

**Webinar
Online Court Hearings**

14th December 2020

10:30 – 13:15 / 14:45 – 16:30 (Time in Turkey)
8:30 – 11:15 / 12:45 – 14:30 (Time in Strasbourg)

Objective: to discuss human right aspects related to organisation and holding of on-line hearings by courts in their respective countries and to address some practical questions related to these arrangements and their compatibility with the Convention requirements.

Participants: Ministry of Justice, Justice Academy of Turkey, representatives from Council of Judges and Prosecutors, Union of Turkish Bar Association and civil society organizations, judges, prosecutors, lawyers. *(to be updated after final participant list.)*

The working language of the webinar will be **Turkish and English**.

KUDO platform will be used.

Agenda

10:15 - 10:30 KUDO Connection test

10:30 – 10:45 Brief opening and presentation of the objective of this webinar

Mikhail Lobov, Head of Human Rights Policy and Co-operation Department,
Council of Europe

Kemal Ertürk, Head of Department, Ministry of Justice DGCA

Ünsal Toker, Vice President, Union of Turkish Bar Associations

10:45- 13:15 Panel I - Overview of some issues arising in relation to using videoconference during court hearings (ECtHR case-law and countries' experience)

Moderator: *Prof Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou, School of Law and Social Justice of University of Liverpool, International Consultant*

10:45 – 11:15 Perspective of the European Court of Human Rights in relation to online court hearings at national level

Speaker:

Dmitry Gurin, Lawyer, European Court of Human Rights

Q&A

11:15- 12:00 Overview of online trial procedures in Russia and Spain (regular and covid-19 related measures): Legal frame and practice; Remote participation of witnesses and victims, evidence presentation during remote hearings

Speakers:

Spain, Prof Dr Lorena Bachmaier, Law School of Complutense University of Madrid, International Consultant

Russia, Prof Dr Maria Filatova, Law Faculty of Higher School of Economics, International Consultant

Q&A

12:00-12:45 Overview of online trial procedures in Russia and Spain (regular and covid-19 related measures): Continuation: Public nature of hearings and access of the general public and mass media, Interpretation

Speakers:

Spain, Prof Dr Lorena Bachmaier, Law School of Complutense University of Madrid, International Consultant
Russia, Prof Dr Maria Filatova, Law Faculty of Higher School of Economics, International Consultant

Q&A

12:45 – 13:15 Overview of online trial procedures in Turkey (regular and covid-19 related measures): legal framework, current practice and emerging challenges

Speaker:

Tuğçe Duygu Köksal, Lawyer and Head of Human Rights Center of Istanbul Bar Association, National Consultant

Q&A

13:15- 14:45 Break

14:45 Beginning of the Afternoon Session

Moderator Prof Dr Lorena Bachmaier, Law School of Complutense University of Madrid, International Consultant

14:45 - 16:15 Panel II – Ensuring defence rights and other safeguards during online hearings in criminal proceedings (regular and covid-19 related measures, focus on pre-trial detention hearing)

Speaker:

John Wadham, Chair of the UK NPM, Human Rights Advisor to the Northern Ireland Policing Board, International Consultant

Prof Dr Feridun Yenisey, Faculty of Law of Bahçeşehir University, National Consultant

Dr. Akif Yıldırım, Rapporteur, Turkish Constitutional Court

Q&A Session

16:15 - 16:30 Closing Remarks

CEZA ADALET SİSTEMİNİN GÜÇLENDİRİLMESİ VE AVRUPA İNSAN HAKLARI SÖZLEŞMESİ İHLALLERİNİN ÖNLENMESİ İÇİN YARGI MENSUPLARININ KAPASİTESİNİN ARTIRILMASI ORTAK PROJESİ
STRENGTHENING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND THE CAPACITY OF JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS ON PREVENTION OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN TURKEY

Dr Elena Jovanovska Brezoska, Project Coordinator, Council of Europe
Kemal Ertürk, Head of Department, Ministry of Justice DGCA tbc

16:30 End of webinar