



Public Hearing

«IMPROVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS IN EUROPE: THE ROLE OF E-TOOLS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS»

*Co-Hosted by Ms. Mariya Nedelcheva, Member of the European Parliament, EPP Group
Opened by H.E. Ms. Margarita Popova, Vice-President of the Republic of Bulgaria*

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PROGRAM

09.30h – 10.00h

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- **Mariya Nedelcheva**, *Member of the European Parliament, EPP Group*
- **Dr. Maria Yordanova**, *Director of Law program, Center for the Study of Democracy (Sofia, Bulgaria)*

10.00h – 10.30h

“E-Tools for Justice: Bulgarian and Polish perspectives”

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

- **Margarita Popova**, *Vice-President and former Minister of Justice of Bulgaria*
- **Jaroslav Paszke**, *Director, Department of Informatization and Court Registers, Ministry of Justice of Poland*

10.30h-11h30h

First Panel

“E-Tools and performance indicators for justice: challenges and perspectives”

The purpose of this panel is to discuss challenges and perspectives in the development of E Justice, as well as to identify possible indicators or benchmarks to assess the quality and/ or performance of criminal justice systems. Discussion will also focus on the EU approach and strategy on E-Justice to improve the efficiency, transparency and accessibility of the Judiciary.

CHAIR: Mariya Nedelcheva, *Member of the European Parliament, EPP Group, Bulgaria*

INTERVENTIONS BY:

- **Nicola Giovannini**, *President, Droit au Droit – Right to Law (Belgium)*
“Which criteria of evaluation for justice systems: quality or performance?”
- **Francesco Contini**, *Research Institute on Judicial Systems (IRSIG-CNR, Italy)*
“Building infrastructures for national and cross-border e-justice”
- **Dick Heimans**, *Deputy Head of Unit, Unit B2: Criminal Law, DG Justice, European Commission*
“The European E-Justice Portal: improving access to justice throughout the EU”
- **Maurice van der Velden**, *Effective Justice Platform Manager, Effectius (Belgium)*
“Fostering the effectiveness of justice through the sharing of best practices”

Discussion

11:30h - 11:45h

Coffee Break

11:45h - 12:30h

Second Panel (1st part):

“E-tools for Justice: practices and perspectives in EU Member States”

The purpose of this panel is to present an overview of existing practices and challenges regarding the e-modernization and evaluation processes of criminal justice systems in different EU Member States.

CHAIR: **Dr. Maria Yordanova** *Director of Law program, Center for the Study of Democracy (Sofia, Bulgaria)*

INTERVENTIONS BY:

- **Monica Luisa Macovei**, *Member of the European Parliament (EPP Group) and former Minister of Justice (Romania)*
- **Dimitar Markov**, *Senior Analyst and Project Director, Law Program, Center for the Study of Democracy (Sofia, Bulgaria)*
“Indicators for Criminal Cases Management in Bulgaria”

12:45h - 14:00h

Lunch break

14:00h - 16:00h

Second Panel (2nd part):

“E-tools for Justice: practices and perspectives in EU Member States”

CHAIR: **Dr. Pawel Wilinski**, *Professor of Criminal Law, Adam Mickiewicz University (Poznan, Poland)*

INTERVENTIONS BY:

- **Marco Velicogna**, *Scientific expert, European Commission on the Efficiency of Justice of the Council of Europe (CEPEJ)*
“European Criminal Justice Systems Performance and ICT: a Picture from

CEPEJ Data”

- **Dominika Hojerova**, *Program Officer, European Public Law Organization (EPLO), Greece*

“Electronic tools for criminal justice in Finland and Greece”

- **Piotr Karlik**, *Faculty of Law and Administration, Adam Mickiewicz University (Poznan, Poland)*

“Criminal case management in Poland: challenges and perspectives”

- **Sophie de Biolley**, *Interdisciplinary Research Center on Deviance and Penalty, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium*

“The use of videoconferencing in criminal procedures: overview of practices and legal frameworks in Europe”

Discussion

16:00h - 16:30h

Concluding remarks

“Towards a Common European e-Justice Strategy?”

- **Malena Zingoni-Fernandez**, *Secretary General Droit au Droit – Right to Law (Spain)*

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in French, English, Bulgarian and Polish.