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Shaping Expertise across European Justice Systems

FIND an Expert

A European project to better understand Expert proceedings and identify the judicial Experts of each country of the European Union.

Tool on e-justice web portal <https://e-justice.europa.eu>

Judicial Experts for civil, administrative and criminal court cases
in each Member State of the European Union



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Who will benefit?

- Judges working on civil and criminal cases,
- Lawyers, citizens and public authorities can use this newly created register of European Experts as a reference source,
- Citizens who are parties to court cases,
- Companies and insurers,
- European citizens, researchers, journalists...

The aims

This project aims to enable judges, lawyers and citizens of the European Union to:

- learn more about the concept and procedure of judicial expertise in each Member State,
- identify the lists of Experts already drawn up by the Member State and the entities in charge of managing these lists,
- for civil, administrative and criminal proceedings, to find a suitable judicial Expert able to answer technical or scientific questions arising from the case concerned or to carry out the required technical tasks and give his opinion, both orally and in writing,
- to create a register of European Experts.

Expected Results

The project will facilitate the access to information on Expert proceedings and judicial Experts in the European Union and contribute to the enhancement of mutual trust in justice between the courts, lawyers and citizens of the EU Member States. For each Member State, the following results are expected.

- Concrete, transparent and reliable information on judicial expertise in each Member State for judges, lawyers, companies, legal bodies and citizens of the whole EU,
- Development of mutual trust between the courts and professionals about Expert proceedings in each Member State,
- Accelerate the consensus between Member States in order to create European judicial Expert lists as well as a European standard of Experts' further education and training of judicial Experts where there are none and, in doing so, improve the quality of judicial Expert proceedings in each Member State,
- Find convergence ways for categories of judicial Experts' specialties, with the final aim to create a harmonised nomenclature of specialties throughout Europe.

The main milestones of the project

September-December 2017

Preparation of a questionnaire by the Scientific Committee of the project led by Prof Gilles Cuniberti with Dr Christiane Lenz.

The questionnaire consisted of 72 multiple choice and open questions concerning the appointment of judicial Experts, lists of registered Experts, qualifications required to become a judicial Expert, legal obligations judicial Experts have to respect during court proceedings, the remuneration of Experts, Experts' liability, the use of Experts' opinions in trial as well as statistics and the designation of Experts in the different EU Member States.

January 2018

Implementation of the questionnaire into an Online tool.

At the end of March 2018

Dissemination to 512 contact persons.

April and May 2018

Preparation of a template for the information sheets on judicial Expert proceedings in every EU Member State to be published on the e-justice-website.

June 2018

Start of the evaluation of the results of the survey.

End of August 2019

Online publication of Expert lists

Link to existing judicial Expert lists (or, as the case may be for some Member State, Experts associations) and/or search tools. For each Member State, online publication of the information sheets mentioned above.

EEEEI

**Not for profit organization created in October 2006.
A think tank for judicial expertise.**

Members:

- Judges and prosecutors,
- Courts of appeal or equivalent,
- Lawyers - Associations,
- Academics – Universities or faculties,
- Court Experts – representative associations from all over the European Union.

**From all over the European Union
More than 60 institutional members from 15 countries**

EEEEI has been appointed by the CEPEJ as observer in the Evaluation Working Group
GT-EVAL and quality Working Group

Goals

- To improve the quality & independence of judicial Experts in the EU,
- To find areas of consensus to foster the harmonization of judicial Expert proceedings & judicial Expert status, ethics, training and evaluation across European Justice systems,
- To facilitate & build a European register of acknowledged Experts.

Approach

- Teamwork between European legal practitioners (judges, prosecutors, lawyers, Experts), academics, legal persons & citizens,
- Permanent activities: research work, mutual assistance network, document database on expertise, conferences, web site...

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Approach



Composition of the team: 25 - 30 people - judicial Experts, judges, lawyers, academics from more than 10 Member States.

5 Workpackages (WP)

WP 1: Management of the project

WP 2 and 3: Gathering information about expertise proceedings in every EU Member State

WP4: Process to transfer and update data: expertise proceedings and lists of Experts; IT issues

WP5: Communication

WP 2/3 consists of 7 Working groups responsible for contacts and information concerning the following countries.

WG1: UK, Ireland, Malta, Cyprus, Spain
Juan Antonio Andino (ES), Jonathan Price (UK), Christine Scott (UK)

WG2: France, Belgium, Luxemburg, Romania
Romania: Marian Drilea-Marga (RO), Belgium: Julie Lodomez (BE)
France: Jean-Raymond Lemaire (FR), Luxemburg: Gilles Cuniberti (LU)

WG3: Greece, Germany, Austria, Italy
Greece: Christiane Lenz (DE), Germany: Verena Wirwohl (DE),
Italy: Giovanna Ichino, Carlo Bianchetti (IT)

WG4: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands
Nico Keijser (NL), Sascha Dalen Gilhuijs (NL)

WG5: Bulgaria, Poland, Hungary
Galina Arnadouva (BG), Jacques Honkoop (NL)

WG6: Slovakia, Portugal, Croatia, Czech Republic
Sergey Zakharov (CZ), Ruben Juvandes (PT), Rui Batista (PT)

WG7: Sweden, Finland, Denmark
Julie Lodomez (BE), Benoît de Clerck (FR)

Publications



Oct. 2014

Expertise de justice *Quel avenir en Europe ?* by Bruylant, on Civil legal expertise in EU, co-authored by ten European authors under the direction of Ms Patricia Grandjean



Oct. 2015

The Guide of good practice in civil judicial expertise in the EU – Translations available: IT, BG, DE, RO, PT, PL on the EEEI website



Oct. 2016

A book about good practices in civil judicial expertise with comments from several stakeholders, edited by Bruylant editions

Training

**In partnership with EFB
(French school operated by the
Paris Bar under the jurisdiction
of the Paris Court of Appeal)**

**In partnership with the CNB
(French National Bar Council)**

**In partnership with the ENM
(French Superior Council of Judges)**



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