



CEPEJ NETWORK OF PILOT COURTS 16th MEETING

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Concluding speech by Marek Mielnik, President of District Court Lublin-East

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am honored to address you today at the conclusion of the CEPEJ pilot courts meeting. I would like to thank you for your active participation and your valuable contributions to the discussions on how to improve the efficiency and quality of justice in Europe.

The CEPEJ pilot courts are a unique network of courts that supports the activities of the CEPEJ through a better understanding of the day-to-day functioning of courts and by highlighting best practices that can be presented to policy makers. You are also a forum of information, reflection, and implementation of the CEPEJ's recommendations and tools.

During this meeting, we have exchanged views on various topics, such as the use of indicators for measuring the quality of justice, the organisation and accessibility of court premises, the definition and categorisation of pending cases, and the role of an observatory of judicial timeframes. We have also learned from the innovative practices that some of you have implemented in your courts, such as satisfaction surveys, mediation schemes, digitalisation projects and case management systems.

I hope that this meeting has been fruitful and inspiring for all of you, and that you will continue to cooperate with the CEPEJ and with each other in order to promote a culture of quality and efficiency in justice. I also invite you to disseminate the information and knowledge that you have acquired here within your national networks and to encourage other courts to join this network.

I would like to express my gratitude to the CEPEJ Secretariat for their support and guidance. I would also like to thank the representative of the Government, Mr. Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Justice and other employees.

I wish you all a safe journey back home and I look forward to seeing you again at the next meeting of the CEPEJ pilot courts.

Now I have to confess something. None of these words were mine. All were generated by ChatGPT engine. I would like to point in this way, that we stand at the gate of new era with new advantages and new threats. AI starts talking like we do, painting like we and maybe in a few months thinking better than we. All the more we need a forum for cooperation and joint action for the realization of fundamental human rights. Also, against immutable danger, because 1000 km away, people kill people in the theater eternally called war. I am very glad that today's meeting of the body of the Council of Europe took place so close to the place of aggression and brutal violation of the rights of the nation and individual people.

Advances in technology and the introduction of the rule of law have not eliminated previous threats and have introduced new ones. However, undoubtedly the level of respect for human rights, of each of us, is immeasurably greater than in the past.

Therefore, thanking you for your participation in today's work, I can only ask you to undertake them with even greater effort in the future. Every year will not show us the results, but in decades we can already see them.

Now I really thank you for your attention.