



# THE 2024 HELP NETWORK CONFERENCE

Judicial training and digitalisation – the EU perspective



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# Digitalisation of Justice - objectives

- Improve **efficiency, quality** and **access** to justice
- Contribute to EU **competitiveness** and **resilience**
- Part of new EU competitiveness deal (European Council)

# Vision

- extensive use of digital tools, in particular AI
- EU support for digitalisation of national judicial systems
- fully digitalised judicial procedures
- more videoconferencing

# Legislative measures

# EU Regulations on Taking of Evidence (recast) and Service of Documents (recast)

(EU) 2020/1783, 2020/1784

# Regulations 2020/1783 (ToE) and 2020/1784 (SoD)

- Adopted 25 November 2020
- Application date:
  - 1 July 2022
  - Article 7: 1 May 2025
    - Implementing Regulations No 2022/422 / 2022/423 of 14 March 2022
    - Possible to notify of being ready to use earlier

Digitalisation of judicial cooperation and access to justice in cross-border civil, commercial and criminal matters, and amending certain acts in the field of judicial cooperation

Regulation (EU) 2023/2844

Directive (EU) 2023/2843

# Digitalisation package

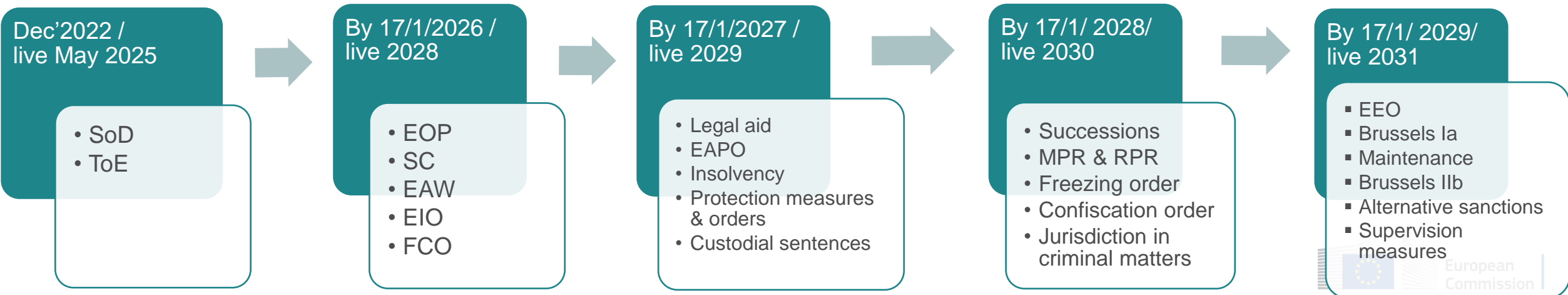
- **13 December 2023:** adoption of the Regulation and Directive
- **16 January 2024:** entry into force
- **Objectives:**
  - improve the efficiency and resilience of cross-border judicial cooperation between competent authorities
  - reduce administrative burden and costs, increase legal certainty, enhance protection of parties' procedural rights
  - improve access to justice of parties by giving the option of electronic communication with competent authorities and establishing a legal basis for videoconferencing hearings.



# When to expect the decentralised IT system?

## Implementing acts followed by technical implementation:

- staggered approach - gradual digitalisation; digital ready instruments first
- 4 batches of implementing acts – adopted in 2-3-4-5 years after the entry into force
- 2 years transitional period for each implementation



# Non-legislative measures

# Tools to achieve the vision – non legislative

- Data and analysis
- Funding
- Judicial training

# European Judicial Training Report

## digitalisation-related training

### initial training activities

5,2% on digitalisation and AI

6,2% on IT-Skills

### continuing training activities

1,9% on digitalisation & AI

18,6% on IT-Skills

# 2024 EC conference findings

## objectives

- to assess the training needs in digitalisation of justice
- to assess training needs in other areas
- for judges, prosecutors, court staff, lawyers, notaries, bailiffs, probation officers, prison staff).

