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**EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR THE EFFICIENCY OF JUSTICE (CEPEJ)
29th plenary meeting (29 – 30 June 2017)**

Abridged report

A. FOREWORD

The European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) held its 29th plenary meeting in Strasbourg on 29 – 30 June 2017. The meeting was chaired by Mr Georg STAWA (Austria), President of the CEPEJ.

The agenda appears in the Appendix.

B. LIST OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CEPEJ

The CEPEJ:

1. Information by the President of the CEPEJ, the CEPEJ members and the Secretariat

- **took note** of the information provided by its President, its members and its Secretariat who had participated in various fora where the work of the CEPEJ had been presented and discussed, contributing to the promotion of public policies aimed at ensuring the efficiency and quality of judicial systems;
- **took note** of the information provided by Albania, Cyprus, Greece, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, the Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, the Russian Federation, Spain, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Morocco and Mexico on recent developments in the judicial field ; **invited its members** to forward to the Secretariat written information and useful references which could be included in the area "country profiles" of the CEPEJ web site;

2. CEPEJ co-operation programmes

- **welcomed** the progress made in the on-going cooperation programmes, which allow the practical implementation of the methodology and tools of the CEPEJ and thus provide strong added value to the work of the Council of Europe in the beneficiary States and entities, in particular as regards the following programmes:
 - Horizontal Facility for Western Balkans – Albania and Kosovo* - Joint programme with the European Union,
 - Turkey - Developing mediation practices in civil disputes – Co-operation with the Swedish International Cooperation Development Agency (Sida),
 - Evaluation of the Latvian judicial system,
 - Strengthening the efficiency and quality of the Slovak judicial system,
 - Programme to support the justice sector reform - improving the functioning of justice in Morocco by using the tools of CEPEJ - Joint Programme with the European Union;
 - Towards Strengthened Democratic Governance in the Southern Mediterranean – Tunisia, Jordan - Joint programme with the European Union
- **thanked** the authorities of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Moldova for the cooperation developed in the framework of the projects which came successfully to an end in March-April 2017 and were part of the Council of Europe and European Union Eastern Partnership for Good Governance; **noted** that opportunities were being explored for continuing such cooperation from the lessons learnt and good practices achieved by the pilot courts of both countries within the framework of the Partnership;

- **supported** continued cooperation with Morocco and Tunisia on judicial reforms within the framework of bilateral programmes beyond the end of 2017 and **instructed the Secretariat** to explore such possibilities;
- **agreed** to develop specific cooperation for the development of mediation in Bulgaria;

3. Evaluation of the European judicial systems

- **welcomed** the developments by the Secretariat as regards the CEPEJ-STAT interactive database, **instructed the CEPEJ-GT-EVAL** to oversee the updating of the data by the Secretariat twice a year and the inclusion in the CEPEJ-STAT of the data collected annually in the framework of the preparation of the "EU Justice Scoreboard" ; **invited its members** to ensure a wide communication in their countries around this tool and **instructed the Secretariat** to promote it;
- **took note** of the work carried out under the supervision of the CEPEJ-GT-EVAL in the framework of a specific study on legal professions, based on information from the 2014-2016 evaluation cycle;
- **noted** the amendments proposed by the CEPEJ-GT-EVAL to the Explanatory note (CEPEJ(2017)3) to the Evaluation Scheme (CEPEJ(2016)9)Rev;
- **took note** of the updating of the "Scheme for evaluating judicial systems - Key judicial indicators", within the framework of the cooperation programmes, and **instructed the Secretariat** to adapt the explanatory note accordingly;
- **reminded** its members to appoint national correspondents entrusted with responding to the Evaluation Scheme and to provide their contact details to the Secretariat as soon as possible; national correspondents would be invited to exchange on the draft 2018 report in spring 2018;
- **welcomed** the new electronic system for collecting data (CEPEJ-COLLECT), **noted** that the system was open on 8 June 2017, as well as a separate file on issues related to the use of information technology in the courts, to be completed by the national correspondents before 31 December 2017, and **urged the national correspondents** to comply with this timeframe, in order for the data to be processed from January 2018 and the report to be adopted by the CEPEJ at its 31st plenary meeting (mid 2018) ;
- **welcomed** the forthcoming renewal of a four year contract between the Council of Europe and the European Commission with a view to preparing the "EU Justice Scoreboard" using the CEPEJ methodology and findings, **instructed the Secretariat, under the authority of the CEPEJ-GT-EVAL and the Bureau**, to prepare, in full cooperation with the EU member states, the new Study on judicial systems to be forwarded to the European Commission at the end of 2017 as part of the preparation of this Scoreboard; therefore **underlined**, in the framework of the preparation of this Study, for the member States of the European Union, that a specific questionnaire has been opened in CEPEJ-COLLECT, together with specific questions on IT in courts, it being understood that the responses should be submitted to the Secretariat by 22 September 2017, and **urged the relevant national correspondents** to comply with this timeframe;
- **instructed the CEPEJ-GT-EVAL** to prepare for the 31st plenary meeting the analysis of the 2016 data collected through:
 - a general report including key data and comments (key facts and figures) which make it possible to evaluate the state of judicial systems and their evolution;
 - a thematic report focused on the court users;
 - the enrichment of the CEPEJ-STAT data base;
- **took note** of the reporting on the peer evaluation visit on judicial statistics to the Czech Republic (6-7 February) and Cyprus (30-31 May 2017) and **agreed** that a new evaluation visit would take place to Georgia on 19-20 September 2017;

