



## **CEPEJ NETWORK OF PILOT COURTS 16<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

*Poland, Lublin  
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**Opening speech by Andrzej Herbet, Dean of the Faculty of Law, John Paul II  
Catholic University of Lublin**

Mr. Minister,

Honorable Judges,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the authorities of the Faculty of Law, Canon Law and Administration, I welcome you to the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.

Hosting today's event is a great privilege and a coherent part of our Faculty's mission, which is to combine advanced research with the needs of the law practice.

In the latter context it's worth to underline that given the scale of the international trade and investments, persons and capital movement and the urgent need to ensure enforceability of the judgments and efficiency of the judiciary system judicial cooperation has become primary concern of the modern legal architecture.

Of course, in order to successfully face these challenges, the particular States have to respect the fundamental imperatives of judicial impartiality and independence. The critical importance of this issue is broadly discussed not only in Europe, but also in the United States of America or in Israel.

At the same time, the judicial systems require specific tools and detailed procedural rules, enabling international cooperation.

As both a scholar and a practitioner, I am well aware of the profound value of the mutual exchange of experiences, advice and reflections. Therefore, I believe that today's plenary meeting, discussions and workshops will prove helpful and contribute to further improvements in your domestic regulations and policies.

Once again, I welcome all of you to our Faculty and wish you fruitful deliberations.