

European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ)

Terms of reference of the Working Group on cyberjustice and Artificial Intelligence
(CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST)
2022-2023

1. Tasks

In accordance with article 7.2.b of Appendix 1 to Resolution [Res\(2002\)12](#), and under the authority of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), the Working Group on cyberjustice and Artificial Intelligence (CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST) is instructed to develop tools with a view to offer a framework and safeguards to member States and justice professionals willing to create or use ICT (information and communication technologies) and/or IA mechanisms in judicial systems in order to improve the efficiency and quality of justice, in coordination with the work of the [European Committee on Legal Co-operation \(CDCJ\)](#) and Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI).

In order to fulfil its tasks, the CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST shall in particular develop concrete tools concerning:

- a. online alternative dispute resolution (ADR)
- b. e-auctions;
- c. public jurisprudence databases (use of metadata and anonymisation);
- d. good governance and management in IT reform projects and their application.

The CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST shall also:

- a. contribute to the newly created CEPEJ Resource Centre on Cyberjustice and artificial intelligence, in close cooperation with CEPEJ-GT-QUAL;
- b. develop and steer the European Cyberjustice Network (CEPEJ-ECN);
- c. contribute to the improvement of the Chapter on IT of the Evaluation Scheme in close cooperation with CEPEJ-GT-EVAL;
- d. contribute to the HELP training modules reflecting the work in the field of cyberjustice;
- e. contribute to the implementation of the relevant co-operation programmes.

2. Composition

The CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST is composed of 6 members of the CEPEJ or experts, as well as possibly 2 substitute members, proposed by member States through the CEPEJ members and appointed by the CEPEJ Bureau, with an in-depth knowledge in the field of cyberjustice and IA applied in justice. Their travel and subsistence expenses will be borne by the budget of the Council of Europe. Other experts appointed by the member States may participate in its work, at their own expenses.

The relevant Council of Europe and European Union bodies may be represented to the CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST without the right to vote or defrayal of expenses.

The non-governmental organisations granted observer status with the CEPEJ can be invited by the Bureau to participate in the work of the CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST, if the Bureau considers their attendance relevant for the quality of the work.

3. Working structures and methods

The CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST will organise 4 meetings.

In carrying out its terms of reference, the CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST will coordinate its work with other relevant CEPEJ's working groups (namely the CEPEJ-GT-EVAL, the CEPEJ-SATURN and the CEPEJ-GT-QUAL). It may also seek the advice of external experts and have recourse to studies by consultants.

4. Duration

These terms of reference expire on 31 December 2023.