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INVITATION

Roundtable on

New Means of Communication for International Cooperation in Criminal Matters

Organized by the Hungarian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

4 October 2021, in virtual form

The Hungarian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe is committed to putting a special focus during its mandate on the promotion of digitalisation of justice. Within this framework, the Hungarian Ministry of Justice, with the support of the Council of Europe, will organise for the first time an expert-level ***Roundtable on New Means of Communication for International Cooperation in Criminal Matters*** on **4 October 2021 in entirely virtual form**.

The roundtable initiative aims to create a platform for cooperation between the Member States, providing an opportunity for experts from the Council of Europe's Member States to exchange their experiences and best practices on the legal and technical requirements concerning **(i) electronic transmission of requests for legal assistance in criminal matters**, and **(ii) remote hearings** (hearing of experts, witnesses and accused by videoconference) **in cross-border criminal proceedings**. The experts will discuss challenges and opportunities given by the new means of communication in international cooperation in light of the experience of platforms already operated or tested by the EU, Interpol, Treaty of Medellín and Iber@. During the conference separate parallel discussions will be running in different working groups, focusing on the technical and the legal sides of the two subjects.

We have the pleasure to invite **two speakers** (who can actively participate in the discussions) from every Member State to attend the event, possibly one specialist of the legal information technology sector and one from the criminal justice field with expertise in international cooperation, working in different panels based on the given subjects. Other **three** experts per Member State can attend the event as **“viewers”** (who can watch and listen to the discussions but not actively participate).

We kindly ask the delegated experts to register at the earliest convenience but not later than 29th September 2021. Please [click here](#) to register.

Should any questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact the organising team at coe-pres@im.gov.hu.

We look forward to a fruitful discussion!