022: 14:00 – 17:00

→ Thursday, 1 December 2022: 09:30 – 12:30; 14:30 – 17:30

→ Friday, 2 December 2022: 09:30 – 12:30

Venue: Main Building (Palais), Room 6, and online (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

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)
30 November 2022	<i>Afternoon</i> 14:00 - 17:00	Items 1, 2, 3, 4
1 December 2022	<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), <u>7 (elections) at 16:00</u> , 5
2 December 2022	<i>Morning</i> 09:30 - 12:30	Items 4 (continued), 6, 8, 9, 10, 11

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting

- Opening remarks of Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe

2. Adoption of the agenda and order of business

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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

CCJE-BU(2022)3	Report of the CCJE Bureau meeting, 11 May 2022
CCJE(2021)10	Report of the 22 nd plenary meeting of the CCJE, 3-5 November 2021

4. Draft Opinion No. 25 (2022) of the CCJE on the freedom of expression of judges (specific task i)

- Examination, with a view to its adoption, of draft Opinion No. 25 (2022)

WORKING DOCUMENT

CCJE-GT(2022)2Prov3	Draft Opinion No. 25 (2022) on the freedom of expression of judges
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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

CCJE(2022)2	Compilation of comments on the draft Opinion No. 25 (2022) provided before the plenary meeting of the CCJE
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CCJE(2022)1	Compilation of responses of the CCJE members to the questionnaire for the preparation of the Opinion No. 25 (2022)
CCJE-GT(2022)4	Report of the CCJE Working Group meeting, 11-13 May 2022

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 2021).

- 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

SG/Inf(2020)34	Strategic Framework of the Council of Europe
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6. Exchange of views on the CCJE's activities in 2023 and focus areas

- Introduction by Ms Livia Stoica Becht, Head of Legal Co-operation Division, and Mr Artashes Melikyan, Head of Judicial Independence Unit, Secretary of the CCJE

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

CM(2021)131	Terms of reference of the CCJE for 2022-2025
CM/Res(2021)3	Resolution CM/Res(2021)3 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods

- Discussion on the digitalisation of justice as a prospective topic for the CCJE Opinion No. 26 (2023), already discussed and approved by the CCJE Bureau and Working Group, and which is in line with key strategic priorities 6 and 9 of the above-mentioned four-year strategic framework (see above).
- Discussion of the state of play as regards the prospective thematic studies of the CCJE in 2022 - 2025 (to be coordinated with the CCJE Bureau).

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 for the first mandate in 2022.

Ms Leonie REYNOLDS (Ireland) held the office of Vice-President of the CCJE for the first mandate in 2022.

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 2021 for the second mandate (period 2022-2023).

Mr Duro SESSA (Croatia) was elected as a member of the Bureau in 2021 for the second mandate (period 2022-2023).

7.3 CCJE Working Group for 2023

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 24th plenary meeting, of the draft Opinion for 2023. 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. Information from other Council of Europe bodies and committees and observer organisations

9. Any other business

10. Date and place of next meetings

11. Approval of the draft meeting report