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TIMELINESS

Questionnaire

1. The Court System and Available Statistics

- 1.1. The Court System
- 1.2. Statistic information on Courts, judges and cases
- 1.3. Statistic information on processing time

2. <u>Statistics, Requirements and Transparency</u>

- 2.1. What statistics are provided for on a regular basis?
- 2.2. Are provided statistics published?If not published, to whom are they available?Is bench marking encouraged?
- 2.3. Is processing time of individual cases transparent?
- 2.4. Are requirements for processing time stipulated?
- 2.5. What are the consequences of exceeding required/reasonable processing time according to national rules or practice?
- 2.6. Can the parties and others make a complaint about the processing time? If so to whom?
- 2.7. Are user surveys on processing time carried out? If so how often?

3. <u>Reduction of Caseload and Facilitating Court Procedures</u>

- 3.1. Which means of reduction of caseload are used?
- 3.2. Are any special easy procedures available?
- 3.3. What simplifications of ordinary procedures are applied?
- 3.4. Give examples of practices used within ordinary procedures to speed up ordinary procedures.

4. Increase of Capacity and Improvement of Processing

- 4.1. Do you try to limit processing time by an increase of courts or increase or reallocation of judges or cases?
- 4.2. Do you try to limit processing time by taking on assistance from deputy judges, trainee judges, or juridical assistants?Do you try to limit processing time by facilitating processing of cases?
- 4.3. Do you try to limit processing time by giving secretary or juridical assistance to individual judges?
- 4.4. Do you try to improve court proceedings or increase the capacity of courts by any scientific, experimental or technical project?

5. <u>Other initiatives</u>

5.1 Have other initiatives concerning timeliness been undertaken or are they contemplated?