

**The SATURN Centre
Experiences**

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**CEPEJ 2014
Evaluation report on
European Judicial Systems
(2012 data)**

- ▶ 45 Member States and 1 observer State (Israël)
- ▶ 2012 data from the States concerned
- ▶ More than 3 million entries in the database
- ▶ 5th report (previous reports 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2012)

**CEPEJ 2014
Evaluation report on
European Judicial Systems**

- ▶ **Financing of the judicial systems**
- ▶ **Access to justice**
- ▶ **Rights and public confidence for court users**
- ▶ **The courts**
- ▶ **Alternative dispute resolution**
- ▶ **Judges**
- ▶ **Non-judge staff**
- ▶ **Court efficiency**
- ▶ **Prosecutors**
- ▶ **Status and career of judges and prosecutors**
- ▶ **Lawyers**
- ▶ **Notaries**
- ▶ **Judicial experts**
- ▶ **Court interpreters**
- ▶ **Execution of court decisions**

SATURN Centre for judicial time management

Study and
Analysis of judicial
Time
Use
Research
Network



SATURN Strategy

1. **Data collection**
2. **Improving the situation**
3. **Implementation of guidelines**

1. Data Collection

- ▶ European Judicial Systems
- ▶ Study on Council of Europe Member States Appeal and Supreme Courts's Lengths of Proceedings – Velicogna Report
- ▶ Length of court proceedings in the member states of the Council of Europe based on the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights” – CEPEJ Studies No. 3, 2006, updated in 2012

2. Improving the situation

- ▶ SATURN Guidelines for judicial time management
- ▶ Towards European Timeframes for Judicial Proceedings

Towards European Timeframes for Judicial Proceedings

Timeframes A	
Civil cases (excluding payment orders)	75% disposed in 12 months 20% disposed in 18 months or 20% pending cases no longer than 18 months 5% "buffer" for very complex cases
Administrative cases	75% disposed in 12 months 20% disposed in 18 months or 20% pending cases no longer than 18 months 5% "buffer" for very complex cases
Criminal cases	75% disposed in 6 months 20% disposed in 12 months or 20% pending cases no longer than 12 months 5% "buffer" for very complex cases

Towards European Timeframes for Judicial Proceedings

Timeframes B	
Civil cases (excluding payment orders)	75% disposed in 18 months 20% disposed in 24 months or 20% pending cases no longer than 24 months 5% "buffer" for very complex cases
Administrative cases	75% disposed in 18 months 20% disposed in 24 months or 20% pending cases no longer than 24 months 5% "buffer" for very complex cases
Criminal cases	75% disposed in 12 months 20% disposed in 18 months or 20% pending cases no longer than 18 months 5% "buffer" for very complex cases

Towards European Timeframes for Judicial Proceedings

Timeframes C	
Civil cases (excluding payment orders)	75% disposed in 24 months
	20% disposed in 30 months or 20% pending cases no longer than 30 months 5% "buffer" for very complex cases
Administrative cases	75% disposed in 24 months
	20% disposed in 30 months or 20% pending cases no longer than 30 months 5% "buffer" for very complex cases
Criminal cases	75% disposed in 18 months 20% disposed in 24 months or 20% pending cases no longer than 24 months 5% "buffer" for very complex cases

3. Implementation of Guidelines

Implementation guide – CEPEJ–SATURN(2011)9

Step 1 – Evaluation of the existing implementation of the SATURN Guidelines in the courts' practices

Step 2 – Implementation of the SATURN priorities

Step 3 – Reporting

SATURN Guidelines – Comments and implementation examples CEPEJ–SATURN(2013)4

- SATURN Priorities – 15 guidelines
- Other 48 SATURN guidelines
- Sources: „Reports on the CEPEJ guidelines for judicial time management“; the “Compendium of best practices’ for judicial time management”, the “Time management of justice systems: A Northern Europe Study”; the “Timeliness report 2010–2011“ of the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary and the “CEPEJ European Judicial Systems Report”

Thank you for your attention!

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