



EUROMED JUSTICE III PROJECT TECHNICAL FOCUS MEETING

Barcelona (ES), September 30th 2014

AGENDA

Monday 29 September 2014

20.00 – 22.00 Welcome Dinner

Tuesday 30 September 2014

09.00 – 09.30 Registration of participants

09.30 - 09.45 **Welcome speeches**

Peter GOLDSCHMIDT, Supervisor of the EuroMed Justice III Project, Director of the European Centre for Judges and Lawyers, EIPA Luxembourg.

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 extension period and future activities that will be developed during this last phase of the project.

Andrés SALCEDO VELASCO

José María FERNÁNDEZ VILLALOBOS, Course Manager, EuroMed Justice III Project

10.30 – 11.30 Component 1: Access to justice and legal aid

Workshop 1

Preparation of the next activity: Quality of Justice and Judicial Policy, Governance and Competences of the Judiciary, and Legislative Programming for the Administration of Justice and the Judiciary.

Open debate and suggestions.

11.30 - 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.00 Component 2: Resolution of cross-border family conflicts

Workshop 2

Preparation of the next activity: EU, EU MS and ENPI South Partner countries cross-border regulations and cross-border family conflicts.

Open debate and suggestions

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 15.30 Component 3: Criminal and penitentiary law

Workshop 3

Preparation of the next activity: Comprehensive legal status of victims, with particular attention to gender-based violence, interfamily violence and victims of terrorism.

Open debate and suggestions

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 16.15 Study visits presentation

Open debate and suggestions

16.15 – 17.00 Plenary session. Conclusions

17.00 - 18.00 Closure of the meeting

Objectives of the meeting

After over two years of project implementation, we consider it strategically appropriate to organise a meeting with key people from the beneficiary countries involved in the implementation of the EuroMed Justice III project. The overall objective of such a meeting will be two-fold:

- to present and discuss the proposed extension phase of the project, including the activities contained in this proposal, and to obtain their support for the implementation of the extension period; and
- to lay the foundations for a further increase of the interaction with and among the beneficiaries within the framework of project activities, and thereby obtain synergies for and commitment to the implementation of the extension.

In this respect and as main topics to be discussed during the meeting we will include:

- a) an Introductory session providing for a general presentation of the extension period and putting into perspective the activities developed during the project to date and the Consortium's proposal for future activities during the extension period;
- b) a session devoted to preparing the workshop/training seminar entitled "The Quality of Justice and the Judicial Policy, Governance and Competences of the Judiciary and Legislative Programming for the Administration of Justice and the Judiciary";
- c) a session devoted to preparing a workshop/training seminar entitled "EU, EU MS and ENPI South Partner countries cross-border regulations and cross-border family conflicts";
- d) a session devoted to preparing the workshop/training seminar on "Comprehensive legal status of victims, with particular attention to gender-based violence, interfamily violence and victims of terrorism, and other categories"; and
- e) Preparation of the study visits.

Working Methodology

As regards the planned methodology, this activity shall provide for increased and enhanced interventions by the participants, as it will be designed to not only allow, but motivate the representatives from the beneficiary countries to discuss both in smaller groups and in plenary and to work towards some suggestions of issues of common concern and/or interest to all the ENPI South countries related to the further development and strengthening of the justice sector and cross-border judicial cooperation.

In addition, it will be an opportunity to introduce and discuss the topics and the methodology of the training seminars and the study visits scheduled for the extended phase of the project.

Methodology-wise we will invite enhanced interventions from the side of the beneficiary countries and leave more time for participants-driven discussions and exchanges.

Participants

We expect up to <u>four key officials from each of the ENPI South Partner countries to</u> <u>attend this meeting</u>. We are thinking of the National Focal Points and a leader or another most relevant participant from one or more of the three project components, and/or one senior representative of the Council for the Judiciary, senior representative of each Supreme Court, Prosecution Office or Council of State or equivalent, and one representative of Bars Societies at the highest possible level.

The experts should have the appropriate profile, a comprehensive knowledge and vision, and a sound experience in this field. They should also be willing to make an effective contribution to the meeting.

The quality of the experts proposed is the main guarantee that our joint efforts during the meeting will result in a good analysis and diagnosis of the situation in the fields addressed, and in an exchange of useful, reliable and accurate information.

If possible, good level, in written and spoken, of English or French (at least the written communications/contributions should be in English or French).

Working Languages

This meeting will be held in English, French and Arabic. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the meeting.

Venue and accommodation



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