

## **Pilot courts - Questionnaire concerning the definition of a pending case**

In the framework of a study led by the CEPEJ (The European Commission for the efficiency of justice), the ad hoc Working Group on definitions would like to gather relevant information in the Council of Europe's Network of Pilot courts about the **notion of pending cases**.

We would kindly ask you to let us know when you consider the case "resolved", in other words when a case it is not counted as "pending" in your court any longer. Which date do you use to record in the case management system (registry) when the case is "resolved" (disposed of, closed)?

Please choose one of the following answers or write a new one that applies to your court. Answers are expected by 17 September 2018

### **Question 1**

What is the name of your country?

*Please, write the name of your country in English.*

### **Question 2**

What is the name of your court?

*Please, write the name of your court in English.*

### **Question 3**

Which is the date recorded in the case management system (registry) for a resolved case (if needed more options can be selected):

- The date when the judgment is signed by the judge or otherwise issued
- The date when the judgment signed by the judge or otherwise issued is sent to the registry office
- The date when the judgment signed by the judge or otherwise issued is registered in the registry (clerk office)
- The date when the judgment signed by the judge or otherwise issued is sent to the parties
- The date when a settlement of the case is approved by the court
- The date when the case is discontinued in accordance with procedural rules (i.e. without judgment being given)
- Other (please explain)

If you have further comments please elaborate:

### **Question 4**

We would also appreciate if you could let us know if there are exceptions (for example depending on different procedures applied) to the general rule:

- yes
- no

If yes, please specify:

### **Question 5**

We would also appreciate if you could briefly describe in which way the judgment is signed by the judge (e.g. handmade signature, digital signature, ID and password to access the case management system, court registrar's signature, court stamp, no signature needed, etc.):

### **Question 6**

Do you have any other comment on the answers provided in this questionnaire?