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## EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR THE EFFICIENCY OF JUSTICE

**44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Bureau**

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### MEETING REPORT

*Report prepared by the Secretariat  
Directorate General – Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI)*

1. The Bureau of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) held its 44th meeting, online, on 12 January 2026, chaired by Mr. Francesco DePasquale (Malta), President of the CEPEJ.
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.

#### *Appointment of the members of the CEPEJ Working Groups in the framework of its 2026-2027 Activity Programme*

3. The CEPEJ Bureau examined the list of candidates for membership of the CEPEJ working groups who have been proposed by CEPEJ members. Due to the large number of applications, the Bureau adopted a thorough approach to ensure a balance, as far as possible, of geographical, gender, competence and experience criteria among the candidates, considering the new tasks and activities of the working groups as amended in the framework of its 2026-2027 activity programme.
4. Taking all these criteria into account, the Bureau decided on the composition of the working groups as set out in Annex I of this document.
5. The Bureau recalled that the experts named after the list of members are appointed *ad personam* and not on behalf of a country. They are therefore invited to working group meetings based solely on their expertise and the meeting's agenda and not systematically attending all working group meetings. Deputy members are invited in the event of a working group member being absent to replace them.
6. The Bureau would like to thank all the members of the working groups who were not reappointed for their valuable contributions to the CEPEJ's work. Some of these members have been involved for many years.

#### *Calendar of the CEPEJ meetings*

7. The calendar of meetings of the different working groups is set out in Annex II of this document subject to the availability of the members of the working groups in their new compositions

## ANNEX I

| <b>WORKING GROUP ON EVALUATION OF JUDICIAL SYSTEMS/ GROUPE DE TRAVAIL SUR L'EVALUATION DES SYSTEMES JUDICIAIRES (CEPEJ-GT-EVAL)</b>                                  |
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| <b>Members / Membres</b>   |
| <p><b>Joanne BATTISTINO</b><br/>Director, Justice Initiatives and Reforms Directorate, Ministry of Justice and reform of the construction sector, MALTA</p>          |
| <p><b>Michel DACCACHE</b><br/>Adjoint au Chef de service, Service de la Statistique, des Etudes et de la Recherche, ministère de la Justice, FRANCE</p>              |
| <p><b>Seçkin KOÇER</b><br/>Judge, Head of Department at the General Directorate for Strategy Development, Ministry of Justice, TÜRKIYE</p>                           |
| <p><b>Simone KRESS</b><br/>Judge, Ministry of Justice of North Rhine-Westphalia, GERMANY</p>   |
| <p><b>Jaša VRABEC</b><br/>Head of the Office for court management development, Supreme Court, SLOVENIA</p>   |
| <p><b>Martina VRDOLJAK</b><br/>Head of the Department for statistics, analytics and strategic development of judiciary, Ministry of Justice, CROATIA</p>             |
| <b>Scientific experts / Experts scientifiques</b>  |
| <p><b>Victoria MERTIKOPOULOU</b><br/>Advisor, EU &amp; Competition, Regulatory, Compliance, Kyriakides Georgopoulos Law Firm, GREECE</p>                             |
| <p><b>Edoardo BUONVINO</b><br/>Director General of Statistics and Organizational Analysis – Department for Technological Innovation – Ministry of Justice, ITALY</p> |
| <b>Deputy Working group members / Membres suppléants du Groupe de travail</b>  |
| <p><b>Maria José CHAVARRI</b><br/>Advisor. Support Unit of the Directorate General for International Legal Cooperation, Ministry of Justice, SPAIN</p>               |
| <p><b>Antanas JATKEVIČIUS</b><br/>Deputy Director, National court administration, Lithuania</p>  |
| <b>Observers / Observateurs</b>  |
| <p><b>European Union institutions / Institutions de l'Union européenne</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Council of the Bars and Law Societies of Europe / Conseil des Barreaux européens (CCBE)</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Council of the Notariats of the European union (CNEU) / Conseil des Notariats de l'Union européenne (CNUE)</b></p>   |
| <p><b>European Expertise and Expert Institute / Institut Européen de l'Expertise et de l'Expert (EEEI)</b></p>   |
| <p><b>European Union of Rechtspfleger / Union européenne des greffiers de justice et Rechtspfleger (EUR)</b></p>   |
| <p><b>International Union of Bailiffs / Union Internationale des Huissiers de Justice et Officiers Judiciaires (UIHJ)</b></p>  |

| <b>WORKING GROUP ON EFFECTIVENESS OF JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS/ GROUPE DE TRAVAIL<br/>SUR L'EFFECTIVITE DES PROCEDURES JUDICIAIRES (CEPEJ-GT-EFF)</b>   |
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| <b>Members / Membres</b>   |
| <b>Ana BILIC ANDRIJANIC</b><br>Head of Court Performance Efficiency Department, High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council,<br>BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA |
| <b>Ivan CRNCEC</b><br>State Secretary, Ministry of Justice, CROATIA  |
| <b>Francesco DEPASQUALE</b><br>Judge for the Superior Courts of Malta and Gozo, MALTA  |
| <b>Ombeline MAHUZIER</b><br>Présidente, Tribunal judiciaire de Colmar, FRANCE  |
| <b>Sabine MATEJKA</b><br>President, District Court of Floridsdorf/Vienna, AUSTRIA  |
| <b>Pawel WRZASZCZ</b><br>Head of Land and Mortgage Register Department, District Court of Lublin, POLAND   |
| <b>Scientific experts / Experts scientifiques</b>  |
| <b>Kaspars BERKIS</b><br>Judge, Regional Administrative Court, LATVIA  |
| <b>Christian DE VALKENEER</b><br>President, First Instance Court of Namur-Dinant, BELGIUM  |
| <b>Dimitrije SUJERANOVIC</b><br>Justice Reform Expert, SERBIA  |
| <b>Deputy Working group members / Membres suppléants du Groupe de travail</b>  |
| <b>Marta GARCIA DE VICUNA UNDA</b><br>Advisor, Directorate General for the Efficiency of the Public Justice Service, SPAIN                         |
| <b>Ketevan TSINTSADZE</b><br>Judge, Supreme Court, GEORGIA   |
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| <b>International Union of Bailiffs / Union Internationale des Huissiers de Justice et Officiers Judiciaires (UIHJ)</b>                             |
| <b>Israël</b>  |

