

JOINT CONFERENCE

**HARMONIZATION, TRANSFERABILITY,
SUPPORT TOOLS: REFLECTIONS ON
DIGITALIZATION OF JUDICIAL
COOPERATION**

THE EXPERIENCE OF THE TREIO PROJECT AND BEYOND

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Wednesday, 24th January 2024, 09.30 – 17.00 CET

Time	Activity
09.00 – 09.30	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09.30 – 09.45	<p>Opening by</p> <p><i>Maria Angela Biasiotti</i>, <i>Institute of Legal Informatics and Judicial Systems at the National Research Council, Italy</i></p>
<p>eJustice Digital Strategy: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly</p> <p><i>The digital enabling of judicial collaboration in Europe is at full swing. The European Commission and Member States are actively working on the right legal and technical solutions to facilitate judicial collaboration in criminal and civil matters.</i></p> <p><i>This session aims at taking stock of the different initiatives going on and reflecting on the needs these developments give rise to. How do we cope with the training needs that come from these developments? Do we need structures to support an ecosystem of experts on the operation, legal and technical needs?</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by Dr Maria Angela Biasiotti, Institute of Legal Informatics and Judicial Systems at the National Research Council, Italy</i></p>	
09.45 – 11.00	<p>The New European e-Justice Strategy 2024-2028: A New Context, a Renewed Ambition, a Revised Method</p> <p><i>Alain Pilette</i>, <i>Deputy Director Justice, DG JAI Justice and Home Affairs at Council of the European Union</i></p>
	<p>e-EDS Reference Implementation Online Demo-site: Seeing is Believing!</p> <p><i>Cristian Nicolau</i>, <i>Head of Unit eJustice, IT and Document Management, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission</i></p>
	<p>Recent Works of the Council of Europe on Cyberjustice and AI</p> <p><i>Marek Świerczyński</i>, <i>Member of the Advisory Board, Council of Europe European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ)</i></p>
	<p>The National Perspective: Justice Folder - the Cornerstone of Interoperability in Spain</p> <p><i>Óscar Palomo Díaz</i>, <i>Head of Unit at the Communication & Interface Products Centre, Ministry of the Presidency, Justice and Relations with Parliament</i></p>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
<p>Strategizing Towards Digitalization: The Role of the Community</p>	

In the past few years, several legislative initiatives in the field of digitalization of justice have been adopted, that will require substantial technical and administrative follow-up actions at national level. Experience shows such activities have biggest success in delivering a working solution for e-Justice when supported by a strong community, building a broader perspective on e-Justice as an essential for the acceptance of the new digital tools.

This session will focus on e-Justice community building and what a strong circle of trust means for the digitalization reform in progress, and what is the experience of the member states in this regard, and how-to recommendations on developing an expert ecosystem as a main part of the strategizing process.

Moderated by Sandra Taal, Computerization and IT Policy Department, Ministry of Justice and Security (the Netherlands)

11.30 – 12.45

The Role of the Community in e-Justice

Sandra Taal, Ministry of Justice and Security, The Netherlands

Panel Discussion

Huub Moelker, European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

Tim Holthaus, Ministry of Justice, North Rhine-Westphalia

Mathias Maurer, Austrian Ministry of Justice

Ioannis (Ion) Pagkalos, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Alexandra Tsvetkova, LIBRe Foundation, Bulgaria

12.45 – 13.45

Lunch Break

TREIO Training Tools. Prospects and Needs for Supporting Tools (in Criminal Justice)

Under the TREIO Project some useful tools to carry out training on the European Investigation Order (EIO) and the use of e-Evidence Digital Exchange System (eEDES) in this regard have been realized. These tools were developed after a thorough analysis of the judicial reality in the different member states as to training strategies and actions. The TREIO Reference Training Framework has been tailor made to the different needs and requirements of the judicial scene.

This session aims at sharing with the audience the TREIO achievements and – starting from this – to discuss the different perspectives and needs for such supporting tools. How can the tools be supportive to the different realities dealing with criminal justice at EU level? Are they applicable to civil justice as well? What future work should be performed?

