

APPENDIX – TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE CEPEJ WORKING GROUPS

European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ)

Terms of reference of the
Working Group on cyberjustice and Artificial Intelligence
(CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST)
2026-2027

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 AI 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 the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI).

To fulfil its mandate, the CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST shall in particular:

1) monitor emerging AI systems impacting the functioning of justice:

- transform the Resource Centre on Cyberjustice and Artificial Intelligence into a Observatory for AI in Justice, thus contributing to the effective implementation of the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and human rights, democracy and the rule of law in the domain of justice;
- optimise the use of the Artificial Intelligence Advisory Board (AIAB) in the Observatory for AI in Justice;
- strengthen the European Cyberjustice Network (ECN);

2) provide concrete guidance on the following issues:

- the potential and limitations of process automation in the justice system, with or without AI;
- how to maintain judicial independence in the digital age through data sovereignty and the use of open-source software;
- legal and practical implications of AI-generated 'deep fakes' emerging in the context of electronic evidence;

3) contribute to increase the knowledge of legal professionals about cyberjustice by:

- the development of an ICT training curriculum for judges, ensuring that they acquire the necessary knowledge and skills for an increasingly digital judicial environment;
- the update of the CEPEJ Technology Glossary;

The CEPEJ-GT-CYBERJUST shall also:

- consider in its work the identified needs arising from the implementation of relevant co-operation 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 other relevant CEPEJ's working groups (namely the CEPEJ-GT-EVAL, the CEPEJ-GT-EFF 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 2027.