| <b>WORKING GROUP ON QUALITY OF JUSTICE /<br/>GROUPE DE TRAVAIL SUR LA QUALITE DE LA JUSTICE (CEPEJ-GT-QUAL)</b>                            |
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| <b>Members / Membres</b>   |
| <b>Gilles ACCOMANDO</b><br>Juge, directeur de l'Ecole de formation du barreau de la cour d'appel de Paris, FRANCE                          |
| <b>Luc ALTMAN</b><br>Head of Insight, Ministry of Justice, UNITED KINGDOM  |
| <b>Joao ARSENIO DE OLIVEIRA</b><br>Deputy Director General, Directorate General for Justice Policy - Ministry of Justice, Lisbon, PORTUGAL |
| <b>Wim DAVID</b><br>Juge à la Cour d'Appel de Bruxelles, BELGIQUE  |
| <b>Stergios KOFINIS</b><br>Administrative Judge at First Instance Administrative Court of Thessaloniki, GREECE                             |
| <b>Marta KOŻUCHOWSKA WARYWODA</b><br>Judge, Director of the Department of Human Resources, Ministry of Justice, POLAND                     |
| <b>Scientific experts / Experts scientifiques</b>  |
| <b>Maria DA CONCEIÇÃO OLIVEIRA (on mediation topics)</b><br>Lawyer and Mediator, Lisbon, PORTUGAL  |
| <b>Merethe ECKHARDT</b><br>Director of Development, The Danish Court Administration, Centre for Law, Training and Communication, DENMARK   |
| <b>Cristina LORENZO</b><br>Advisor on Digital Transformation Affairs of Administration of Justice Ministry of Justice, SPAIN               |
| <b>Deputy Working group members / Membres suppléants du Groupe de travail</b>  |
| <b>Audun HOGNES BERG</b><br>Department of Legal Affairs, Norwegian Courts Administration   |
| <b>Yetkin ERGÜN</b><br>Judge, Ministry of Justice, TÜRKIYE   |
| <b>Observers / Observateurs</b>  |
| <b>European Union institutions / Institutions de l'Union européenne</b>  |
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| <b>International Union of Bailiffs / Union Internationale des Huissiers de Justice et Officiers Judiciaires (UIHJ)</b>                     |

| <b>WORKING GROUP ON CYBER-JUSTICE /<br/>GROUPE DE TRAVAIL SUR LA CYBER-JUSTICE (CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST)</b>  |
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| <b>Members / Membres</b>   |
| <b>Kata BENCZE</b><br>Senior Government High Counsellor, Head of Judicial Digitalisation and Artificial Intelligence Unit, Ministry of Justice, Deputy State Secretariat for International Judicial Cooperation, HUNGARY |
| <b>Alejandro FERNÁNDEZ MUÑOZ</b><br>Head of the Office of the Director General, DG for International Legal Cooperation, Ministry of the Presidency, Justice and Relations with Parliament, Madrid, SPAIN                 |
| <b>Marko LOISA</b><br>Judge, Director, Development department of the National Courts Administration, FINLAND   |
| <b>Bojan MURŠEC</b><br>Director, Centre of Information Technology, Supreme Court, SLOVENIA   |
| <b>Jan SPOENLE</b><br>Judge, Head of the Justice Cloud Unit Development Team at the Ministry of Justice and Migration of Baden-Württemberg, GERMANY  |
| <b>Jeannette VERSPUI</b><br>Head of the Strategy Department at the Council for the Judiciary, Senior judge at the District Court of Gelderland, THE NETHERLANDS  |
| <b>Scientific experts / Experts scientifiques</b>  |
| <b>Ian BERNAZIUK</b><br>Judge at the Administrative Court of Cassation within the Supreme Court, UKRAINE   |
| <b>Maria-Giuliana CIVININI</b><br>Former Judge and President of the Tribunal of Pisa, ITALY  |
| <b>Ferdinand DELAGE</b><br>Chef des pôle stratégie, pilotage, accompagnement des projets & données, et projets numériques Européens, secrétariat général du ministère de la justice, FRANCE                              |
| <b>Deputy Working group members / Membres suppléants du Groupe de travail</b>  |
| <b>Tural GOJAYEV</b><br>Judge at the Baku Court of Appeal, working group member on improving the “Electronic Court” information system established by the Judicial-Legal Council, AZERBAIJAN                             |
| <b>Edmondo DE GREGORIO</b><br>Judge, Cabinet Office, Minister of Justice (International Affairs), ITALY  |
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## **ANNEX II- Draft calendar of CEPEJ working group meetings - 2026**

### **CEPEJ-GT-EVAL**

- 9-10 February 2026 (Strasbourg)
- 5-6 May 2026 (Paris)
- 15-16 September 2026 (Strasbourg)

### **CEPEJ-GT-EFF**

- 30 March -1 April 2026 (Maastricht)
- 27-28 October 2026 (to be confirmed)

### **CEPEJ-GT-QUAL**

- 13-14 April (to be confirmed)
- 19-20 October (Strasbourg)

### **CEPEJ-GT- CYBERJUST**

- 26-27 March 2026 (Strasbourg)
- 22-23 October 2026 (Strasbourg)