Moderated by Jeanne Mifsud Bonnici, University of Groningen, the Netherlands

13.45 – 15.15

TREIO Toolkit – Where Do We Stand

Maria Angela Biasiotti, Institute of Legal Informatics and Judicial Systems at the National Research Council, Italy

	<p>TREIO In-person Training Framework: Content, Materials, Guidelines</p> <p><i>Jeanne Mifsud Bonnici, University of Groningen, the Netherlands</i></p>
	<p>TREIO eEDES Simulator of the EIO Business Workflow</p> <p><i>Yiannis Salmatzidis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece</i></p>
	<p>TREIO eLearning Course</p> <p><i>Georgina Humphries, ECTEG - European Cybercrime Training and Education Group</i></p>
	<p>Panel Discussion: Training as a Supportive Environment for the Digitalization of Justice</p> <p><i>Wojciech Postulski, Unit A1. Digital Transition & Judicial Training to DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Antonia Giannakopoulou, Public Prosecutor's Office at the Court of Appeal of Athens, Greece</i></p> <p><i>Orlando Mascarenhas, Judicial Police and Criminal Sciences Institute, Portugal</i></p>
15.15 – 15.45	Coffee Break
<p>Digital Judicial Files – National and International Efforts (and the Role of Training)</p> <p><i>Digitalization of judicial work has become an inevitable request by legal practitioners, citizens and judicial employees. These groups are not only ready to work digitally but they are even expecting that judicial authorities provide modern tools of work. No judicial administration can afford to ignore this development. But how do you do that? Which technical and legal obstacles will you face? In terms of change management: how does the human factor come into play when acting within such a change process? And, most important: how do you deal with all these challenges?</i></p> <p><i>This session will shed a light on these questions and present selected judicial digitalization initiatives that recently dealt with these challenges or are about to face them.</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by Bernhard Rieder, Austrian Ministry of Justice</i></p>	
15.45 – 17.00	<p>Portugal</p> <p><i>Célia Santos, Judicial High Council, Portugal</i></p>
	<p>A Familiar Stranger – Digital Files in NRW, Germany</p> <p><i>Christoph Czaplík, Ministry of Justice, North Rhine-Westphalia</i></p>

	<p>Digitalization in Austrian Justice (Justice 3.0) - State of Play and the Role of Training in the Rollout of the Digital Justice Workplace</p> <p><i>Julia Wasmayr, Austrian Ministry of Justice</i></p>
	<p>e-CODEX after Me-CODEX – the Future Starts Now</p> <p><i>Tim Holthaus, Ministry of Justice, North Rhine-Westphalia</i></p>
	<p>ICANEPO Project</p> <p><i>Mathias Maurer, Austrian Ministry of Justice</i></p>
17.00	<p>Closing Remarks for the Day</p> <p><i>Maria Angela Biasiotti, Institute of Legal Informatics and Judicial Systems at the National Research Council, Italy</i></p>
19.30	<p>Welcome Drink & Social Dinner</p>