4. Quality of justice

- **took note** of the on-going work carried out by the CEPEJ-GT-QUAL;
- **took note** of the on-going work carried out by the OECD on equal access to justice: development of the survey module to measure people's legal needs and **encouraged the CEPEJ-GT-QUAL** to take it into account within the framework of its work;

5. Judicial time management

- **took note** of the on-going work carried out by the Steering group of the SATURN Centre according to its strategic action plan ;
- **welcomed** the “Handbook for implementing the CEPEJ Tools” (CEPEJ-SATURN(2016)6Rev2) prepared by the Steering group of the SATURN Centre;
- **reiterated its invitation to the volunteer courts in the member States** to indicate to the Secretariat their candidature for organising a coaching programme within the court aimed at implementing the SATURN tools for judicial time management based on the CEPEJ Guide and **invited its members** to signal this opportunity widely to the courts in their states;

6. Mediation

- **welcomed** the re-activation of the work of the Working Group on mediation (CEPEJ-GT-MED), **took note** of the on-going work carried out, and in particular the creation of a toolkit to complement the Guidelines on mediation aimed at the main players across Europe (judges, court clerks, lawyers and private mediators) and including standardised mediation training curricula ;

7. Ad hoc Working Group for the harmonisation of the definitions used by CEPEJ

- **noted** that the ad hoc working group on the harmonisation of definitions used in the CEPEJ tools would meet in Dublin (Ireland) on 12 September 2017, coordinated by Laetitia BRUNIN (France);

8. Network of pilot courts

- **thanked the authorities of Norway** for having invited the Network of pilot courts to hold its next plenary meeting in Kristiansand on 6 September 2017;

9. Relations between the CEPEJ and the other bodies of the Council of Europe

- **took note** of the information provided on the activities of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE), the Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE), and as regards cooperation with the European Court of Human Rights;

10. Other cooperation with the European Union

- **took note** of the information provided by the representatives of Malta and Estonia, speaking on behalf of the outgoing and incoming presidencies of the European Union, on the recent and planned developments within the Union in the field of justice;

11. European Day of Justice and Crystal Scales of Justice

- **invited its members** to promote initiatives for the 2017 edition of the European Day of Justice;
- **noted with satisfaction** that, for the 2017 edition of the “Crystal Scales of Justice”, 36 entries had been filed from 18 countries and two European bodies; **noted** that the Jury would meet on 12 September 2017 in Paris to decide on the prize list which would be made public in Edinburgh (United Kingdom) on 27 October 2017, where the main event of the European Day of Justice would take place on the topic: “the independence of justice in a modern world”;

12. CEPEJ Innovation Centre

- **instructed the Secretariat** to develop, in particular in electronic form, the CEPEJ Innovation Centre as a virtual place bringing together good practices as regards court organisation and to implement activities of research on good practices at the European level;

13. Report by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe: “The state of democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Europe”

- **welcomed** the 2017 Report by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on the "State of democracy, human rights and the rule of law – a security imperative for Europe" and **reiterated its readiness** to be involved in the implementation of the Council of Europe Plan of Action on strengthening judicial independence and impartiality;

14. Observers with the CEPEJ

- **took note** of the information provided by its Observers, and in particular the European Expertise and Expert Institute, the European Association of Judges, the Association of European Administrative Judges, **thanked** them for their concrete contribution to the CEPEJ's activities and **invited** them to contribute further to the implementation of its Activity Programme;

15. Working method of the CEPEJ

- **recalled the invitation for its member States** to appoint substitute members of the CEPEJ;
- **recalled** that the implementation of the numerous cooperation programmes by the CEPEJ requires the availability of members and experts of the CEPEJ and **called upon its members and experts** to inform the Secretariat of their willingness to participate in such programmes;
- **agreed** to improve access to the various tools produced by the CEPEJ, in particular by proposing an electronic bench-book enabling stakeholders to access more intuitively to these tools in the form of an electronic index with key words leading to the relevant documents and **instructed the Secretariat** to further reflect on this issue;
- **encouraged its members** to join the CEPEJ on Facebook;

16. Preparation of the 15th anniversary of the CEPEJ

- **agreed** to celebrate its 15th anniversary during its 30th plenary meeting (Strasbourg, 7-8 December 2017) and **entrusted its Bureau and the Secretariat** to prepare this event taking into account the discussions at this meeting.

