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**AGENDA**

**Monday 30 September 2013**

19.30 -21.00 Dinner for the representatives of the ENPI South partner countries.

**Tuesday 1 October 2013**

09.00 - 09.15 **Registration of participants.**

09.15 – 09.30 **Welcome speeches.**

*Zoltan NÉMETH*, Head of the Private International Law Department,  
Ministry of Public Administration and Justice, Hungary.

*Andrés SALCEDO VELASCO*, Team Leader of the EuroMed Justice III  
Project, Barcelona (ES).

09.30 – 09.45 **Presentation of the EuroMed Justice III Project. Main topics suggested  
for discussion, the working programme and the methodology to be  
followed during the seminar.**

*Andrés SALCEDO VELASCO.*

*José María FERNÁNDEZ VILLALOBOS*, Course Manager of the EuroMed  
Justice III Project, Barcelona (ES).

09.45 – 10.45 **Presentation of the work developed during the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the project  
related to Justice and the use of new technologies.**

*Xavier MONSÓ*, Main short-term Expert during the first phase of the Project.

Debate

10.45 -11.15 Coffee break

11.15 -13.00 **Tour de table. Self-Presentation of the participants and presentation of the situation in the ENPI South Partners: Influence of technologies and statistics for prosecutors' offices and courts in the ENPI South countries. IT, workload and undue delays at courts.**

*Each delegation will have some 12-15 minutes to present itself and the current situation about the topics covered by this seminar in its own country.*

13.00 -14.30 Lunch

14.30 -16.30 Presentation on **"E-Justice and web portals: communication with citizens and professionals"**

*Jaana POHJANMÄKI*, Judicial Cooperation in Civil Law matters, DG Justice and Home Affairs, Council of the European Union.

Debate

End of the day

### **Wednesday 2 October 2013**

09.30-11.00 **Presentation on "Social Media (TV, Internet, Facebook, radio, etc) and Justice Administration: the judicial news" (I).**

*Nico SNELDERS*, Judge, High Council for the Judiciary, Belgium.

Debate

11.00 -11.30 Break

11.30-13.00 **Presentation on "Social Media (TV, Internet, Facebook, radio, etc) and Justice Administration: the judicial news" (II).**

*Nico SNELDERS*

Debate

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch

- 14.30-17.00 **“Social Media (TV, Internet, Facebook, radio, etc) and Justice Administration: the judicial news (III).**
- Practical Case
- End of the day

### **Thursday, 3 October 2013**

- 09.30 -11.00 Presentation on “Dealing with IT and statistics in EU countries: statistics elaboration, internal and external collection of data in the field of justice, database build-up, internal and external communication.”**
- Norbert LAKY*, Head of IT Department, National Office for the Judiciary, Hungary.
- Debate
- 11.00 -11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 -13.00 Presentation on “Judiciary institutions’ support in management and administration in the field of the Justice Administration: special reference to the techniques for the improvement of the circulation of legal materials and techniques for the measurement of the performance of justice administration”.**
- László ÖRKÉNYI*, Judge, Head of Department, National Office for the Judiciary, Hungary.
- Debate
- 13.00 -14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 -15.30 “E-Justice and web portals: communication with citizens and professionals”**
- Workshop.
- 15.30 -15.45 Presentation of the support offered by the project website**
- José María FERNÁNDEZ VILLALOBOS*
- 15.45 -16.15 Plenary session, debate, conclusions.**
- José María FERNÁNDEZ VILLALOBOS*

16.15-16-30 **Closure of the seminar.**

*Andrés SALCEDO VELASCO*

*Dávid GUYÁS*, Legal Adviser, Ministry of Public Administration and Justice, Department of International Judicial Cooperation; National Focal Point for the Euromed Justice III project in Hungary.

End of the training seminar

## **GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

### **The project**

The EuroMed Justice III project funded by the EU with a budget of € 5 million over the period 2011-2014, follows the success of EuroMed Justice I and II such as the development of a Euro-Mediterranean area of cooperation in the field of justice by supporting the development of the partners' capacity and backing the modernisation of justice, including an improved access to justice.

This project is being implemented by a consortium led by the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) and composed of FIIAPP (*Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas*), IRZ (*Deutsche Stiftung für Internationale Rechtliche Zusammenarbeit*) and SOFRECO (*Société Française de Réalisation d'Etudes et de Conseil*). EIPA Barcelona is the Programme Management Unit for the EuroMed Justice III Project.

The beneficiaries of this project are the ENPI South countries: the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Israel, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Lebanon, the Kingdom of Morocco, Palestine, the Syrian Arab Republic (formally part of the project even if there is a partial and temporary suspension of the EuroMed Justice III project in terms of Syrian participation), the Republic of Tunisia and Libya, as new ENPI South Beneficiary Country of the Project.

The EuroMed Justice III project addresses in particular issues related to the themes of Access to justice and legal aid, Resolution of cross-border family conflicts and Criminal and penitentiary law.

The project activities mainly consist in carrying out Working Groups (1<sup>st</sup> phase) and in organising Training sessions and Study visits covering the 3 components of the project (2<sup>nd</sup> phase). Research Reports and Handbooks were produced during the 1<sup>st</sup> phase and Training materials will be presented during the second phase of the project.

### **The training seminar**

This seminar takes place under the first main component of the project "Access to Justice and Legal Aid".

