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EUROMED JUSTICE III PROJECT

Access to Justice and Legal Aid

WG 1.2 on “Justice and the use of new technologies”

WG 1.2.1

First meeting

Handbook describing approaches and best practices with regards to the use of technologies for the case management, circulation of materials, data collection in the legal field and communication of case law to the public

Athens (GR), 10-12 July 2012

AGENDA

Monday 9 July 2012

Arrival of the participants at the hotel and first contact with the members of the Project Team

Tuesday 10 July 2012

09.00-09.30 **Registration of participants**

09.30-09.45 **Welcome speech**

Ioannis IOANNIDIS, General Secretary of Transparency and Human Rights, National Focal Point of Greece for the EuroMed Justice III Project.

Andrés SALCEDO VELASCO, Team Leader of the EuroMed Justice III Project.

09.45-10.00 Presentation of the participants

- 10.00-10.30 **General presentation of the project. Background and summary of the work carried out during previous EuroMed Justice Projects related to this Component “Access to Justice and Legal Aid”**
- Andrés SALCEDO VELASCO*
- Debate
- 10.30-10.50 **Working group on Justice and New Technologies. Work programme, timing and methodology.**
- José María FERNÁNDEZ VILLALOBOS*, Course Manager of the EuroMed Justice III Project.
- 10.50-11.20 **Coffee break**
- 11.20-12.00 **Scope and general contents of the debates during the sessions of this Working Group**
- Project Team*
- Xavier MONSÓ BRIÑARDELI*, Main short-term Expert.
- 12.00-13.00 **Questions/debate and clarifications on the above-mentioned topics**
- 13.00-14.30 Lunch
- 14.30-15.30 **Approaches and best practices on justice and the new technologies: evaluation of the tasks that the present judiciary system should be capable of performing and the needs that technology must be able to meet. Discussion (I)**
- Xavier MONSÓ BRIÑARDELI*
- Project Team*
- Debate
- 15.30-16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.00-17.00 **Approaches and best practices on justice and the new technologies: evaluation of the tasks that the present judiciary system should be capable of performing and the needs that technology must be able to meet. Discussion (II)**
- Xavier MONSÓ BRIÑARDELI*
- Project Team*
- Debate

End of the 1st day

Wednesday 11 July 2012

08.30-09.30 **Approaches and best practices on justice and the new technologies: evaluation of the tasks that the present judiciary system should be capable of performing and the needs that technology must be able to meet. Discussion (III)**

Xavier MONSÓ BRIÑARDELI

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Debate

09.30-11.00 **Approaches and best practices on justice and the new technologies: evaluation of the tasks that the present judiciary system should be capable of performing and the needs that technology must be able to meet. Discussion (IV)**

Xavier MONSÓ BRIÑARDELI

Project Team

Debate

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-13.00 **Presentation on "e-Justice and e-Law: present and future".**

PAULINO PEREIRA Fernando Rui, Chair of the "e-Law working party" of the Council of the European Union.

Debate

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.30 **Approaches and best practices on justice and the new technologies: evaluation of the tasks that the present judiciary system should be capable of performing and the needs that technology must be able to meet. Discussion (V)**

Xavier MONSÓ BRIÑARDELI

Project Team

Debate

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.00 **Approaches and best practices on justice and the new technologies: evaluation of the tasks that the present judiciary system should be capable of performing and the needs that technology must be able to meet. Discussion (VI)**

Xavier MONSÓ BRIÑARDELI

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Debate **End of the 2nd day**

Thursday 12 July 2012

08.30-10.30 **Approaches and best practices on justice and the new technologies: evaluation of the tasks that the present judiciary system should be capable of performing and the needs that technology must be able to meet. Discussion (VII)**

Xavier MONSÓ BRIÑARDELI

Project Team

Debate

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.00 **Presentation by the participants of the most relevant portals, websites, etc. in their respective countries in the field of justice (I)**

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Debate

12.00-13.00 **Best practices with regards to the use of technologies for the case management, circulation of materials, data collection in the legal field and communication of case law to the public: e-justice in Greece**

Dimitris ASKOUNIS, Associate Professor at the "School of Electrical and Computer Engineering" of the National Technical University of Athens.

Debate

13.00-14.30 **Lunch**

14.30-15.30 **Presentation by the participants of the most relevant portals, websites, etc. in their respective countries in the field of justice (II)**

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Debate

15.30-15.45 **Presentation of the support offered by the project website**

José María FERNÁNDEZ VILLALOBOS

15.45-16.15 **Approaches and best practices on justice and the new technologies: evaluation of the tasks that the present judiciary system should be capable of performing and the needs that technology must be able to meet. Discussion (VII)**

Xavier MONSÓ BRIÑARDELI

Project Team

Debate

16.15-16.30 **First conclusions, recommendations and contributions related to the Handbook. Preparing the intermediate work and next meeting. Conclusions and closure**

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Andrés SALCEDO VELASCO

End of the meeting

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

This meeting takes place under the second Working Group (WG 1.2) of the first main component of the project: Access to Justice and Legal Aid, and is focused on Justice and the New Technologies. The objective of this activity will be to prepare a handbook describing approaches and best practices with regards to the use of technologies for the case management, circulation of materials, data collection in the legal field and communication of case law to the public. This is the first of 3 meetings devoted to this issue.

