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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

We have the honour of asking you to participate in a jury for a consensus Conference that will take place in June 2023 within a European project led by the EEEI and EuroExpert.

This Consensus Conference aims to select and to phrase common recommendations on the following topics related to judicial expertise:

1. Define the criteria that allow a person to qualify as judicial expert.
2. Define common standards to be met by the bodies that manage experts' lists, minimum requirements to be registered in experts' directories and stay on it.
3. Find ways of convergence between the nomenclatures of experts' specialities of the Member States and implement a process that includes a regular updating of a common nomenclature at EU level.
4. Propose processes for interconnecting national lists and for establishing a European search engine for judicial experts. Proposals to ensure the sustainability of the project will also be treated.

The role of the jury in a consensus conference is of an utmost importance since it must, at the end of a long process of elaboration (see appendix) formalise the recommendations that have reached consensus. The jury is independent from the Organising Committee of the project.

Your tasks would include:

- Reading the reports of the various work packages that have been set up to study the questions raised by the Organising Committee.
- Participating in the public presentation of the results of the work packages during the conference.
- Taking into account the points raised during the discussions of the participants attending the consensus conference on the different topics presented by the Working Groups.



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- Asking the representatives of the Work Packages about any points and possible contradictory conclusions.
- Evaluating the views expressed by the participants in the public conference, many of whom are specialists in their respective fields.
- Participating in the confidential deliberation of the jury that will take place immediately after the closure of the public conference. There, the different conclusions of the working groups must be adopted, rejected or amended, if necessary after having settled any controversies that may have arisen within or between the groups;
- Participate in drafting the recommendations which, once adopted, will be widely published.

The time to be devoted to this work can be estimated as follows:

- One day of preparation during which the jury will be made familiar with the method of the consensus conference, reminded of the context Find an Expert II, the expectations of the organising committee, and possibly the first working documents.
- One day of participation in the public conference
- Two days of deliberation immediately after the public conference.

Experience in consensus conferences on complex subjects tends to show that it is sometimes necessary to devote more time to drafting recommendations than the deliberation itself. In this case, the President may decide to hold one or more additional meetings to complete the formalisation of the recommendations and to reach a broad consensus of the jury on the drafting itself.

Thank you for taking your time to read this message, and I would be grateful if you would agree to serve on the jury. I look forward to starting this important work with you.

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