Most experts consider that training is the core issue in any process of change affecting well functioning institutions and good governance. A complete training, balanced and plural, is a prerequisite if the Justice Administration system want to be respected and worthy of respect. For this reason, this second phase of the EUROMED JUSTICE III Project will play a relevant role through the training activities in order to contribute to the strengthening of the Euro-Mediterranean justice area.

The title of this seminar is “Introduction of technologies and statistics in the judiciary: The use of information and communication technologies in justice; media and justice”.

In particular, this session is focused on the relevant role that IT and New Technologies have acquired in order to improve efficiency of justice so as to guarantee an effective access to justice for citizens. In addition, the participants attending activities of the first phase of the project stressed the importance of dealing with the relationship between media and new technologies and justice in the daily work of the court.

In this respect, the different subtopics will enable us to carry out an in-depth analysis of several relevant aspects which are directly linked to the essential role that IT and mass media information nowadays play in bringing justice closer to citizens.

We are going to share the international experts’ opinion and the participants’ approach on these topics from their own perspective, experience and respective competences.

Through an in-depth and detailed discussion, we will know the current situation related to the topics under discussion, among others, “Influence of technologies and statistics for prosecutors’ offices and courts in the ENPI South countries. IT, workload and undue delays at courts; “E-Justice and web portals: communication with citizens and professionals”; “Information right and justice administration: scope and limits. Protection of citizens and judicial professionals involved in the procedure”; “Social Media (TV, Internet, Facebook, radio, etc) and Justice Administration: the judicial news”; “Dealing with IT and statistics in EU countries: statistics elaboration, internal and external collection of data in the field of justice, database build-up, internal and external communication”; and “Judiciary institutions’ support in management and administration in the field of the Justice Administration: special reference to the techniques for the improvement of the circulation of legal materials and techniques for the measurement of the performance of justice administration”. All of them being the main subtopics that will be object of the discussions.

Thanks to this seminar, we will get to know the different features prevailing in the region and we will learn from each other through the different experiences and viewpoints of the participants.

### **The working method**

Participants should be aware that they are the main players in the training seminar as they will be able to share their respective experience and views related to the topics under review.

We expect the experts participating in this seminar to have an in-depth knowledge of the topics under discussion and to be able to provide us with a detailed vision of the current situation in their respective countries. We also expect them to have previously prepared themselves for the discussion in order to achieve the most fruitful results.

In this context and to ensure a good preparation, the Project Team will provide the participants, at least two weeks before the date of the seminar, with the agenda, the documents and a list of the relevant documents on the topics addressed. These documents will also be made available on the EuroMed Justice III project website for the participants to download them and will be handed over to the participants in a folder on the occasion of the training seminar.

Moreover we would like to stress that the methodology of the training sessions does not rely on a traditional methodology based on *ex cathedra* classes; rather, the idea is to put a strong emphasis on interactive presentations and practical approach allowing for a transfer of knowledge and experience.

We should not forget that although it is the expert who will determine the framework of the presentation, the objective of the training seminars is not just a transfer of knowledge, but rather to give the participants the possibility of sharing their experience and viewpoints on the issues being addressed. This methodology will then enable them to take advantage from the experience of the other colleagues and, in our opinion, the working atmosphere should facilitate relationships between the participants. In this respect and in order to trigger the debate, practical cases or workshops will be introduced in the different training seminars depending of the topics being discussed.

The quality of the various sessions will be assessed by means of evaluation forms distributed to the participants at the end of the seminar. After each training seminar, its results will be evaluated by the participants, including the knowledge and skills gained and the subjective perception participants have both about the contents and the trainers. It is very important from the very beginning to know the opinion of the participants because we are aware that although we are doing our best to guarantee the quality of each activity, the participants' viewpoints will help us to perceive some details that can be improved for the next sessions.

### **Experts**

Four (4) experts from each ENPI South partner country are expected to attend each training seminar.

### **Target group:**

Officials from the ministries of Justice and court administration authorities, judges, registrars, clerks and other auxiliary staff of courts, lawyers and prosecutors' offices, trainers from judicial training institutions and representatives from non-governmental actors dealing with the issues covered by the seminars, publishers of legal materials and statistical departments.



More particularly, for this seminar it would be advisable that the participants be, in so far as possible: senior officials of the Ministry of Justice in charge of or knowledgeable of topics such as strategic management of the Justice administration, preferably in the field of statistics, communication and information management, E-justice and justice web portals; members of the Council of the judiciary or equivalent institution in charge of or knowledgeable of the same or similar topics, and members of the Supreme Court or high courts senior judges in charge of or knowledgeable of these topics or issues related to communication.

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 training seminar.

Bearing in mind that a “Tour de table” is scheduled on the first day of the seminar, a short presentation prepared ahead of the seminar by each delegation will be required.

The quality of the experts proposed is the main guarantee that our joint efforts during the seminars 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.

### **Documentation**

A list of the basic documentation will be provided by the Project Team at least two weeks ahead of the seminar:

- Relevant international documentation on the topic produced by the European Union, the Council of Europe, the United Nations, etc.
- Other documents, possibly those provided by the participants of the ENPI South partner countries.
- Working documents
- Reading documents.

These documents will be sent to the participants ahead of the meeting together with the list of basic documentation; they will also be handed over to the participants at the training seminar.

### **Working languages**

English, French and Arabic, with simultaneous interpretation during the whole seminar.

### Venue and accommodation



The seminar will take place at the:

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