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## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR THE EFFICIENCY OF JUSTICE (CEPEJ)**

### **European Day of Justice 2020**

### **Report on the events organised in the Council of Europe member States**

## 1. Objectives

The European Day of Justice is celebrated every year around 25 October. It is jointly organised by the Council of Europe and the European Commission. The aims of this Day are to bring justice closer to citizens and to increase their trust in their judicial system, inform them about their rights and to promote the work of the Council of Europe and the European Commission in the field of justice.

This day is open to all European citizens, students and people working in the field of justice.

Despite the health crisis, the engagement of the Member States has not diminished, on the opposite.

19 Member States mobilised this year by organising a total of 36 events such as information sessions and advice for citizen about their rights by justice professionals, open doors of courts, of notarial chambers and lawyers' offices, information sessions for younger people and awareness raising campaigns, the provision of social platforms to ask questions, publication of books, painting competitions on how younger people perceive a court, conferences for justice professionals, training sessions for journalists, etc. Most of these events took place online.

The Council of the Notariats of the European Union (CNUE) organised the Notaries of Europe Open Days around 25 October 2021, which mainly consisted of online information and advice sessions for citizens.

The Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) organised the European Lawyers' Day 2021 on the theme "No justice without independent lawyers" which mainly consisted of webinars for legal professionals and information and advice sessions.

The list of the events organised, by country, in the framework of the European Day of Justice is appended.

## 2. Resources, support and visibility by the Council of Europe and the European Commission

- The European Commission, jointly with the CEPEJ of the Council of Europe, provided customisable posters that were available to be downloaded in 23 languages on the CEPEJ website.

- The CEPEJ published the programmes of events of all participating countries and promoted on the CEPEJ social media platforms.

## 3. Overview of the list of events

### Austria

Information day on powers of attorney, care directives and wills in Linz by the Upper Austrian Chamber of Notaries on 15 October 2021.

### Belgium

Conferences for the general public on the theme "Successions: planning, organising and declaring an succession: be informed" and a live information session on facebook "Everything you need to know about inheritance and donations" by the French-speaking council of Fednot and notaire.be, on 26, 27 and 29 October 2021 respectively.

Afternoon of study at the Senate by the Order of the French- and German-speaking Bars of Belgium, the Orde van Vlaamse Balies and the Bar of Cassation, on 27 October 2021.

Open house and conference for the new reception area at the Antwerp Court of First Instance with a debate with lawyers, judges, politicians, social workers, 22 October 2021.

### Bosnia and Herzegovina

Open door - Cantonal Court in Novi Travnik and Roundtable on the theme "Court settlement - a way to resolve litigations at the time of COVID-19", 29 October 2021.

### Croatia

Open days by the Croatian Chamber of Notaries on the theme 'Better safe than sorry'. Preparation of a series of informative texts and short videos published on Chamber's official Facebook page and in paper version in the notarial chambers, the week of 25 October 2021.

### Czech Republic

Phone and online consultations by the Notarial Chamber of the Czech Republic, 21 October 2021.

## Denmark

Launch a new level of the courtbattle-quiz ([www.domstolsdysten.dk](http://www.domstolsdysten.dk)) on corruption which complements the three quizzes already available on the website by the Danish courts and the Danish judicial administration on 25 October 2021.

## Germany

25 October 2021, for legal professionals: presentation of the digitisation of judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, followed by a workshop on the new Brussels Regulation on child custody disputes in the EU after the reform and a presentation of the Member States' constitutional courts and the European Court of Justice: partners of the European Network.

27 October 2021, for citizens: presentation of "Dokulive: what you always wanted to know about the European Union", followed by a discussion.

Two training sessions on 25 and 28 October 2021 to raise awareness of our values and constitutional structures.

These events were organised by the Federal Office of Justice, in coo Ministry of Justice, Europe and Consumer Protection, Schleswig Holstein.

## Estonia

Annual Justice Week : presentations on the work of courts to the public, mainly focused on disputes related to children and families, as well as debt problems in different cities, from 4 October until 10 October. Lectures, movie nights, excursions in the old Liivalaia County Court house and also, the Supreme Court announced the traditional case competition for primary and secondary school students. Judges and lawyers also appeared more than usual in the media, giving interviews.

Training for journalists by the Supreme Court, 25 October 2021.

## France

Conference-debate on access to the law in France "How the French legal and judicial professions work to make the law accessible to all", followed by a visit to the Judicial Court by the Strasbourg Judicial Court and the Departmental Council for Access to the Law of the Bas-Rhin, 25 October 2021.

Expatriates in Europe: notaries answer you live on Facebook!, in partnership with the weekly magazine "Challenges", 25 October 2021.

Preview of the exhibition "Justice, Europe and you" at the Amiens Bar Association, in partnership with the Picardie Jules Verne University, We are all European citizens - Informing and sharing, 25 October 2021, Ordre des avocats in Amiens.

## Hungary

ProBono Day event entitled: "Lawyers for the common good" by the Budapest Bar Association, with this initiative, volunteer lawyers and legal advisers provide free legal advice for those in need at the premises provided by the Bar Association and at lawyers' offices, in person or online, on the topics: civil and corporate law, family law, condominium and real estate law, criminal law, vacation law, insurance law and tax law, 25 October 2021.

