

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

Monday, May 28

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

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

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

*Ms. Ana Lovrin, Croatian Minister of Justice*

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

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

*John Stacey, Vice-President of the CEPEJ*

*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*

*Gordana Grancarić (Zagreb, MJ): Legal Aid Draft Law - Current Status*

**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 (8,30 - 12,00)**

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

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

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

**Lunch break (12,00 - 12,30)**

**Study Trip to Island of Knowledge - Koločep Island (12,30 - 22,00)**

**Presentations and Panels: Ideal Timing in an Ideal Trial (13,30 - 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

**Introduction to the Island of Knowledge Institution**

**Dinner (17,00 - 22,00)**

Thursday, May 31

**Working Together: Court Proceedings and Their Alternatives (9,30 - 12,30)**

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

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

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

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

**Lunch Break (12,30 - 14,00)**

**Presentations and Panels (14,00 - 17,00)**

**Arbitration and Mediation:** (Nina Betetto, Vesna Rijavec, Vanja Bilić, Ana Keglević)

*Vanja Bilić* (Zagreb): Mediation and Limitation Period

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

**Panel Discussion: Modern Trends in Mediation and Arbitration**

*Nina Betetto* (Ljubljana), *Vesna Rijavec* (Maribor)

Friday, June 1

**Better Justice For the Sake of Its Users: An Insight Into the Future (9,30 - 13,00)**

*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

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

**Presentations and Panels (14,00 - 15,30)**

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

*Cristi Danilet* (Bucharest): Judicial Reforms in Romania

*Irina Lupusor* (Chisinau): Judicial Reforms in Moldova

**Wrap-up and departure (15,30 - 17,00)**

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