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REGIONAL SEMINAR ON TIMELINESS

Baltic and Nordic countries

Warsaw, April 2013

Program

National Council of the Judiciary of Poland
Rakowiecka Street no. 30, Warsaw

Monday 22 April 2013

- 09:00 – 10:00** Registration and coffee (*1st floor foyer*)
- 10:00 – 10:15** Welcome (*plenary room 1st floor*)
Antoni Gorski (Chairman of the National Council of the Judiciary of Poland)
Niels Grubbe (Coordinator, former Chairman of the Danish Court Administration)
- 10:15 – 11:15** Plenary Session (*plenary room 1st floor*)
Niels Grubbe, Denmark: Scope, Impact and Causes of Timeliness.
Balancing Remedies with other Quality Features and Independence
- Ann Ganelind, Sweden: Achieving Timeliness – Learn Systematically from other Courts' Experience
- Mr. Mirosław Wroblewski, Rzecznik Praw Obywatelskich (Office of the Polish Ombudsman): Deliverance of Justice in Due Time – seen from the Viewpoint of the National Human Rights Institution
- 11:15 – 11:30** Coffee break (*1st floor foyer*)

- 11:30 – 12:45** Work Shops I: Reduction of Caseload
- Judicial dispute prevention
 - Alternative dispute resolution
 - Amicable settlement
 - Extended competence of lower courts – limitation of appeal
 - Multiparty actions

Groups A – D

For the workshops the participants will be divided into groups, each composed of representatives from the invited stakeholders, Councils for the Judiciary, Court Administrations, judges, advocates, prosecutors, and politicians. Each group will be invited to discuss relevant subjects listed, on basis of more detailed reference papers specifying questions to be addressed

- 12:45 – 13:45** Lunch (*1st floor foyer*)

- 13:45 – 15:30** Work Shops II: Capacity Management
- Balancing load and capacity
 - Transfer of cases, reallocation of judges, flying brigades
 - Retired judges and juridical assistants
 - Composition of the tribunal

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- 15:30 – 15:45** Coffee break (*1st floor foyer*)

- 15:45 – 17:30** Plenary Session (*plenary room 1st floor*)
Debate and Conclusions

- 20:00** Dinner (*Café Zamek, Plac Zamkowy 4*)

Tuesday 23 April 2013

- 09:00 – 10:45** Plenary Session (*plenary room 1st floor*)
JuDr. Ivana Borzova, CEPEJ: The Saturn Project Experiences

Elisabet Michelsen and Søren Stenderup Jensen, Denmark: The Advocates as Stakeholders Cooperating with Courts on Timeliness

Sven Marius Urke, Norway: The strive to obtain timeliness in building up a new court system - the Bosnian-Herzegovenian experience

Doctor in Technical Science Petra Pekkanen, Finland: Timeliness and Logistices - a Finnish approach

- 10:45 - 11:00** Coffee break (*1st floor foyer*)

- 11:00 – 12:45** Work Shops III: Procedures and Case Management
- Procedural steps – reduction and time limitation
 - Case management, call-overs
 - Hearing – reduction and limitation
 - Written judgements – simplification and limitation
 - Small case procedures

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- 13:45 – 15:30** Work Shops IV: Processing and Goals
- Video and telephone meetings
 - Electronic recording
 - Electronic tracing and filing
 - Specialization
 - Staff
 - Court rooms
 - Requirements and goals for processing time
 - Consequences of not fulfilment

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