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

42nd meeting of the Bureau

Strasbourg, 15 January 2024

MEETING REPORT

*Report prepared by the Secretariat
General Direction I – Human Rights and Rule of Law*

1. The Bureau of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) held its 42nd meeting, online, on 15 January 2024, chaired by Mr. Francesco Depasquale (Malta), President of the CEPEJ. The agenda is on Appendix I of this document.
2. The following members of the Bureau were also present:
 - M. Ivan CRNČEC (Croatia), Vice-Président de la CEPEJ, member;
 - Mme Sonya DJEMNI-WAGNER (France), member;
 - M. Seçkin KOÇER (Türkiye), member.

Calendar of the CEPEJ meetings

3. The Bureau took note that the International Union of Bailiffs (UIHJ) would like to organise with the CEPEJ at the time of its 43rd plenary meeting in December 2024 the 3rd World Forum on Enforcement, which will correspond to the 15th anniversary of the adoption of the CEPEJ Guidelines on Enforcement, on the thematic: “Artificial intelligence, human rights and enforcement in civil and commercial matters: what guarantees for litigants?”.
4. The Bureau confirmed that this 3rd Forum could be organised the 2 December, a day before the plenary meeting, to enable CEPEJ members and observers to attend this important meeting. It took note also that the Pilot Court Network would meet the 10 April in Mechelen/Malines, Belgium, at the invitation of the Belgian authorities, as well as the other CEPEJ various meetings as they appear in the CEPEJ website.

Appointment of the members of the CEPEJ Working Groups in the framework of its 2024-2025 Activity Programme

5. The Bureau decided on the composition of the Working Groups as set out in the Appendix II to this document.

Cyberjustice and artificial intelligence

6. The Bureau of the CEPEJ adopted the terms of reference of the CEPEJ Artificial Intelligence Advisory Board (AIAB) for 2024 and 2025, as it appears in the document CEPEJ-BU(2024)1rev2 and entrusted the Secretariat to launch a call via the CEPEJ website and a message to the CEPEJ members and its Cyberjustice Network in order to receive proposal of experts to take part of the AIAB.
7. The Bureau members were also requested to send their possible comments before the end of these week as regards a draft document on the “Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) by judicial professionals in a work-related context” (Document CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST(2023)5rev2), before examination by the CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST during its next meeting.

1. APPENDIX I

WORKING GROUP ON EVALUATION OF JUDICIAL SYSTEMS/ GROUPE DE TRAVAIL SUR L'EVALUATION DES SYSTEMES JUDICIAIRES (CEPEJ-GT-EVAL)	
Members / Membres	
Joanne BATTISTINO	Senior Manager, Ministry of Justice and Home Affairs, The Law Courts, Valletta, MALTA
Seçkin KOÇER	Judge, Head of Department at the General Directorate for Strategy Development, Ministry of Justice, TÜRKIYE
Simone KRESS	Judge, Vice President of the Court of Cologne, GERMANY
Victoria MERTIKOPOULOU	Advisor, EU & Competition, Regulatory, Compliance, Kyriakides Georgopoulos Law Firm, Athens, GREECE
Jaša VRABEC	Head of the Office for Public Relations Supreme Court, Ljubljana, SLOVENIA
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Scientific experts / Experts scientifiques	
Christophe KOLLER	Director ESEHA1, Center for counselling and comparative analysis, Bern, SUISSE
Claire STRUGALA	Project manager, General Secretariat of the Ministry of Justice, CEPEJ national correspondent, Paris, FRANCE
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Council of the Notariats of the European union (CNEU) / Conseil des Notariats de l'Union européenne (CNUE)	
European Expertise and Expert Institute / Institut Européen de l'Expertise et de l'Expert (EEEI)	
European Union of Rechtspfleger / Union européenne des greffiers de justice et Rechtspfleger (EUR)	
International Union of Bailiffs / Union Internationale des Huissiers de Justice et Officiers Judiciaires (UIHJ)	

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Mitja KOZAR	Judicial Councillor, District Court, Maribor, SLOVENIA
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Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ) / Fédération européenne des juges administratifs (FEJA)	
European Union of Rechtspfleger / Union européenne des greffiers de justice et Rechtspfleger (EUR)	
International Union of Bailiffs / Union Internationale des Huissiers de Justice et Officiers Judiciaires (UIHJ)	

WORKING GROUP ON CYBER-JUSTICE / GROUPE DE TRAVAIL SUR LA CYBER-JUSTICE (CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST)	
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