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Invitation til regionalt seminar om "timeliness" for de baltiske og nordiske lande i Warszawa den 20. - 21. november 2012

Domstolsstyrelsen inviterer hermed til det regionale seminar om "timeliness" for de baltiske og nordiske lande, som ENCJ (European Network of Councils for the Judiciary) afholder i Warszawa den 20. - 21. november 2012.

Formålet med seminaret er at øge opmærksomheden på vigtigheden af rettidighed inden for retsvæsenet og uddybe forståelsen for de bagvedliggende årsager til manglende rettidighed.

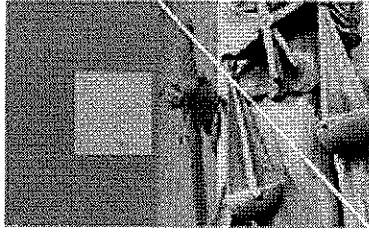
På seminaret vil der være deltagelse fra Estland, Letland, Litauen, Polen, Danmark, Norge, Finland og Sverige.

Hvis seminaret har interesse, bedes I tilmelde jer ved at give besked til Rune Sorvad Kock på rsk@domstolsstyrelsen.dk senest tirsdag den 9. oktober 2012.

I kan læse mere om seminaret og om "timeliness" i de vedhæftede dokumenter.

Med venlig hilsen

Charlotte Münter
Direktør



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18 September 2012

REGIONAL SEMINAR ON TIMELINESS

Baltic and Nordic countries

Warsaw, November 2012

Program

National Council of the Judiciary of Poland
Rakowiecka Street no. 30, Warsaw

Tuesday 20 November 2012

- 09:00 – 10:00** Registration and coffee (*1st floor foyer*)
- 10:00 – 10:15** Welcome (*plenary room 1st floor*)
Antoni Gorski (Chairman of the National Council of the Judiciary of Poland)
Niels Grubbe (Coordinator, former Chairman of the Danish Court Administration)
- 10:15 – 11:15** Plenary Session (*plenary room 1st floor*)
Submissions I
- 11:15 – 11:30** Coffee break (*1st floor foyer*)
- 11:30 – 12:45** Work Shops I: Reduction of Caseload
Group A (*? room 1st floor*)
Group B (*? room 1st floor*)
Group C (*? room 1st floor*)
Group D (*? room 1st floor*)
- 12:45 – 13:45** Lunch (*1st floor foyer*)

- 13:45 – 15:30 Work Shops II: Capacity Management
Group A – D (*rooms as before*)
- 15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break (*1st floor foyer*)
- 15:45 – 17:30 Plenary Session (*plenary room 1st floor*)
Debate and Conclusions
- 20:00 Dinner (*Café Zamek, Plac Zamkowy 4*)

Wednesday 21 November 2012

- 09:00 – 10:45 Plenary Session (*plenary room 1st floor*)
Submissions II
- 10:45 - 11:00 Coffee break (*1st floor foyer*)
- 11:00 – 12:45 Work Shops III: Procedures and Case Management
Group A – D (*rooms as before*)
- 12:45 – 13:45 Lunch (*1st floor foyer*)
- 13:45 – 15:30 Work Shops IV: Processing and Goals
Group A – D (*rooms as before*)
- 15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break (*1st floor foyer*)
- 15:45 – 17:30 Plenary Session (*plenary room 1st floor*)
Debate and Conclusions

Submissions

- I Niels Grubbe, Denmark: Scope, Impact and Causes of Timeliness.
Balancing Remedies with other Quality Features and Independence
- Stephane Leyenberger, CEPEJ: The Saturn Project Experiences
- Ann Ganelind, Sweden: Achieving Timeliness – Cooperation between
Courts
- II Irena Lipowicz, Rzecznik Praw Obywatelskich (The Polish Ombudsman):
Deliverance of Justice in Due Time – seen from the Viewpoint of the
Citizens
- Sakari Laukkanen, Finland: Timeliness and Logistices - a Finnish aproach
- Danish advocate: The Advocates as Stakeholders Cooperating on
Timeliness
- Sven Marius Urke, Norway: The strive to obtain timeliness in building up a new
court system - the Bosnian-Herzegowenian experience

Workshops

For the workshops the participants will be divided into groups, each composed of representatives from the invited stakeholders, Councils for the Judiciary, Court Administrations, judges, advocates, prosecutors, and politicians. Each group will be invited to discuss relevant subjects listed below, on basis of more detailed reference papers specifying questions to be addressed

