



Seminar

E-Justice: Electronic Technology in the Justice Sector

Luxembourg (LU), 18-19 February 2008

Seminar Venue
European Commission, Jean Monnet Building
Room M4



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**European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) –
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PROGRAMME

Objectives: This seminar aims to provide to the participants an overview of the e-tools being introduced in the justice sector (at the EU level and international level), and to demonstrate how it may improve and facilitate their practice of law, with particular focus on:

- electronic communication between persons and Courts;
- other procedures which will in an increased way be pursued electronically.

Description: The use of the modern electronic technology in the field of justice is in constant development: from the mere access to information on laws via Internet to the possibility of electronic communication with persons involved in court proceedings, there is a wide range of possibilities of using the Information Technologies not only at the European Union level but also at the international level. This not only facilitates the networking at the justice level but also helps the citizens, the economic operators and the practitioners of law in their access to justice. The citizen is no longer a passive part of the system but (s)he is now able to have an easy and direct access to the proceedings. In the last Justice and Home Affairs Council under the German Presidency in June 2007, an important political agreement was reached - work should be carried on in the area of E-Justice with a view to creating at European level a technical platform giving access, in the sphere of justice, to existing or future electronic systems at national, Community and international level in civil, commercial and criminal matters in various areas (e.g. the set-up of a European interface, the possible use of IT for the communications between the judicial authorities and the interested parties, access to judicial registers in electronic form). This seminar will analyse some of the current utilisations of the electronic technology in the justice sector, actual examples will be discussed and best practices at the European and international level will be shared. A special focus will be given to the E-Apostile Pilot Programme facilitated by the Hague Conference on Private International Law and to the work that is currently being undertaken by the Council.

Method: A combination of presentations, discussions and online demonstrations.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hotel reservations

The European Institute of Public Administration has made a block booking at 5 hotels:

- **Hotel Novotel******, Centre européen, Plateau de Kirchberg at the rate of € 140 (including breakfast and tourist tax). (Reservation code: IEA021708). The hotel is located outside the city centre, within walking distance to the conference venue. (Tel.: 43 77 68 51; Fax: 43 91 95; E-mail: H1930-RE2@accor.com)
- **Hotel Parc Plaza****** at the rate of € 148 (including breakfast and tourist tax) (Reservation code: PL100961 VALID UNTIL 07/02/2008)
- **Hotel Parc Bellevue***** at the rate of € 91 (including breakfast and tourist tax) (Reservation code: BV100981 VALID UNTIL 07/02/2008) 5, avenue Marie-Thérèse, city center, 10 minutes from "Centre Aldringen" (Tel.: 45 61 41-1; Fax: 45 61 41 222; E-mail: reservation@hpb.lu ;www.hpb.lu)
- **Hotel Français*****, Place d'Armes, right in the city centre, 2 minutes from "Centre Aldringen", at the rate of € 99 SINGLE ROOM (including breakfast and tourist tax) (Reservation code: 12626 VALID UNTIL 22 JANUARY) (Tel.: 47 45 34; Fax: 46 42 74; Email: hfinfo@pt.lu; www.hotelfrancais.lu)
- **Hotel Ponte Vecchio******, 271, rue de Neudorf, at the rate of € 79 (including breakfast and tourist tax). Bus no 21, leaving every 30 minutes, is stopping right in front of the Hotel (Stop Neiduerf-Brasserie) as well as just around the corner of the main entrance of the Jean Monnet Building (Stop Jean Monnet). (Tel.: 42 47 20 -1; Fax: 42 47 20 888; Email: vecchio@pt.lu; www.vecchio.lu)

Luxembourg City has two main bus stations, one in the city centre called "Centre Aldringen" and one next to the railway station called "Air Terminus". All buses, wherever they go, are passing through these two stations. Bus no 18, with departure every ten minutes, is going direction Kirchberg, stopping right in front of Hotel Novotel, which is at walking distance to all European Institutions.

Should you wish to make use of this possibility, please phone or fax the reservation department of the hotel at one of the above-mentioned numbers and mention the following reference: **EIPA 08/503/01**. Payment is to be made directly and personally to the hotel on checking out. Please note that if you register later than 10 days before the seminar, hotel reservations cannot be guaranteed.

Meals

Should you require a special menu (e.g. vegetarian, diabetic), please inform the Programme Organiser so that this can be arranged.

Confirmation

Confirmation of registration will be forwarded to participants on receipt of the completed registration form.