# 2024 EC conference findings



**Digital literacy**



**Legal framework surrounding digitalisation**



**Tailored training programs**

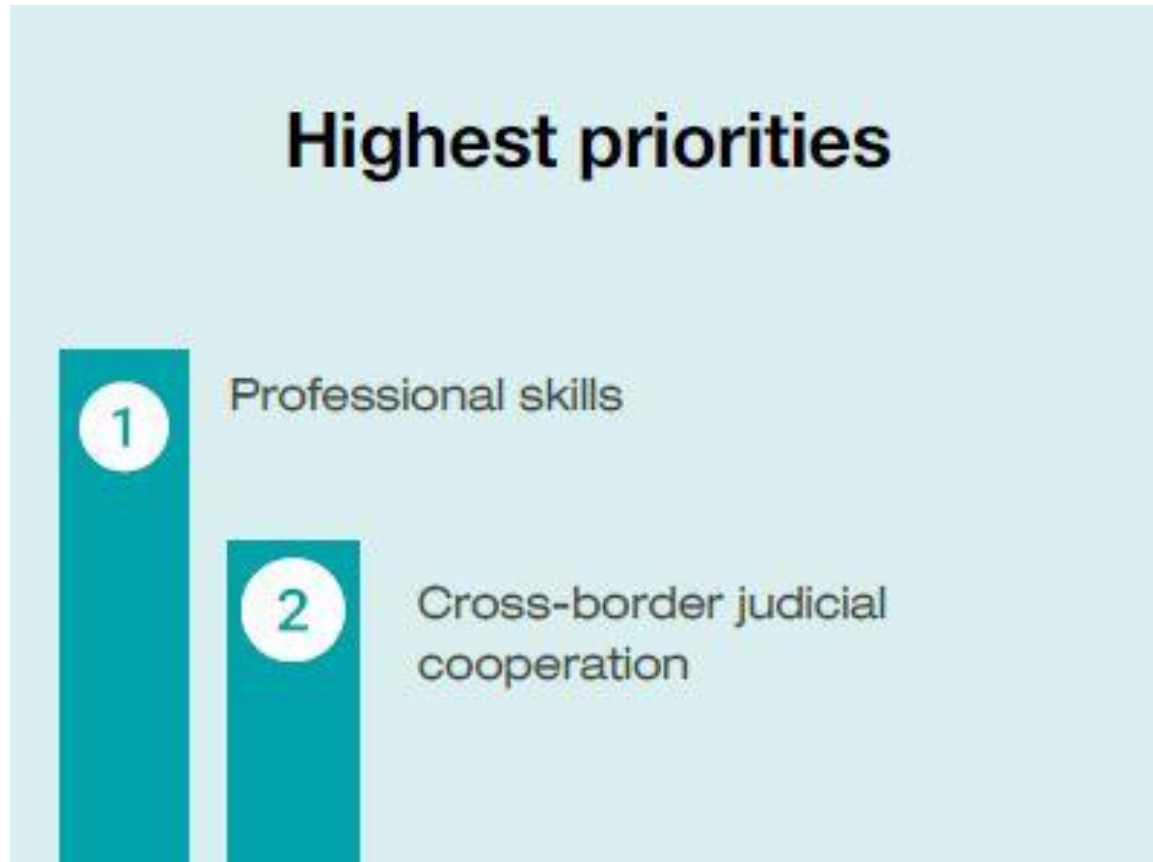


**Bridge the digital divide**



**Practical application**

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## **Adherence to Legal Standards and Ethics**

Upholding legal standards, professional ethics, and the rule of law is a shared priority among legal professionals, with training often emphasising compliance with legal norms and ethical principles.



## **Access to Justice and Legal Awareness**

Legal professions commonly seek to promote access to justice and legal awareness within society, advocating for equal access to legal services, legal aid, and knowledge of legal rights and obligations.

# Judicial training as supportive environment

- necessary **skills** to effectively use digital tools and infrastructure as well as the related procedural law
- **knowledge** about substantive law
- **awareness** of justice professionals about the potential and risks of digitalisation of justice

# HELP courses

- Contribute to the implementation of the next EU Judicial Training Strategy
- answer the justice professionals' need to be able to secure adequate protection of individuals' rights in the digital space

# Thank you



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