

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

Draft Programme

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

*Vincent Degert*, Ambassador of the EU

*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)**

*Ng Garyein* (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* and *Senka Orlić Zaninović* (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)**  
*Fernhout Fokke* (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
- Lunch Break (12,30 - 14,00)**
- Presentations and Panels (14,00 - 17,00)**
- Arbitration and Mediation: (Nina Betetto, Vesna Rijavec, Vanja Bilić, Ana Keglević)**
- 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)**