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the Legal Community**

Deliverable D4.1

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Executive Summary

Deliverable D4.1 “Conclusion report and feedback from the first WP4 Workshop dedicated to Stakeholder Engagement with the Legal Community” is prepared in accordance with the description of work of the “Linking EVIDENCE into e-CODEX for EIO and MLA procedures in Europe” (EVIDENCE2e-CODEX) project. This first Work Package (WP) 4 workshop was co-organised by INTERPOL with the support of the project coordinator (CNR-ITTIG), the University of Groningen (leader of WP2 “Legal Issues”), the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE, hosting party) and LIBRe Foundation (dissemination team).

The report starts by presenting the objectives and structure of the event held on 15 January 2019 in Brussels at the Press Club Brussels Europe. It explains the stakeholder identification process and presents the background of workshop participants. The report continues with a summary of the event content, covering the introductory remarks, the preliminary findings of WP2 questionnaire and the presentation of two projects on secure cross-border electronic communication in the justice area. In conformity with the Chatham House Rules under which the event was held, the report provides a generic outline of the discussions and exchanges held during the panel sessions. The deliverable refers to the dissemination efforts undertaken prior to, during and following the event. The report ends by highlighting some observations and final thoughts expressed by the participants. The practitioners were unanimous on the need to pursue efforts fostering international cooperation in criminal matters. Similar initiatives such as e-Evidence Digital Exchange System and Electronic Mutual Legal Assistance (e-MLA) highlight the need to rethink the scope of direct secure cooperation, including outside the European Union (EU). All the feedback provided by the end-users and the representatives of the wider stakeholder community was collected, processed and analysed for integration into the project future development. The consortium is preparing the second WP4 technical workshop that will provide the opportunity to showcase the Evidence Exchange Standard Package (EESP) developed within the EVIDENCE2e-CODEX project and to collect expert feedback.

