

Committee on Legal Affairs

Interparliamentary Committee Meeting

E-justice: lessons learned from national perspectives

Brussels, 4 December 2024, 10.30 – 12.30

10.30 **Welcome words**
Ilhan Kyuchyuk
Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs, European Parliament

10.35 **Introduction to the topic**
Commissioner for Democracy, Justice and Rule of Law

The role of digitalisation of justice and the judiciary in the context of the policies and measures to reinforce access to justice and civil and commercial law judicial cooperation in the Union, while safeguarding the general principles of the rule of law, judicial independence and procedural transparency.

10.50 **Digitalisation of justice in civil and commercial matters: the Estonian experience**
Member of the *Riigikogu* (Estonian Parliament) (TBC)

Estonia is leading the way in the digitalisation of the public sector, including the justice system. The Estonian court system includes a central information system that provides data to the courts and police, among others, and a public "e-File portal" that opens a virtual door to the courts, where parties can initiate cases and access or transmit documents.

11.00 **Debate**

11.30 **Challenges and opportunities of the digital transformation of justice in civil and commercial matters - national parliaments' and European perspectives**

1. Member of the French parliament (TBC)

2. Member of the Greek parliament (TBC)

The digitalisation of justice aims at facilitating and improving access to justice while promoting the modernisation, effectiveness and efficiency of justice systems and respecting fundamental and procedural rights. At EU level, this process has been based on legislative action, but the role of the Member States is essential in an area which remains to some extent within their competence.

11.50 **Debate**

12.25 **Closing remarks**
Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs, European Parliament

12.30 **End of meeting**