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# **EVALUATION REPORT ON EUROPEAN JUDICIAL SYSTEMS EDITION 2016 (2014 DATA)**

45 Member States and 1 observer State (Israël)

2014 data from the States concerned

6th report (previous reports 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014)



# EVALUATION REPORT ON EUROPEAN JUDICIAL SYSTEMS EDITION 2016 (2014 DATA)

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- a general report including key data and comments
- a specific report focused on the use of IT in courts
- a dynamic data base

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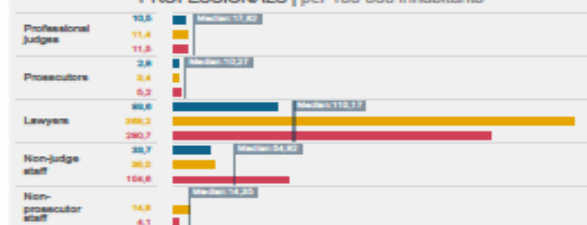
France

Italy

Spain

## PROFESSIONALS IN COURTS AND BUDGET

### PROFESSIONALS | per 100 000 inhabitants

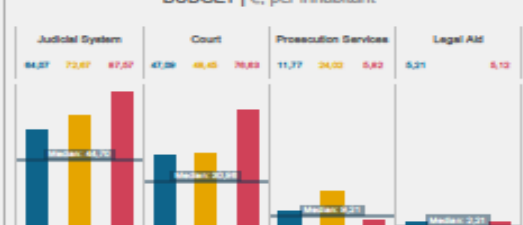


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Professional judges



### BUDGET | €, per inhabitant



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Judicial System



## EFFICIENCY

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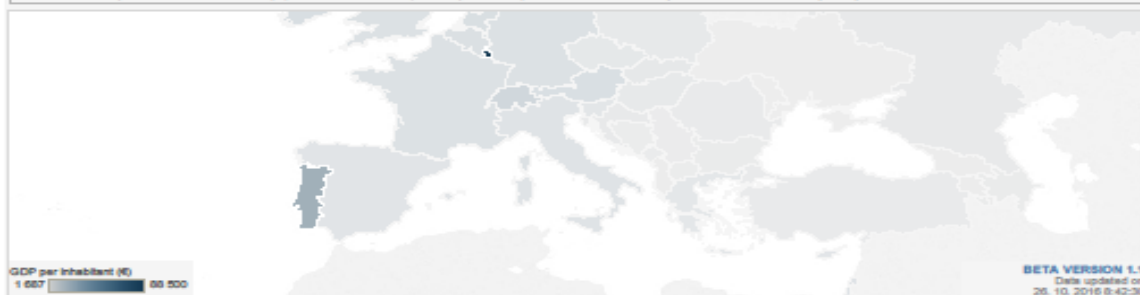
1st Instance

Select the Case Matter

Litigious civil and commercial cases

France In 1st instance for Litigious civil and commercial cases		Italy In 1st instance for Litigious civil and commercial cases		Spain In 1st instance for Litigious civil and commercial cases	
	Incoming cases per 100 inhabitants 2,84		Incoming cases per 100 inhabitants 2,81		Incoming cases per 100 inhabitants 2,18
	Clearance Rate 84,4%		Clearance Rate 119,3%		Clearance Rate 88,0%
	Pending cases (end of the year, per 100 inhabitants) 2,37		Pending cases (end of the year, per 100 inhabitants) 4,64		Pending cases (end of the year, per 100 inhabitants) 1,86
	Disposition Time 348 days		Disposition Time 632 days		Disposition Time 318 days

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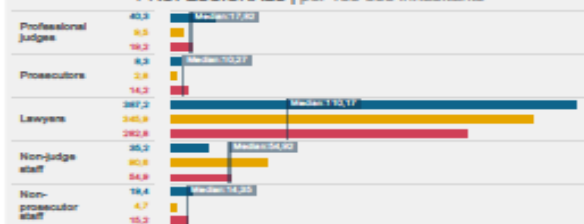
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Portugal

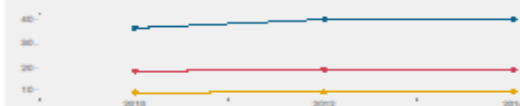
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### PROFESSIONALS | per 100 000 inhabitants

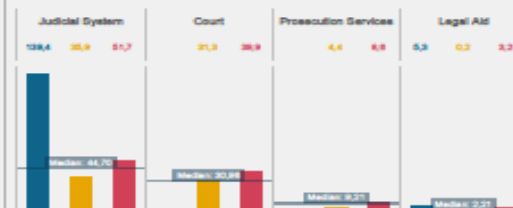


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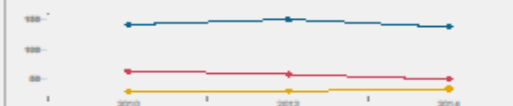


