Digital Cross-Border Cooperation in Criminal Justice

Experiences of the Spanish approach

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# 1. Brief History of the Spanish e-CODEX Participation

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<td>Joint definition of the Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) and the European Investigation Order (EIO)</td>
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Project purpose

- Preparing the Spanish infrastructure to be ready for e-Codex exchanges (implementing e-Codex use cases and connecting Case Management Systems).

- Allowing the exchange of Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) and European Investigation Orders (EIO) with European judges and prosecutors, through the e-CODEX infrastructure (Gateway and Connector) and LexNET (the Spanish Justice exchange Infrastructure), based on the Spanish law 3/2018 (*).

2. INTRODUCTION TO OUR PROJECT

▪ **First phase:** The first User will be the PPO International Cooperation Central Unit and the Network of Prosecutors for international cooperation, using their Backend System (CJI/CRIS), as single entry point due to the Spanish Transposition of the Directive 2014/41/EU. Receiving for executing.

▪ **Second phase:** Connecting other Case Management Systems (Judicial Bodies) to the e-CODEX infrastructure and deploying the e-Evidence Reference Implementation Portal as an alternative tool. Receiving for executing and issuing.
2. INTRODUCTION TO OUR PROJECT (THE SPANISH COMPLEXITY)

- **Actors:**
  - Prosecutors (2500 -> 60 International cooperation)
  - Judges (5000 -> 1500 investigation Judges)

- **Logistical support to issuing Authorities:**
  - MoJ
  - Atonomous Regions

![Diagram showing the interaction between different roles and systems](image)

**Diagram Notes:**
- Own centralized Case Management System (CJI) or RI Portal
- Member State B
- Reference Implementation Portal or Case Management System
- Different Case Management Systems in the Courts
3. ARCHITECTURE SOLUTION

Public Prosecutor

Phase II

CMS 1

CMS 2

CMS n

Judicial bodies

Reference Implementation Portal

EIO

eSignature Platform

Internet

Public Prosecutor

EIO

Occurrence

Connector

Gateway

E-CODEX

ebMS-ebXML

Circle of Trust

Court DB

Member State B

at the moment two different environments
4. HIGH LEVEL ROLLOUT STRATEGY

Prosecutor

CJI / CRIS

LexNET

eCodex Conector + Gateway

Nord Rheinwestfalen / Nederlands

RI

eCodex Conector + Gateway

Other Memberstates

Judges
4. HIGH LEVEL ROLLOUT STRATEGY

Prosecutors

CJI / CRIS

eCodex Conector + Gateway

RI

> 2022

Part of EXEC II

Judges

Juridical bodies without integrated Case Management System

Court Case Management Systems

Web Services offered by RI Portal

Other Member States
5. LESSONS LEARNED

- Stable “exchange interface” needed (XSD, XML, Web Service description)
- Need of Central Project Support (“e-CODEX Wiki” / Confluence)
- Need of Transeuropean configuration management for agreements, terms, policies, specifications and artifacts, Defined framework, welcome package
- Collaboration and knowhow of other Member States (AT, DE, NL, CTP ...) very helpful
- Identification and involvement of key stakeholders and Sponsor at the right level
- Need of Criminal European Court Database
- Backwards compatibility (Connector / GW)
Thank you for your attention