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General Assembly meeting

Paris, 7-9 June 2017

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II. Elections

Appointment of polling committee

- OBT Hungary – Tamás Gerber
- Sodni Svet Slovenia - Jana Petrič
- Judicial Council Scotland – Gordon Liddle

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II. Elections

Introduction of the candidates for the Executive Board

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1. HRJ/CSJ, *Belgium*
Mr. Joris Lagrou
2. Državno sudbeno vijeće, *Croatia*
Mr. Damir Kontrec
3. Conselho Superior da Magistratura, *Portugal*
Ms. Ana Rita Loja
4. Judges' Council, *UK-England and Wales*
Mr. Simon Picken

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II. Elections

**Election of the Executive Board
(by secret ballot)**

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III. Developments in Turkey

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III. Developments in Poland

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Overview of actions by ENCJ members

Institution	Country	Action
Conseil Supérieur de la Justice	Belgium	Published ENCJ board statement
Supreme Judicial Council	Bulgaria	Statement by Council
Državno Sudbeno Vijeće	Croatia	Published ENCJ board statement
Courts Service	Ireland	Statement by Judges Association
TP	Latvia	Statement by Council and publication in legal journal
TT	Lithuania	Statement by Council
Raad voor de rechtspraak	Netherlands	Statement by Council and letter to Prime Minister
KRS	Poland	Published all statements by ENCJ Members
CSM	Portugal	Statement by council
CSM	Romania	Statement by council
Sudna Rada	Slovakia	Resolution
Sodni Svet	Slovenia	Endorsement by Council
Consejo General del Poder Judicial	Spain	Statement by Council
Judges' Council of E&W	UK - England and Wales	Statement by Council
Judges' Council of Scotland	UK - Scotland	Statement by Council



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IV. Activity report 2016-2017

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Activity report 2016

4 July	Meeting Executive Board	Madrid	Spain
26-27 September	Joint meeting new ENCJ Projects	Rome	Italy
21 November	Meeting Executive Board	ENCJ Office	Brussels
28-30 November	Regional Timeliness Seminar	Madrid	Spain
8 December	Extra-ordinary General Assembly	The Hague	Netherlands
8-9 December	Meeting PT 1 Independence and Quality	The Hague	Netherlands
12-13 December	Meeting PT 2 Judicial Domain	Bratislava	Slovakia



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Activity report 2017

13 February	Meeting Executive Board	ENCJ Office	Brussels
	Meeting PT 1		
14 February	Independence and Quality	ENCJ Office	Brussels
13-14 March	Meeting PT 2 Judicial Domain	Ljubljana	Slovenia
	Meeting PT 1		
16-17 March	Independence and Quality	Vienna	Austria
31 March	Digital Justice Seminar	Amsterdam	Netherlands
13 April	Co-ordinators meeting PT 2 Judicial Domain	ENCJ Office	Brussels
8 May	Meeting Executive Board	ENCJ Office	Brussels



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IV. Adoption updated distillation report

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V. ENCJ Finances

Profit and loss accounts 2016

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ENCJ Accounts 2016									
Revenues					Expenses				
Budgetline	Accounting reference	Details	Amount	Realised	Budgetline	Accounting reference	Details	Budget	Realised
ENCJ resources	70010000				A Staff	61810000	<i>Director and Management Assistant</i>	130 044	127 109
Membership fees		paid	87 300	87 300	Total A			130 044	127 109
Observers fees		paid	10 000	8 696	B Travel and Subsistence	618210000	<i>B1. President/ Office/ Guests</i>	14 400	19 837
						61220000	<i>B2. Executive Board</i>	12 380	11 378
Total			97 300	95 996		61230000	<i>B3. General Assembly</i>	18 350	18 308
					Travel and meals	61240000	<i>B4 Interns</i>	4 920	-
EU operating grant 2016 - maximum amount	70040000	80 % of A-E	225 295			61250000	<i>B5. Project Teams</i>	67 370	62 572
		80% pre-financing paid		180 236	Total B			117 420	112 095
		Expected amount final payment		38 679	C Equipment	61310000	<i>Service Contract Office</i>	18 500	18 606
				218 915	D consumables	61410000		600	636
					E Other costs	61510000	<i>E1. General Assembly</i>	8 800	8 628
						61520000	<i>E3. Accountant/Audit certificate*</i>	3 375	3 804
						61530000	<i>E3. Other</i>	2 880	2 950
					Total E			15 055	15 382
					Subtotal A-E			281 619	273 828
					X. Other Costs not covered by grant	61610000	<i>X1. Other staff costs</i>	15 000	10 936
						61620000	<i>X2. Other i.e. non EU and UK/DK travel</i>	7 500	6 703
					total X			22 500	17 639
					Total Z	61710000	<i>Other</i>	169	169
					Subtotal A-X+Z				291 636
					Y. Contingency/Reserve			18 476	23 275
Total			322 595	314 911	Total			322 595	314 911