Reduction of Caseload

- Judicial dispute prevention
- Alternative dispute resolution
- Amicable settlement
- Extended competence of lower courts – limitation of appeal
- Multiparty actions

II

Capacity Management

- Balancing load and capacity
- Transfer of cases, reallocation of judges, flying brigades
- Retired judges and juridical assistants
- Composition of the tribunal

III

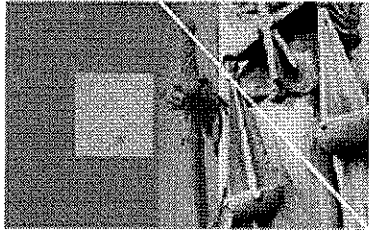
Procedures and Case Management

- Procedural steps – reduction and time limitation
- Case management, call-overs
- Hearing – reduction and limitation
- Written judgements – simplification and limitation
- Small case procedures

IV

Processing and Goals

- Video and telephone meetings
- Electronic recording
- Electronic tracing and filing
- Specialization
- Staff
- Court rooms
- Requirements and goals for processing time
- Consequences of not fulfilment



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20 September 2012

Invitation to participation in a Regional Seminar on Timeliness

Re Regional Seminar on Timeliness for Baltic and Nordic countries in Warsaw, 20-21 November 2012

In 2011 ENCJ published a Report on Timeliness. The report deals with the problems connected with delayed judgements and backlogs. These problems are in most European countries a major threat to effective access to justice and thus to the rule of law. The report examines the hindrances to timely judgements and the remedies that may be used to overcome the hindrances. Securing timeliness in the judiciary is a task that requires the joint effort of all stakeholders, not only courts, advocates, and prosecutors, but also councils for the judiciary, court administrations, and politicians in governments and parliaments. The report concludes in a set of best practices, recommended by ENCJ. The report is published at the ENCJ website:

http://www.encj.eu/images/stories/pdf/GA/Vilnius/report_on_timeliness.pdf.

With a view to increase awareness of the problem, to deepen the understanding of causes and remedies, and to discuss the recommendations and the cooperation between stakeholders, and thus to further the implementation of the recommendations ENCJ has decided to organize Seminars on Timeliness inviting representatives of all stakeholders. It has been decided that the seminars should be organised at a regional level with participants from countries within a region with comparable culture and legal traditions. On such Regional Seminars the participants may approach the problems in a more concrete and operational manner. A Regional Seminar on Timeliness for Baltic and Nordic countries will be held 20-21 November 2012. The National Council of the Judiciary of Poland has most generously offered to host the seminar in Warsaw.

The participating countries comprise Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland.

The purposes of the seminar – focussing on solutions – will be

- To increase awareness of the problem of timeliness
- To deepen understanding of the causes and the remedies to the problem
- To discuss recommendations on timeliness and the balancing with other quality features and independence
- To discuss the cooperation between stakeholders in improving timeliness

The participants invited from each countries will be representatives of

- ENCJ Members and Observers
- Judges' and Magistrates' Associations
- Prosecutors' Associations or Central Bodies
- Advocates' Associations
- Politicians (National Parliaments' Committees for Justice)
- Ministries of Justice

There will be submissions on relevant themes, please, see the enclosed program for the seminar.

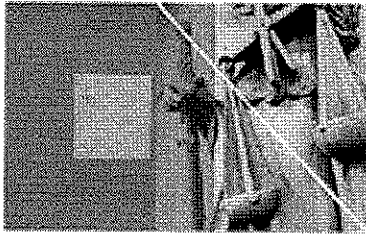
The seminar will include workshops with discussions in smaller groups on issues chosen and each with participation of the different groups of stakeholders, please, see the seminar program for details..

In my capacity of coordinator for the project I invite you to participate in the seminar by representatives from among your active members. I enclose a registration form to be sent ENCJ by mail. We kindly ask you to **register, if possible, before 10 October 2012**. Please note that immediately after that date you will receive a confirmation of participation by mail and a list of recommended hotels in Warsaw.

There is no fee for participating in the Seminar, but travel and accommodation costs shall be paid by the participants to the Seminar.

With kind regards

Niels Grubbe



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**Regional seminar on Timeliness
Warsaw, 20-21 November 2012**

REGISTRATION FORM

Please ensure ALL areas of the form are completed

To be returned to the ENCJ

Email : office@encj.eu

By 10th of October 2012 at the latest

1 form per participant

Name :

Mr / Ms /Mrs :

First Name :

Position :

Institution :

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Country :

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Mobile phone :



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