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Resource allocation and case weighting in the judiciary

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Goals of the Meeting

1. Knowledge sharing
2. Present some of the most interesting approaches in Europe
3. In-depth discussion to develop the Slovak way

Why

Case Complexity Assessment

- Common knowledge and understanding that not all the cases filed to court are the same.
- Cases need a different effort, in particular different time, by the judge and the non-judge staff from filing to disposition.

Objectives

Case Complexity Assessment

1. Assessment of the number of judges needed to manage the caseload at the national and local level.
2. Balanced/Equitable distribution of the cases among court divisions and then single judges.
3. Evidence based allocation of judges in the various courts or within a court in the different divisions.
4. Balanced distribution of cases for court hearings.
5. Empirical based analysis of judges' efforts to manage cases
6. Meaningful comparative data analysis among courts or different divisions within the court.
7. Planning resource needs (i.e. buildings, ICT infrastructures, budgets, etc.) and their distribution.

Further Objectives

Case Complexity Assessment

1. Identify critical issues in court procedures
2. Identify judges' good practices to manage cases
3. Planning specific programs for the reduction of the length of the proceedings

Ongoing CEPEJ-Saturn Study

Case Complexity Assessment Survey

- So far 30 countries replied
- Current use of case complexity assessment:
20 yes – 10 no
- In the future:
2 countries, one of them Slovakia

CEPEJ-Saturn Study

Case Complexity Assessment Survey

1. Case weighting (9 countries)
2. Point system (11 countries)
3. Mixed approach (none)

CEPEJ-Saturn Study - CCA Purposes

Allocation of judges in the court	7
Allocation of new judges in the courts	7
Assessment of individual judges	5
Assessment of court productivity	7
Case assignment	13
Estimation judges each court	12
Other	6

CEPEJ-Saturn Study - CCA Purposes

	Allocation of judges in the court	Allocation of new judges in the courts	Assessment of individual judges	Assessment of court productivity	Case assignment	Estimation judges each court	Other
Austria						1	
Azerbaijan	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Denmark		1		1		1	1
Estonia					1	1	
Finland	1	1		1		1	
Germany		1					1
Hungary					1		
Iceland					1		
Ireland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy					1		1
Lithuania			1		1	1	
Luxembourg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malta					1		
Montenegro	-	-	-		-	-	-

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N. Macedonia			1			1	
Moldova	1	1		1	1	1	
Romania	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Russian F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Serbia	1				1	1	1
Slovakia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sweden	1						1
Switzerland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey					1		
UK-Scotland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Croatia			1	1	1		
Netherlands				1		1	1
Poland	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ukraine	1	1			1	1	