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Report from ENCJ auditors

Kristine Hänsch – Susanne Skotte Wied

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V. ENCJ Finances

**Approval accounts 2016 and discharge
Executive Board (simple majority)**

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V. ENCJ Finances

Approval budget 2017 (simple majority)

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ENCJ draft budget 2017					
Revenues			Expenses		
Budgetline	Details	Amount	Budgetline	Details	Budget
ENCJ resources			A Staff		131 500
Membership fees*	expected	87 300	B Travel and Subsistence		134 090
Observers fees	estimated amount	10 000	C Equipment	<i>Service Contract Office</i>	18 650
			D consumables		720
EU operating grant 2017 - maximum amount	80 % of A-E	245 255	E Other costs		21 609
			Subtotal A-E		306 569
			X. Other Costs not covered by grant	<i>X1. Other staff costs</i>	15 000
				<i>X2. Other i.e. non EU and UK/DK travel</i>	5 000
			total X		20 000
			Y. Contingency/Reserve		15 986
Total		342 555	Total		342 555



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V. ENCJ Finances

**Approval Membership fee 2018
(3/4 majority)**

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VI. ENCJ strategic plan 2018-2021

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ENCJ strategic objectives 2018-2021

Within the framework of protecting the Rule of Law, to provide support for the independence, accountability and quality of judiciaries in Europe and to promote understanding of and respect for judicial independence

To promote access to justice in a digital age (measured in terms of efficiency, cost and timeliness) for the benefit of all citizens in the EU

To strengthen mutual trust among the judiciaries of Europe



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VI. ENCJ work plan 2017-2018

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VI. ENCJ work plan 2017-2018

Proposal Project 1:

Independence, Accountability and Quality of
the Judiciary - continuation

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VI. ENCJ work plan 2017-2018

Proposal Project 2:
Public confidence and the Image of
Justice

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VI. ENCJ work plan 2017-2018

Proposal Project 3:
Set up of ENCJ Digital Justice Forum

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Joint meeting for PT1 and PT2 in Vilnius 5-6 October 2017

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VII. Announcement of results of the election

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Hoge Raad voor de Justitie / Conseil Supérieur de la Justice <i>Belgium/Belgique</i>	
Državno sudbeno vijeće / State Judicial Council Croatia <i>Croatia/Croatie</i>	
Conselho Superior da Magistratura <i>Portugal</i>	
Judges' Council <i>UK-England and Wales/ RU-Angleterre et Pays de Galles</i>	

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VIII. Any other business

Draft Paris Declaration

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VIII. Any other business

**Call for candidates for 2 week internship
at ENCJ Office (October 2017)**

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Opening reception at 18:00 hrs



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End of session

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Opening

Nuria Díaz Abad
President of the ENCJ



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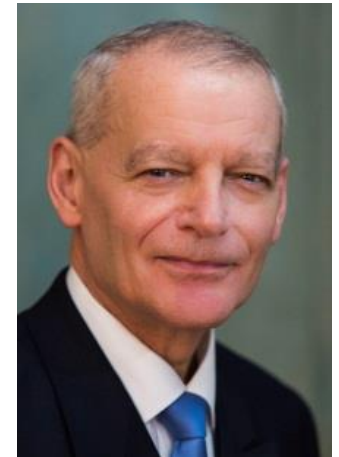
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Opening

Bertrand Louvel

President of the Cour de Cassation

President CSM



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Opening

Jean-Claude Marin
General Prosecutor
President CSM



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Opening

Lord John Thomas
Lord Chief Justice of
England and Wales



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Results Projects 2016-2017

Project 1: Independence and Accountability of the Judiciary and Quality of Justice

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Results Projects 2016-2017

Project 2: ADR and the Judicial Domain

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FIRST GROUP PHOTO

Lunch

Session continues at
13:30 hrs



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Peer sessions on judicial resilience

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Peer session I

**Judicial resilience in relation to the
media and pressure from the other
state powers**

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Peer session I

Introduction

Maria Peral

Journalist for El Español



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Peer session I on judicial resilience in relation to the media

- Do you agree that pressure from the media could have a positive effect when it leads to a more transparent and open judiciary?
- When does this pressure become inappropriate pressure?
- What can be done to avoid this from happening?
- What can be done to remedy the situation once the situation has occurred?
- Which instruments does the Council / judiciary have in place on press relations? Which instruments could be of assistance?



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Peer session I on judicial resilience in relation to the other state powers

- Do you agree that pressure from the other state powers could have a positive effect when it leads to a more accountable judiciary?
- When does this pressure become inappropriate pressure?
- On which aspects is the judiciary most commonly attacked by politicians?
- What can be done to avoid this from happening?
- What can be done to remedy the situation once the situation has occurred?
- Does the criticism stem from the fact that judges have no democratic legitimacy because they are not elected? How can this issue be addressed?