APPENDIX I

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Information by the President and members of the CEPEJ and the Secretariat
4. Recent developments in the judicial field in the Council of Europe Member states

Delegations are invited, if they so wish, to inform the CEPEJ on recent significant developments in their countries in the judicial field since December 2016, where appropriate.

5. CEPEJ's cooperation programmes

- i. State of affairs on some programmes
 - Programme to support the justice sector reform - improving the functioning of justice in Morocco using the tools of CEPEJ - Joint programme with the European Union
 - Evaluation of the Latvian judicial system
 - Strengthening the efficiency and quality of the Slovak judicial system
 - Development of mediation in Bulgaria
- ii. Finalised and other on-going programmes
 - Programmatic Co-operation Framework for the countries of the Eastern partnership - Azerbaijan and Republic of Moldova - Joint programme with the European Union
 - Horizontal Facility for Western Balkans and Turkey – Albania and Kosovo* - Joint programme with the European Union
 - Turkey - Developing mediation practices in civil disputes – Co-operation with the Swedish International Cooperation Development Agency (Sida)
 - Towards Strengthened Democratic Governance in the Southern Mediterranean – Tunisia, Jordan - Joint programme with the European Union

The CEPEJ members are invited to examine the progress in the co-operation programmes (see the document mentioned below). The CEPEJ members acting as experts involved in these programmes, as well as the Secretariat, are prepared to answer any questions that may be put to them during the meeting.

6. Evaluation of European judicial systems

Rapporteur: Jean-Paul JEAN (France), President of the CEPEJ-GT-EVAL

- i. Implementation of the 2016 - 2018 evaluation cycle
 - Planning of the work and of the schedule
 - New system of data collection
 - Issue of the repeated absence of specific data
 - developments of CEPEJ-STAT and the opportunity to integrate in this system the data collected within the framework of the "Justice Scoreboard" (EU)
- ii. Specific Study on the judicial professionals
- iii. Cooperation with the European Union within the framework of the "Justice Scoreboard"
- iv. Implementation of the pilot peer evaluation co-operation process
- v. Updating of the « Scheme for evaluating judicial systems - Key judicial indicators » in the framework of the co-operation programmes

7. Quality of justice (CEPEJ-GT-QUAL)

Rapporteur: François PAYCHÈRE (Switzerland), Chair of the CEPEJ-GT-QUAL

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

- i. Information on the on-going work
 - ii. Equal access to Justice: development within the OECD of the survey module to measure people's legal needs by *Martin FORST and Chloe LELIEVRE, Public Governance Directorate, OECD*
- 8. SATURN Centre on judicial time management: : information on the on-going work**
Rapporteur: Giacomo OBERTO (Italy), Chair of the Steering group of the SATURN Centre
- i. Information on the on-going work
 - ii. Introduction to the "Handbook for implementing the CEPEJ Tools"
- 9. Mediation (CEPEJ-GT-MED): information on the on-going work**
Rapporteur: Rimantas SIMAITIS (Lithuania), Chair of the CEPEJ-GT-MED
- 10. Ad hoc Working Group for the harmonisation of the definitions used by CEPEJ**
- 11. Network of pilot courts**
- 12. Relations between the CEPEJ and other Council of Europe Institutions**
- i. Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE)
 - ii. Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE)
- 13. Other cooperation scheme with the European Union : latest developments within the European Union in the judicial field**
Rapporteurs: Francesco DEPASQUALE (Malta) and Marko AAVIK (Estonia) on behalf of the outgoing and incoming presidency of the European Union
- 14. European Day of Justice and the 'Crystal Scales of Justice'**
Rapporteur: Secretariat
- 15. CEPEJ Innovation Centre**
Rapporteur: Secretariat
- 16. Report by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe: "The state of democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Europe"**
Rapporteur: Secretariat
- 17. Observers to the CEPEJ**
- Organisations who have been granted observer status with the CEPEJ are entitled, if they wish, to make an oral presentation of their current activities relevant to the CEPEJ and/or submit a written information to the Secretariat which could be distributed during the meeting.*
- 18. Working methods of the CEPEJ**
- i. CEPEJ experts training
 - ii. CEPEJ Deputy members
 - iii. Improving access to the CEPEJ tools: an electronic "benchbook"
- 19. Preparation of the 15th anniversary of the CEPEJ**
Rapporteur: Georg STAWA, President of the CEPEJ
- 20. Any other business**

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