## Italy

Interpretation Why it is not a paper house" / "Perchè non sia una casa di carta" in live streaming from Teatro Ghione in Rome, Publication of updated guides dedicated to housing and interaction of citizens to ask their questions via chat to professionals, in collaboration with TEDxAscoliPiceno, TEDxNapoli, TEDxPescara and TEDxTorino, to recall the topics addressed in the series "Guides for citizens", produced by the Notariat and Consumer Associations, 25 October 2021, Teatro Ghione in Rome.

E-learning session "No justice without independent lawyers" by the Consiglio Nazionale Forense (CNF) on the independence of the independence of the Bar and of the Associations themselves, as a guarantee of the functioning of the judicial system and as a contribution to the rule of law, 25 October 2021.

Conference "The role of the civil lawyer and the judge: testimonies and practical cases", by the Civil Chamber of the Court of Trapani for students, 25 October 2021.

Conference on the judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters : the application of foreign law, notifications and taking evidence in transnational situations, by the Ministry of Justice, the School of Magistrates, the National Council of Notaries and the Universities of Ferrara and Sacro Cuore di Milano, 25 and 26 October 2021.

Conference "Paths of justice: how to reach the Court?" at the Court of Pisa, 26 October 2021. Within the framework of a general agreement between University of Pisa and the Tribunal, an agreement has been concluded with the Faculties for computer sciences and of Philology, Literature and Linguistics to set up internships to put into practice the students' knowledge in the legal field.

### **Lithuania**

Day of free legal consultations, a day of free legal consultations in the format of phone calls, e-mails and facebook by the Chamber of Notaries, 25 October 2021.

### **Luxembourg**

Conference: "Crossed views on the Lawyer Profession and its independence" by the Luxembourg Bar, in association with the Young Bar Conference, 28 October 2021.

### **Poland**

Online Conference on Facebook and Youtube organised by the Professional Development Committee of the Polish Bar Council, 25 October 2021.

Open Day of the Notariat, 12th edition - Talking with the notary about your assets "Trusting the professional" by the National Council of Notaries and 11 Regional Chambers of Notaries on 27 November 2021, All over Poland.

### **Romania**

Presentation of a new law approved by Romanian Parliament about legal education in schools <https://vedemjust.ro/legal-education/> and the book „The Children and the Law” in Ro, EN, Germ, HU, SP.

### **Slovak Republic**

Open day of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic, Screening of the film "What if there was no constitution, constitutional court and justice" with statements of children and young people on various topics in the field of justice, 30 September 2021.

Literary and artistic contest for elementary school students and high school students by the Chancellery of the Constitutional Court with the support of the CEPEJ.

### **Spain**

Promotion of the work of the notaries in the everyday areas on social networks by the General Council of Spanish Notaries, 25 October 2021.

Video of the Minister, Ms. Pilar Llop, highlighting the celebration promoted by the Council of Europe and the European Commission, 25 October 2021.

### **Slovenia**

Consultative day of Slovenian notaries, videoconference, by the Chamber of Notaries of Slovenia , 25 October 2021.

Round table "No justice without an independent lawyer" by the Slovenian Bar Association at the Faculty of Law in Ljubljana, 25 October 2021.

### **Ukraine**

Day of webinars for students by the Ukrainian Bar Association dedicated to discussing the harmonization of the European civil procedure, in particular, the preparation of the Model Rules of the European Civil Procedure ELL-Unidroit, 25 October 2021.

**Appendix :**

**List of countries that have organised events to celebrate the European Day of Justice  
since 2003**

**Gray cells mean that events have been organized**

<b>Country</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>TOTAL since 2003</b>
Armenia								1	1											2
Austria	1				1		1	1				1	1		1	1	1		1	10
Azerbaijan					1								1			1	1			4
Belgium												1		1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Bosnia & Herzegovina				1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15
Croatia		1					1	1	1	1				1	1	1	1		1	10
Cyprus			1	1	1	1	1		1					1						7
Czech Republic		1	1	1	1		1								1		1		1	8
Denmark																		1	1	2
Estonia					1	1		1	1	1				1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Finland							1	1												2
North Macedonia	1							1	1			1				1		1		6
France	1			1				1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1		1	11
Germany	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18
Georgia									1									1		2
Greece						1	1	1												3
Hungary	1	1	1								1								1	5
Ireland										1	1									2
Italy	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17
Latvia	1										1			1						3
Lithuania								1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	10
Luxembourg											1								1	2
Malta	1					1	1				1			1		1		1		7
Norway											1	1					1			3
Republic of Moldova			1	1		1	1			1			1				1			7
The Netherlands							1	1	1					1	1	1	1	1		8
Poland		1				1								1	1	1	1	1	1	8
Portugal						1						1		1	1	1				5
Romania		1				1	1		1			1	1	1	1		1	1	1	11
Serbia									1	1	1		1	1				1		6
Slovenia						1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14

Country	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	TOTAL since 2003
Slovak Republic														1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Spain							1	1			1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Sweden						1														1
Switzerland														1						1
Turkey									1											1
Ukraine				1	1														1	3
United Kingdom			1	1			1		1						1					5
TOTAL COUNTRIES	8	6	5	9	9	12	15	15	17	11	14	13	10	19	18	17	18	17	19	