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Peer session I

Discussion in 6 sub-groups **(PLEASE CHECK THE DIVISION IN SUBGROUPS IN YOUR DOCUMENTS):**

- 3 groups focus on the media (1-3)
- 3 groups focus on other state powers (4-6)

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3 groups focus on media:

- **Group 1 – salle du conseil de la première chambre civile – 1st floor**

Moderator: Slawomir Palka

- **Group 2 – salle d’audience de la chambre commerciale – 1st floor !Please take your headphones for interpretation!**

Moderator: Simon Picken

- **Group 3 – salle du conseil de la chambre commerciale – 1st floor !Please take your headphones for interpretation!**

Moderator: Soraya Amrani Mekki/Guillaume Tusseau



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3 groups focus on other state powers:

- **Group 4 – salle du conseil de la chambre sociale – 2nd floor**

Moderator: John Hedigan

- **Group 5 – salle d’audience de la 3ème chambre – 3rd floor**

Moderator: Joris Lagrou

- **Group 6 – salle du conseil de la 3ème chambre– 4th floor**

Moderator: Ana Rita Loja



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- **Coffee break**
- **Pause café**



coffee break



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Peer session II

Public confidence and the image of the judiciary

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Peer session II

Introduction

Sherlo Esajas

Communication strategy and public
opinion adviser



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Peer session II on the Image of Justice and Public Confidence

- What is the most important reason for a lack of public confidence and a bad image of justice?
- How could this be remedied?
- Does the council/ judiciary have a communication strategy? If so, does it include pro-active communication elements? What are they, do you think have a positive effect?
- Which elements could contribute to an image of the judiciary that would seem more in touch with society? How could the image of the judges in an ivory tower best be conquered?



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Peer session II on the Image of Justice and Public Confidence

- How about the Image of Justice literally. Would diversity help (men/women/cultural/religious)?
- How could the Council / judicial authorities convince the judges to take part in outreach activities? Should new judges/court leaders also be selected on their ability to reach out to the public?



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Cocktail dinner at Musée National Gustave Moreau:

14 rue de La Rochefoucauld, 75009 Paris
19h30

Beginning activities 09/06 at 9h30





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Peer session II

Discussion in 6 sub-groups **(PLEASE CHECK
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- **Group 1 – salle du conseil de la première chambre civile – 1st floor**

Moderator: Isobel Brownlie

- **Group 2 – salle d'audience de la chambre commerciale – 1st floor**

Moderator: Caroline Costello

- **Group 3 – salle du conseil de la chambre commerciale – 1st floor**

Moderator: Merethe Eckhardt



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Moderator: Damir Kontrec

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3rd floor !Please take your headphones for
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Moderator: Alain Lacabarats/Eric Maréchal

- **Group 6 – salle du conseil de la 3ème chambre –
4th floor**

Moderator: Kees Sterk



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End of proceedings

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Opening and recapture of Thursday

Nuria Díaz Abad

President of the ENCJ

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Peer session III

ENCJ's strategic plan 2018-2021 and the promotion of ENCJ's work

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Peer session III

Introduction

Colin Tyre

Member of the Board



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Peer session III on ENCJ activities and increasing the impact of its work

- The strategic plan mentions that ENCJ strives to improve the impact of its work. How could this be done on the national level? What is currently done with the reports (besides publication/translation)?
- Looking back at the past year the ENCJ has been faced with the Turkish and Polish situation. Did the ENCJ handle this satisfactory? What could be improved for future cases like Turkey and Poland? Is ENCJ adequately equipped?



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Peer session III on ENCJ activities and increasing the impact of its work

- How could the results of the survey and I&A indicators be used by national councils/judiciaries?
- Could Members/Observers assist each other?
- What can be done on the European level? Who should be addressed and how?



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Peer session III

Discussion in 4 sub-groups **(PLEASE CHECK
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- **Group 1 – salle du conseil de la première chambre civile – 1st floor**
Moderator: Frits Bakker
- **Group 2 – salle d’audience de la chambre commerciale – 1st floor**
Moderator: Andrea Chis
- **Group 3 – salle du conseil de la chambre commerciale – 1st floor**
Moderator: Marko Novak
- **Group 4 – Grand Chambre**
Moderator: Colin Tyre



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Reporting back from peer sessions

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Administration of the Association ENCJ

Adoption of recommendations of the projects

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Administration of the Association ENCJ

Report from Digital Justice Seminar 2017

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Presentation of 2018 General Assembly venue

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Date: 30 May – 1 June 2018



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Joint meeting for PT1 and PT2 2017-2018 in Vilnius 5-6 October 2017

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Closing of the 2017 General Assembly

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