Payment

Prior payment is a condition for participation. Please indicate on the registration form the method of payment you have chosen.

Cancellations

For administrative reasons, a fee of €150 will be charged for cancellations received after 4th February 2008 unless another participant is designated.



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P R O G R A M M E

Monday 18th February 2008

08.30 - 09.00 **Arrival and registration of participants**

09.00 - 09.30 **Welcome and introduction**
Peter GOLDSCHMIDT,
Director, European Centre for Judges
and Lawyers, EIPA Antenna Luxembourg
Carla BOTELHO,
Lecturer, European Centre for Judges
and Lawyers, EIPA, Antenna Luxembourg

09.30 - 10.45 **E-Justice at the European Union level:
present and future**
Fernando Rui PAULINO PEREIRA,
Directorate 3 - Judicial Cooperation in
Civil Matters, General Secretariat of the
Council of the European Union, DG H -
Justice and Home Affairs, Brussels

10.45 - 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 - 13.00 **Tendencies of the E-Justice - the
dematerialization of the judicial
proceedings and the cooperation
between European Courts based on the
use of new technologies; the
videoconference in the taking of
evidence abroad**
*Carlos Manuel GONCALVES DE MELO
MARINHO*,
Judge, Portuguese Contact Point of the
European Judicial Network in Civil and
Commercial Matters, Lisbon

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch

14.30 - 15.30 **The E-Apostile Pilot Programme of the
Hague Conference on Private
International Law and the National
Notary Association of the United States
of America**
Christophe BERNASCONI,
First Secretary of the Hague Conference
on Private International Law, The Hague

15.30 - 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 - 17.00 **Insolvency Registrar in the Netherlands**
Marc VAN OPIJNEN, Department for
Internet applications of the Dutch Council
for the Judiciary

17.00 - 18.00 **SOLVIT: on-line problem solving
network for problems caused by the
misapplication of Internal Market law by
public authorities**

Pierre RAUCHS,
Head of the Luxembourgish Solvit
Center, Luxembourg

18.00 Cocktail

Tuesday 19th February 2008

09.00 - 10.00 **Electronic communications between
European Criminal Registers: The
Network of Judicial Registers**
Dr Wilfried BERNHARDT,
Federal Ministry of Justice, Germany

10.00 - 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 - 11.30 **The Spanish experience of electronic
auctions**
Javier PARRA GARCIA,
Headmaster Secretary, Murcia Superior
Court of Justice, Spain, Spanish Contact
Point of the EJNCC (European Judicial
Network in Civil and Commercial Matters)

11.30 - 12.30 **The Austrian Payment Order Procedure**
Thomas GOTTWALD,
Bundesministerium für Justiz, Austria

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.30 **Round table:
"E-Justice: the perfect world?"**
Chair:
*Carlos Manuel GONCALVES DE
MELO MARINHO*,
Judge, Portuguese Contact Point of the
European Judicial Network in Civil and
Commercial Matters, Lisbon

15.30 **Conclusions and evaluation**



REGISTRATION FORM

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Surname: Title:

First name: M/F

Current position:

Organisation:

Department:

Work address:

Postal code & town: Country:

Tel. no. (work) : Fax no.:

E-mail address:

Preferred Language for Documentation: English French

Do you need interpretation: No English French

PAYMENTS 08/50301

The participation fee includes participation in the seminar, documentation,
2 lunches, 1 reception/cocktail party and beverages

€700

For this seminar, there will be discount of €50 for all participants

who have registered and whose payment has been received before 14th January 2008

(EUR 650)

Method of payment

Bank transfer

The participants or their administration will receive an invoice for the payment of the registration fee

Invoice address (if different from the abovementioned address):

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E-mail:

Credit card / Debit card

Eurocard/Mastercard Visa Card

Card no.: Expiry date:/.....

Name Card holder: (in case this differs from above)

Address Card holder: (in case this differs from above)

Postal code: Country: (in case this differs from above)

Card Validation Code: (This refers to the last three digits of the number on the BACK of your card)

Note: Pre-payment is a condition for participation. For administrative reasons, a fee of EUR 150 will be charged for cancellations received after 04th February 2008 unless another participant is designated.

MEALS

Lunch Day 1 will attend

will not attend

Lunch Day 2 will attend

will not attend

Reception/Cocktail party Day 1

will attend

will not attend

Vegetarian or Diabetic Meals

Yes No

Kindly complete the registration form and return it to:

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