

European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ)

Terms of reference of the Working Group on cyberjustice and Artificial Intelligence
(CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST)
2024-2025

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 Artificial Intelligence (AI) mechanisms in judicial systems, in order to improve the efficiency and quality of justice.

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

- a. develop a tool on the electronic publication of judicial decisions with a view to emerging opportunities and risks of new technologies;
- b. develop a tool on how to bridge the “Digital Divide” ensuring that increasingly digital justice services remain accessible for all;
- c. complement the CEPEJ Glossary with a “Tech” part containing the essential technical issues related to the digitalisation of justice;
- d. draft an ICT Training Curriculum for judges, ensuring the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary in an increasingly digital judicial environment;
- e. prepare a Study on the use of Generative AI in the field of justice in view of its potential applied in controlled environments and its risks in uncontrolled settings;
- f. review the Guidelines on videoconferencing in judicial proceedings by adding a good practice compendium and updating the checklist;
- g. strengthen the Resource Centre on Cyberjustice and Artificial Intelligence, through the development of promotional tools, an annual report and improvement of the data collection and review process;
- h. strengthen the European Cyberjustice Network (ECN) by extending the seminar series, and regular assessment of its member’s needs;
- i. contribute to develop a tool on translation and interpretation in judicial proceedings and their impact on the quality of judicial services provided to the users, in co-operation with the CEPEJ-GT-QUAL;
- j. contribute to develop the study on potential effects of the use of AI tools on court effectiveness and efficiency, in cooperation with CEPEJ-SATURN;
- k. in co-operation with the other CEPEJ Working Groups, carry out a reflection on the feasibility (i) to develop indicators and/or indexes for measuring the quality of justice as well as (ii) to prepare a tool to improve work-life balance in the judiciary;
- l. take into account in its work the identified needs arising from the implementation of relevant cooperation programs and actively contribute thereto.

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 the work of the other CEPEJ's working groups (CEPEJ-GT-EVAL, CEPEJ-SATURN, CEPEJ-GT-QUAL). It will also coordinate its work with the one of the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ) and the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI).

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 2025.