

Newsletter | No. 7: July - December 2025

LEGAL CO-OPERATION (CDCJ, CCJE, CCPE) IN THE SECOND HALF OF 2025

The second half of 2025 culminated in the plenary meetings of the CDCJ, the CCJE and the CCPE where substantial work led to the adoption of many legal texts and the continuation of ongoing work in several areas which break new grounds, such as promotion of the recently adopted first international treaty protecting lawyers, legal opinions on judicial well-being and diversity within prosecution services, legal instruments on the rights and best interests of the child in parental separation and care proceedings, to name but a few. This newsletter is meant to highlight these main developments and serve as a gateway to access more detailed information available on our websites.

LEGAL CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES



Protection of Lawyers

[The Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of the Profession of Lawyer](#), approved by the CDCJ in November 2024, adopted by the Committee of Ministers in March 2025 and opened for signature in Luxembourg in May 2025, had already gathered 24 signatures by the end of the year.

Many events to promote the convention have taken place in Strasbourg, Brussels, Geneva and more.

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Rights and best interests of the child in parental separations and care proceedings

A [launch event](#) was co-organised by the CDCJ and the Steering Committee for the Rights of the Child (CDENF) to promote the recently adopted Recommendations on the protection of the rights and the best interests of the child in parental separation and care proceedings. Implementation tools for policymakers were also published.

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Access of donor-conceived persons to their origins

The [Committee of Experts on Access to Origins \(CJ-OR\)](#) held its 2nd meeting and continued its work on the drafting of an instrument on the rights of donor-conceived persons to know their origins. It held an exchange of views with organisations providing counselling and assistance to donors, parents, and donor-conceived persons.

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Stateless children

At its 105th plenary meeting (18-20 Novembre 2025) the CDCJ adopted a compendium of promising practices on access to nationality for stateless children. It will be published in early 2026. At its 4th meeting the CDCJ-MIG continued revising Recommendation CM/Rec(2009)13 on the nationality of children with a view to improving stateless children's access to nationality.

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Information on foreign law

A [webinar](#) designed to raise awareness of the European Convention on Information on Foreign Law and its Additional Protocol and to shine a light on the practical tools recently prepared by the CDCJ – all available on a [new dedicated webpage](#) – was organised on 4 December 2025 and brought together more than 150 participants.

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National climate change litigation

A study on climate litigation commissioned by the CDCJ was examined at its last plenary meeting. It looks into the latest case-law developments at international and national levels in connection with climate change policies. It will be published in early 2026.

ABOUT JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS



CCJE - Opinion on Judicial Well-being

At its 26th plenary meeting (12-14 November 2025), the [Consultative Council of European Judges \(CCJE\)](#) adopted its [Opinion No. 28 \(2025\)](#) on the importance of judicial well-being for the delivery of justice. It examines how the well-being of judges may be protected and promoted to enhance the quality and efficiency of their work and support judicial independence and impartiality. The CCJE also prepared its first Third-Party Intervention with the European Court of Human Rights, in accordance with Art. 36 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

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CCPE - Opinion on diversity in prosecution services and Study on the use of AI by prosecution services

In 2025, the [Consultative Council of European Prosecutors \(CCPE\)](#) adopted [Opinion No.20 \(2025\)](#) highlighting the benefits of promoting diversity and inclusivity in the composition of prosecutions services for their decision-making process and for further strengthening trust of the public.

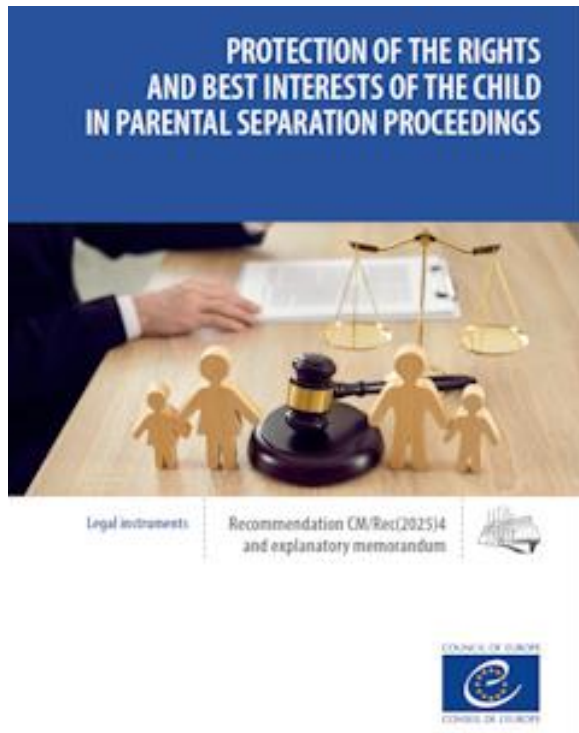
In addition, the CCPE adopted a thematic study on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) by prosecution services.

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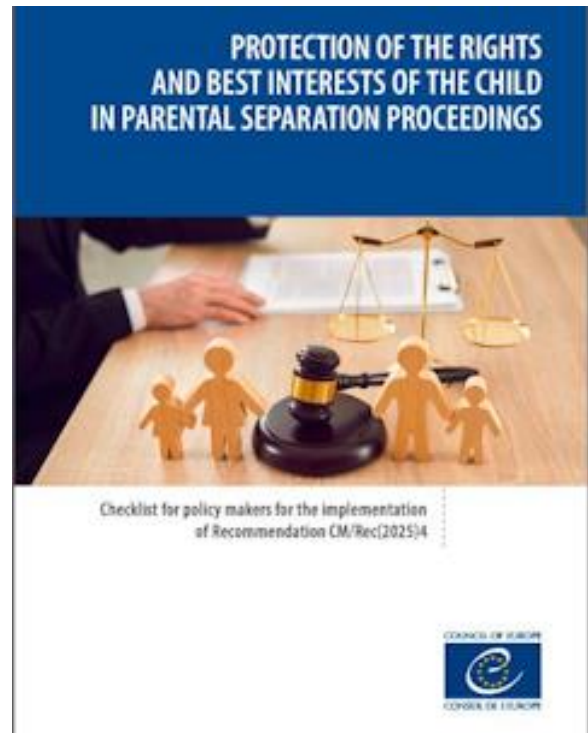
- [Statement on the occasion of the European Day Against the Death Penalty adopted by the CCJE on 10 October 2025](#)
- [European Lawyers Day – 25 October 2025](#)

PUBLICATIONS



Protection of the rights and best interests of the child in parental separation proceedings – Recommendation CM/Rec(2025)4 and explanatory memorandum

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Protection of the rights and best interests of the child in parental separation proceedings – Checklist for policy makers for the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2025)4

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PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS AND BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD IN CARE PROCEEDINGS



Legal instruments

Recommendation CM/Rec(2025)5
and explanatory memorandum



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Checklist for policy makers for the implementation
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Guide for practitioners



Administrative detention of migrants and asylum seekers – Guide for practitioners

New translations available in [Arabic](#) and [Turkish](#).

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