Thursday, 25th January 2024, 09.30 – 15.30 CET

Time	Activity
09.00 – 09.30	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09.30 – 09.45	<p>Where Do We Stand: Summary of Day 1</p> <p><i>Jeanne Mifsud Bonnici, University of Groningen, the Netherlands</i></p>
	<p>Digital Harmonization vs. National Legal Frameworks' Diversity: Challenges and Pitfalls</p> <p><i>During the different TREIO training activities, one common reflection by the participants has been that digital tools such as eEDES harmonise processes but the inherent diversity in national laws remains. This diversity in national (procedural) laws can be a challenge to the process of digitalization and ultimately to achieving the goals of European Union judicial cooperation efficiency. How are these challenges overcome in practice? This session looks at specific difficulties e.g. in interception of communication measures and in the rule of specialty in the EIO.</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by Jeanne Mifsud Bonnici, University of Groningen, the Netherlands</i></p>
09.45 – 10.45	<p>Digital Harmonization vs. National Legal Frameworks' Diversity: Challenges and Pitfalls</p> <p><i>Jorge Espina, Assistant to the National Member for Spain, Spanish Desk at Eurojust</i></p> <p>Panel Discussion: Navigating the Maze – Sense-Making in Cross-Border Judicial Cooperation amidst Technological, Legal, and Organizational Diversity</p> <p><i>Maija Andrijauska, European Judicial Network in Criminal Matters</i></p> <p><i>Marco Velicogna, Institute of Legal Informatics and Judicial Systems at the National Research Council, Italy</i></p> <p><i>Fabrizia Bemer, Prosecutor's Office of Florence, Italy</i></p>
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee Break
	<p>Videoconferencing as a Support Tool</p> <p><i>Videoconferencing for judicial purposes has been used for decades now. However, it was the pandemic which gave it a serious boost. Continuing judicial business at judicial authorities would not have been possible without the option to hold hearings and other meetings with remote communication technologies. Although judicial business is back to normal again many technical but also legal achievements in videoconferencing are retained and continue to support the judicial work.</i></p> <p><i>This session will show a few examples of how videoconferencing has advanced in recent years in some Member States. The panellists will further discuss obstacles still impacting videoconferencing especially in a cross-border environment and maybe identify best practices of how to overcome them.</i></p>

<i>Moderated by Bernhard Rieder, Austrian Ministry of Justice</i>	
11.15 – 12.45	<p>Panel Discussion: Experiences on Videoconferencing in Judicial Matters and How to Enable Cross-border Activities</p> <p>Katarzyna Klimas, Wrocław Court of Appeal, Poland Maija Andrijauska, European Judicial Network in Criminal Matters Sebastian Leitner, SimpliVi Project Andrés Aranda, Ministry of the Presidency, Justice and Relations with Parliament, Spain</p>
12.45 – 13.45	Lunch Break
<p>Training Strategy: Way Forward and Transferability of Outcomes</p> <p><i>Training has a crucial role in generating knowledge and awareness needed to produce the change that the digital justice is requiring to be efficient. Training is carried out in the different Member States and also at European level. Building upon the TREIO Project outcomes and experience the feeling is that training as it is in this moment has not produced all its potentials and there is room for further actions and strategies to reinforce the effectiveness of training and the awareness of its importance when dealing with digital change. This session aims to bring together actors that play an important role in implementing training strategies and discuss with them the way forward for training in the digital justice domain.</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by Dr Maria Angela Biasiotti, Institute of Legal Informatics and Judicial Systems at the National Research Council, Italy</i></p>	
13.45 – 15.15	<p>Digitalization of Justice and the Role of Training</p> <p>Teresa Magno, Judge Assistant to the National Member for Italy, Italian Desk at Eurojust</p>
	<p>Panel Discussion: Recent Experiences and the Way Forward</p> <p>Aki Hietanen, Ministry of Justice, Finland Marieta Nedelcheva, Judge and National Contact Person of National Network for International Cooperation in Criminal Matters, Bulgaria Yves Vandermeer, ECTEG - European Cybercrime Training and Education Group</p>
15.15 – 15.30	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Maria Angela Biasiotti, Institute of Legal Informatics and Judicial Systems at the National Research Council, Italy</p>
15.30 – 16.00	Networking over Coffee

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 - Meeting number (access code): 2744 912 7639
 - Meeting password: mJRbK2Ts*43 (65725287 from phones)
- Access details for 25th January 2024, 09.30 – 15.30 CET
 - Access link:
<https://ecconf.webex.com/ecconf/j.php?MTID=mdce8e19471e2ac6e174dcdff39bc837c>
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Feedback:

All participants are invited to share their insights and expertise during the Conference. Further questions and/or written feedback on the TREIO Toolkit, Reference Training Framework and e-tools may also be provided to office@treio.eu.