

Conference on the effectiveness of justice systems

Joint event co-organised by the Austrian Presidency and the European Commission

30 November 2018

Austria Center Vienna, Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1, 1220 Vienna, Austria

Objective

The independence, quality and efficiency of justice systems are crucial for upholding the values upon which the EU is founded, for the implementation of EU law, for mutual trust, and for an investment-friendly environment. The conference will take stock of the efforts undertaken across Europe to improve the independence, quality and efficiency of justice systems and will examine how the EU can further support these efforts.

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Cultural event and reception hosted by the Governor of Lower Austria:

- Guided tour of Klosterneuburg Monastery, Stiftsplatz 1, 3400 Klosterneuburg,
- Dinner, Stiftskeller, Albrechtsberggasse 1, 3400 Klosterneuburg

Transfers to the venue of the cultural event and dinner will be arranged by the Austrian Presidency.

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09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

10:00 Opening keynote speeches

- **Dr. Josef Moser**, Federal Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice
- **Ms Věra Jourová**, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

10:30 – 14:30 Justice for citizens and business: quality of justice systems and their economic impact

The quality of justice is essential for raising citizens' trust in justice systems and creating an investment friendly environment. This panel will address key elements of quality of justice systems and how the measurement of their impacts on the economy could be improved. This panel will also discuss how to ensure that any justice reform aiming to enhance the quality of justice should uphold the rule of law and European standards on human rights and judicial independence, and will examine how to promote these standards.

Moderator: Mr Paul Kraker, Österreichischer Rundfunk (ORF, Austrian Broadcasting Corporation)

- **Mr Koen Lenaerts**, President of the Court of Justice of the European Union
- **Mr Kees Sterk**, President of the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ)
- **Ms Daria Goldstein**, Lead Counsel and Advisor to the World Bank Representation to the EU
- **Mr Antonín Mokrý**, President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)
- **Ms Tatyana Teplova**, Deputy Head of Division, Public Governance Directorate, OECD
- **Mr Georg Stawa**, President of the Council of Europe Commission for the Efficiency of Justice - CEPEJ

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

- **Mr Christoph Grabenwarter**, Member of the Venice Commission, Vice-President of the Austrian Constitutional Court

14:30 – 17:00 Risks and opportunities of digitalisation in judiciary

This panel will explore the implications of major technological trends for justice. What opportunities exist and how can they be maximised, including in terms of quality and cost-effectiveness? What could be the risks? What implications could these technological trends have for jobs and skills-requirements in this area?

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- **Mr Colin Tyre**, The Hon Lord Tyre (Colin Jack Tyre CBE), Judge of the Supreme Courts of Scotland
- **Ms Ana-Maria Udriste**, Co-Founder & Lawyer, Founder of Avocatoo, Head of Digital & Tech Law @ Darian DRS
- **Mr Tomáš Borec**, President of the Slovak Bar Association
- **Ms Clementina Barbaro**, Secretary of the Working Group on the Quality of Justice of the CEPEJ (CEPEJ-GT-QUAL), Council of Europe
- **Mr Miloš Čermák**, Editor-in-Chief, iHned.cz