METHODOLOGY FOR THE PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF THE HANDBOOK

The Working Group (WG) will function as real think-tank in the field covered and will be an opportunity to exchange information and debate on various topics. The results of the work of the WG will be of paramount importance to obtain a real knowledge of the current situation and have in-depth discussions on the topics concerned. In addition, the handbook will also be able to be used as a practical guide. The handbook will be prepared in time to be presented to the Intermediate Regional Conference in the course of the second year of the project.

During this first meeting we are going to explain the general and specific content, timing and methodology of the activity, having the opportunity to discuss the expected results related to this topic as well as the planning of the work to be developed.

In addition, we will have the opportunity of sharing the international experts' opinion and the participants' first approach on the main topics to be discussed from their own perspective and respective competences. Through an in-depth and detailed discussion, we will have a profound discussion on the main topics that will be tackled during this first meeting: case management, circulation of materials and the use of new technologies. In this respect we will have the opportunity to discuss on the techniques available to measure the performance of the justice administration and the collection of data in the field of justice, with special reference to the work developed by the CEPEJ. The discussion will also address the topic "e-Justice and e-Law: present and future."

THE BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES EXPERTS' PROFILES

Three persons maximum for each ENPI South partner country will take part in the meeting. Their profile will be: senior, high level officials from the Ministry of Justice or other relevant public authority, officials from Judicial Statistical and Judicial IT departments, members of the judiciary and other legal professionals, with documented experience within the topics covered by the WG (the use of technologies for the case management, circulation of materials, data collection in the legal field, information in case law to the public, techniques for the measurement of the performance of the justice administration, evaluation of the courts' performance through self-assessment, E-Justice, etc); prior participation in relevant Euromed Justice I or Euromed Justice II activities will be an advantage.

Availability and readiness to the intensive work schedule involved, both with respect to the WG activity and with researching, preparing for WG meetings and contributing to finding documentation and to the drafting of the handbook; ability to understand and express her-/himself and writing in English and/or French (at least the written communications/contributions should be in French or English); due attention will be paid to ensuring that persons taking part in activities related to exchanges of experience and good practices hold strategic positions in the national institutions and that, in this capacity, they will be likely to share with their colleagues and staff lessons learned from such activities.

The experts (3) should have the appropriate profile, a comprehensive knowledge and vision, a sound experience in this field and willing to make an effective contribution to the working group. This will require not only that their country of origin allows them to have enough time available to attend the three meetings planned for this activity, but more specifically, that in between each meeting they have enough time to keep on working together and with the main short-term expert in charge of working out the handbook and the Project Team, virtually through the Project website and/or other means (email, etc.), so as to allow for continuity of the work and an exchange of information, documentation and ideas with each other. For this reason, it would be highly desirable that the same persons attend all the WGs meetings or at least that the head of delegation be the same for each meeting.

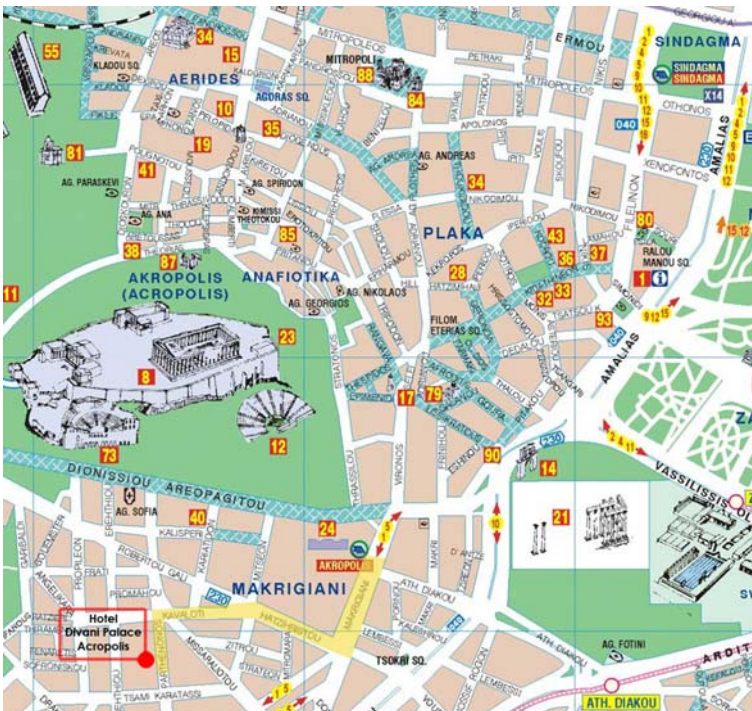
DOCUMENTATION

A list of suggested reading documents available and working documents related to the topics addressed will be provided by the Project Team ahead of the meeting.

WORKING LANGUAGES

English, French and Arabic, with simultaneous interpretation provided during the meeting.

VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION



The MEDA participants will be accommodated at the :

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Where the meeting will take place