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## EFFICIENCY

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Luxembourg In 1st Instance for Litigious civil and commercial cases		Malta In 1st Instance for Litigious civil and commercial cases		Portugal In 1st Instance for Litigious civil and commercial cases	
Incoming cases per 100 inhabitants 6,80	Clearance Rate 98,8%	Incoming cases per 100 inhabitants 1,65	Clearance Rate 101,3%	Incoming cases per 100 inhabitants	Clearance Rate
Pending cases (end of the year, per 100 inhabitants) 8,26	Disposition Time 183 days	Pending cases (end of the year, per 100 inhabitants) 2,30	Disposition Time 638 days	Pending cases (end of the year, per 100 inhabitants)	Disposition Time



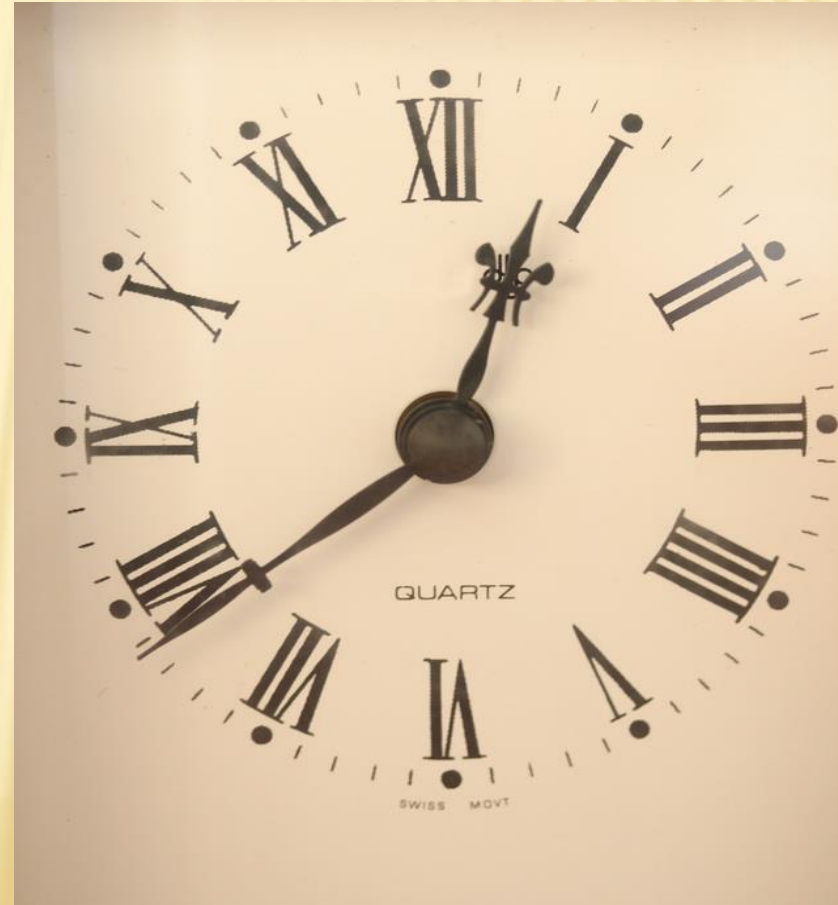
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- Reports can be downloaded from the CEPEJ website
- [www.coe.int/CEPEJ](http://www.coe.int/CEPEJ)

# SATURN CENTRE FOR JUDICIAL TIME MANAGEMENT

Study and  
Analysis of judicial  
Time  
Use  
Research  
Network

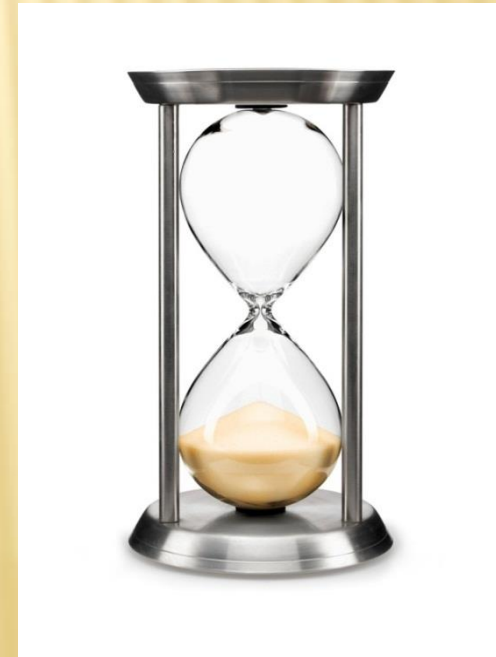




# SATURN GUIDELINES FOR TIME MANAGEMENT

63 recommendations:

