

## **Building interoperability for European civil proceedings online**

### **Final Research-Conference**

*14-17 June, 2011*

*University of Bologna, Via Belmeloro 14 (Room G)*

*Bologna, Italy*

#### **Organized by**

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#### **Goals**

Information and communication technologies have been one of the main drives of change in the courts and the judiciaries. Initially considered as tools to increase productivity or make judicial procedures more transparent, now ICTs are deeply seated in the judicial machinery, affecting also the ways in which justice is administered through trials and judicial proceedings.

One of the challenges currently faced by the European Union is the use of ICT to support cross-border civil proceedings, as the European Payment Order and the European Small Claim Procedure. The development of ICT-based innovations requires the identification of viable solutions to support the handling of cases across different legal systems and public administrations. It requires facing semantic problems associated with the different languages spoken in the community and with the understanding of different national procedural codes. Finally, it may require the technological interoperability between computer systems and electronic databases of national jurisdictions.

The conference presents the research findings of the project Building Interoperability for European Civil Proceedings Online (September 2010 through August 2012).

Moving from national and European e-justice experiences, the Conference discusses how e-justice can be developed, how it affects judicial proceedings, and how the lessons learned from the case studies can be used to design e-justice applications supporting the European Payment Order and the European Small Claim Procedures.

## Agenda

**Thursday, June 14**

Arrival of participants

**Friday, June 15**

8,45 - 9,15

Registration

9.15 – 9.30

Welcome

**9,30 – 10,45**

***Session 1: European Civil Proceedings offline and online***

Convenor:

*Building interoperability for European Civil Proceedings Online* - Francesco Contini, IRSIG-CNR

*European Payment Order and European Small Claims Procedure: the legal framework* - Marco Mellone, CIRDE, University of Bologna

*A practical simulation of European Payment Order and European Small Claims Procedure* - Gar Yein Ng, Central European University, Budapest

Discussant

Q&A

10,45 – 11,15

*Coffee break*

**11,15 – 12,45**

***Session 2: Interoperability and infrastructures***

Convenor:

*The circulation of judicial agency in Europe: the emergence of new institutional assemblages* - Giovan Francesco Lanzara, DSP, University of Bologna

*Interoperability and generativity: cultivating information infrastructures* - Ole Hanseth, University of Oslo

Discussant: Jannis Kallinikos, London School of Economics (to be confirmed)

Q&A

12,45 – 14,15

*Lunch*

14,15 – 15,30

***Session 3: Searching for maximum feasible simplicity***

Convenor:

*Money Claims Online, England and Wales* - Giampiero Lupo, DSP, University of Bologna

*COVL, Central Department for Enforcement, Slovenia* – Gregor Strojina, Supreme Court of Slovenia

Discussant: Dory Reyling, Vice President of the Court of Appeal of Amsterdam (To be confirmed)

Q&A

15,30 – 15,45

Coffee break

**15,45 - 17,15**

***Session 4: Pushing at the edge of maximum manageable complexity***

Convenor:

*CITIUS, Portugal* - Paula Fernando University of Coimbra, School of Economics, Centre for Social Studies (CES)

*Trial On Line, Italy* - Davide Carnevali and Andrea Resca, IRSIG-CNR

Discussant: Giulio Borsari, ICT department, Italian Ministry of Justice

Q&A and wrap up

20,00

Conference dinner

**Saturday, June 16**

**9,00 -10,30**

**Session 5: Cross-border e-justice in the European Union**

*Convenor:*

European Arrest Warrant and Schengen Information System- Marco Velicogna, IRSIG-CNR and CEPEJ

e-Curia: Lynn Hewlett, Principal Administrator, European Court of Justice

e-Codex: enabling access to justice systems across Europe: Carsten Schmidt, e

Codex Project Coordinator or another e-Codex representative

Discussant: Francesco Contini

Q&A

10.30 - 10.45

*Coffee Break*

**10,45 – 12,15**

**Session 6: Designing architectures for European Civil Proceedings Online**

*Convenor:*

*How the law can make it simple* - Kari Kujanen, CIO Finnish Ministry of Justice, retired

*Semantic Interoperability: how to make it understandable* - Josep Suquet, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Institute of Law and Technology

*Multiple scenarios: institutional architectures for the circulation of judicial agency* -

Francesco Contini, IRSIG-CNR

Discussant: to be identified

Q&A

**12,15 – 13,30**

**Closing section: E-justice research and judicial institutions: searching for a new partnership**

Discussion panel:

Marco Fabri, Director, IRSIG-CNR

A representative of the Commission for the efficiency of Justice of the Council of Europe

A representative of the EU Commission

A representative of e-Codex

Directors of ICT departments of MJ

20,00

Conference dinner

**Sunday, June 17**

Departure of participants

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