







#### PUBLIC HEARING ON

## «IMPROVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS IN EUROPE: THE ROLE OF E-TOOLS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS»

Co-Hosted by Mariya Nedelcheva, Member of the European Parliament, EPP Group

# 26 MARCH 2012 EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, BRUSSELS (Joszef Antall, Room 6Q1)

### **AGENDA**

09.00h Arrival and Registration of Participants at the EP

Accreditation will take place at 9.00h at the Altiero Spinelli entrance (Place Luxembourg) of the European Parliament

09.30h – 10.00h Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Mariya Nedelcheva, Member of the European Parliament, EPP Group
- **Dr. Maria Yordanova**, Director of Law program, Center for the Study of Democracy (Sofia, Bulgaria)

10.00h –10.30h "E-Tools for Justice: Bulgarian and Polish perspectives"

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

- Margarita Popova, Vice-President and former Minister of Justice of Bulgaria
- Jaroslaw Paszke, Director, Department of Informatization and Court Registers, Ministry of Justice of Poland

10.30h-11h30h First Panel

"E-Tools and performance indicators for justice: challenges and perspectives"

The purpose of this panel is to discuss challenges and perspectives in the development of E Justice, as well as to identify possible indicators or benchmarks to assess the quality and/or performance of criminal justice systems. Discussion will also focus on the EU approach and strategy on E-Justice to improve the efficiency, transparency and accessibility of the Judiciary.

CHAIR: Mariya Nedelcheva, Member of the European Parliament, EPP Group

### INTERVENTIONS BY:

- Nicola Giovannini, President, Droit au Droit Right to Law (Belgium)
- "Which criteria of evaluation for justice systems: quality or performance?"
- Francesco Contini, Research Institute on Judicial Systems (IRSIG-CNR, Bologna), Italy
- "Building infrastructures for national and cross-border e-justice"
- Dick Heimans, Deputy Head of Unit, Unit B2: Criminal Law, DG Justice, European Commission
- "The European E-Justice Portal: improving access to justice throughout the EU"
- Maurice van der Velden, Effective Justice Platform Manager, Effectius, Belgium
- "Fostering the effectiveness of justice through the sharing of best practices"

Discussion

11:30h - 11:45h

Coffee Break

11:45h - 12:30h

# Second Panel (1st part):

## "E-tools for Justice: practices and perspectives in EU Member States"

The purpose of this panel is to present an overview of existing practices and challenges regarding the e-modernization and evaluation processes of criminal justice systems in different EU Member States.

CHAIR: **Dr. Maria Yordanova** Director of Law program, Center for the Study of Democracy (Sofia, Bulgaria)

#### INTERVENTIONS BY:

- Monica Luisa Macovei, MEP, EPP Group, Romania
- Dimitar Markov, Senior Analyst and Project Director, Law Program, Center for the Study of Democracy (Sofia, Bulgaria)
- "Indicators for Criminal Cases Management in Bulgaria"
- **Dominika Hojerova,** Program Officer, European Public Law Organization (EPLO), Greece

"Electronic tools for criminal justice in Finland and Greece"

12:45h - 14:00h

Lunch break

14:00h - 15:30h

Second Panel (2<sup>nd</sup> part):

"E-tools for Justice: practices and perspectives in EU Member States"

CHAIR: **Dr. Pawel Wilinski**, Professor of Criminal Law, Adam Mickiewicz University (Poznan, Poland)

### INTERVENTIONS BY:

- Marco Velicogna, Scientific expert, European Commission on the Efficiency of Justice of the Council of Europe (CEPEJ)
- "European Criminal Justice Systems Performance and ICT: a Picture from CEPEJ Data"
- Piotr Karlik, Faculty of Law and Administration, Adam Mickiewicz University (Poznan, Poland)
- "Criminal case management in Poland: challenges and perspectives"
- Sophie de Biolley, Interdisciplinary Research Center on Deviance and Penality, Catholic University of. Louvain, Belgium
- "The use of videoconferencing in criminal procedures: overview of practices and legal frameworks in Europe"
- Malena Zingoni-Fernandez, Lawyer and Secretary General of Right to Law, Spain "The use of e-tools and evaluation indicators in Spain"

Discussion

15:30h - 16:00h Co

Coffee Break

16:00h - 17:00h

## Concluding remarks

- "Towards a Common European e-Justice Strategy?"
- **Dr. Maria Yordanova**, Director of Law program, Center for the Study of Democracy (Sofia, Bulgaria)
- Nicola Giovannini, President, Droit au Droit Right to Law (Belgium)

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in French, English, Bulgarian and Polish.