- SATURN priorities
- Other SATURN guidelines:
  - A. Guidelines on monitoring and collection of data
  - B. Guidelines on planning, setting targets and intervention
  - C. Guidelines on consultation on the scheduling of procedural steps



# **SATURN GUIDELINES FOR TIME MANAGEMENT**

## **Guideline 1 - Objective**

Particular attention should be given to the cases where integral duration is such that it may give rise to the finding of the violation of the human right to a trial within reasonable time.



# IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE

## CEPEJ-SATURN (2011)9

### Step 1 - Collection of information before first meeting

- description of the organisation and an organigram of the court or the judicial system
- description of the competences of the court
- statistics per type of cases or per sections of the court:
  - number of pending cases at the beginning of the (judicial) year
  - number of incoming cases during the (judicial) year
  - number of resolved cases during the (judicial) year
  - number of pending cases at the end of the (judicial) year
  - structure of the pending cases at the end of the last year (number older than 6 months, 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 5 years, 10 years)
  - number of judges
  - number of court law graduate employees
  - total number of court staff
  - CR, DT, CPJ, CPS
- other useful information



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### Step 2 - Evaluation of the existing implementation of the SATURN Guidelines in the courts' practices

- SATURN priorities
- Implementation degrees:
  0. not implemented at all
  1. not implemented so far, but implementation is already planned
  2. partially implemented
  3. fully implemented
  4. not implemented as such, but there is another practise/procedure which enables to achieve the same result

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Number of the guideline	Guidelines	Implementation					Observations Comments
		0	1	2	3	4	
1	Objective						
	Particular attention should be given to the cases where integral duration is such that it may give rise to the finding of the violation of the human right to a trial within reasonable time.						
A	Monitoring of data, analysis and information						
2	The court managers should collect information on the most important steps in the judicial process. They should keep records regarding the duration between these steps. In respect to the steps monitored, due regard should be given to the Time management Checklist, Indicator 4.						
B	Planning, setting targets and intervention						
C	Consultation on the scheduling of the procedural steps						
TOTAL							

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### Step 3 - Implementation of the SATURN priorities

- When one or more of the Guidelines are not fully implemented, the next step is to put up projects for implementing them
- Comments and implementation examples (CEPEJ-SATURN (2015)<sup>2</sup>)

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“



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Reports should contain the following elements:

- ✗ general description of the court,
- ✗ detailed description of the process of selecting CEPEJ tools for implementation,
- ✗ description of the implementation process,
- ✗ outcome,
- ✗ time used for implementation,
- ✗ external cooperation, and
- ✗ recommendations.

Examples of the reports can be found on the [www.coe.int/cepej](http://www.coe.int/cepej)

# TOWARDS EUROPEAN TIMEFRAMES FOR JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Contentious Civil and Administrative Cases	Timeframe	Timeframe	Timeframe	Timeframe
	Target A	Target B	Target C	Target D
Priority Cases	Disposed in 6 months	Disposed in 12 months	Disposed in 12 months	Disposed in 12 months
Normal Cases + (priority cases)	95% - 90%	95% - 90%	95% - 90%	95% - 90%
	Disposed in 18 months	Disposed in 24 months	Disposed in 30 months	Disposed in 36 months
Complex Cases (buffer)	5% - 10%	5% - 10%	5% - 10%	5% - 10%
	Pending cases older than 18 months	Pending cases older than 24 months	Pending cases older than 30 months	Pending cases older than 36 months

# TOWARDS EUROPEAN TIMEFRAMES FOR JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

<b>Criminal Cases</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
	<b>Target A</b>	<b>Target B</b>	<b>Target C</b>	<b>Target D</b>
Priority Cases	Disposed in 3 months	Disposed in 6 months	Disposed in 6 months	Disposed in 6 months
Normal Case + (Priority cases)	95% - 90%	95% - 90%	95% - 90%	95% - 90%
	Disposed in 12 months	Disposed in 18 months	Disposed in 24 months	Disposed in 30 months
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# **TOWARDS EUROPEAN TIMEFRAMES FOR JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

## **– METHODOLOGY TO IMPLEMENT**

**Step 1: Diagnosis of the current situation**

**Step 2: Setting and implementing  
Timeframes**

**Step 3: Monitoring**

Thank you for your attention!

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