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The Contribution of the  
European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ)  
to Justice Reforms in Europe

**Final Programme**

Monday, May 28

**Registration** (9,00 - 9,30)

**Welcome Reception** (9,30 - 10,00)

**Opening Remarks** (10,00 - 11,30)

Ms. *Snježana Bačić*, State Secretary, Ministry of Justice

Sir *John Ramsden* Bt., Ambassador of The United Kingdom

*Constantino Longares Barrio*, First Secretary and Chief of Operations Section - Instituton Building and Justice and Home Affairs, Delegation of the EC in Croatia

*John Stacey*, Vice-President of the CEPEJ

*Klaus Decker*, World Bank

*Branko Hrvatin*, President of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Croatia

**Public and Private Justice: Introduction and Book Promotion** (11,30 - 12,30)

*Remco van Rhee* and *Alan Uzelac*: Introductory Remarks by Editors and Course Directors

**Lunch Break** (12,45 - 14,00)

**Improving Efficiency of Justice in Europe: Achievements of the CEPEJ** (14,00 - 16,00)

*Pim Albers* (CEPEJ Secretariat): Evaluation of European Justice: Achievements and Challenges

*John Stacey* (London) and *Alan Uzelac* (Zagreb): From TF-DEL to SATURN: Brief overview of the work and achievements of the CEPEJ's Task Force on Timeframes of Proceedings

*Jon Johnsen* (Oslo): CEPEJ and Regional Development: the Nordic Study Example

**Panel: What is interesting in the CEPEJ reports and how we can use them?** (16,15-17,00)

*Gar Yein Ng* (Maastricht): Introduction

Tuesday, May 29

**Access to Justice for Citizens: Legal Aid, Transparency of Judiciary and Other Issues** (9,30 - 13,00)

*Jon Johnsen* (Oslo): Human Rights in the Development of legal aid in Europe. The Policy Work on Legal Aid in The CoE and The CEPEJ

**Legal Aid in Croatia: Present and Future - Prospects for a New Act on Legal Aid**

*Goranka Lalić* (Zagreb, CLC): Providing Legal Aid - Experiences of the Croatian Law Centre

*Mirjana Radaković* (Zagreb, CDPHR): Challenges of the participation in drafting of the Law on Legal Aid

*Dragan Milić* (Zagreb, SDF): Experiences of SDF in providing Legal Aid in Croatia: The Importance of Regulation

*Srdjan Dvornik* (Zagreb, HHO): Experiences of the Croatian Helsinki Committee

**Lunch Break** (13,00 - 14,30)

**Presentations and Panels** (14,30 - 17,30)

*Burkhardt Hess* (Heidelberg): EU trends in Access to Justice

**Panel: What is the Role of Legal Aid Today? Which is the Best Legal Aid System**

*Zvonimir Jelinić* (Osijek): Introduction

Wednesday, May 30

**Speed and Quality of Judicial Proceedings: Time-management, Reasonable and Optimum time (9,30 - 13,00)**

*Paul Oberhammer* (Zürich): Acceleration of Civil Procedure in the Austrian Development

*Nina Betetto* (Ljubljana): CEPEJ Activities Concerning Mediation

*John Stacey* (London): Post-Woolf Landscape: New Developments in the UK

*Alan Uzelac* (Zagreb): Just[ice] in Time: Judiciary and Time-management

**Lunch break (13,00 - 14,00)**

**Presentations and Panels: Ideal Timing in an Ideal Trial (14,00 - 17,00)**

*Fokke Fernhout* (Maastricht): Civil Procedure and Fair Trial - Striking a balance between excessive formalism and 'anything goes'

*Johanna Niemi-Kiesiläinen* (Helsinki): Efficiency and justice in procedural reforms

*Aida Grgić* (Strasbourg): Formalism and Reasonable Time (contribution to the topic)

*Jonathan Radway* (London): Improving Case Progression and Efficiency in the Commercial Court of Zagreb

Thursday, May 31

**Working Together: Court Proceedings and Their Alternatives (8,30 - 14,30)**

*A.J. de Roo, R.W. Jagtenberg* (Rotterdam): Mediation and Employment Disputes

*Biljana Đuričin* (Podgorica): Attorney's Role in Mediation

*Elisabetta Silvestri* (Pavia): ADR Italian Style: Panacea or Anathema?

*Ana Keglević* (Zagreb): Mutual Obligations of The Parties and The Arbitrators

*Marko Petrak* (Zagreb): Dispute Resolution Ex Equo Et Bono- Historical and Comparative Perspectives

**Study Trip to Island of Knowledge - Koločep Island (16,00 - 22,00)**

Friday, June 1

**Better Justice For the Sake of Its Users: An Insight Into the Future (9,30 - 12,00)**

*Remco Van Rhee* (Maastricht): Dutch Civil Procedure in a European Context

*Mario Vukelić* (Zagreb): Transparency in Judiciary - Croatian Bankruptcy System

*Dirk Heirbaut* (Ghent): Reforming the Judicial System in France, Belgium and The Netherlands

**Presentations and Panels (12,00 - 13,00)**

*Albert Henke* (Milan): Judicial Reforms in Kosovo, Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina: The Activity of International Organizations

**Farewell Reception (13,00-15,00)**

**Departure (15,00 - 17,00)**

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