

Building Interoperability for European Civil Proceedings Online

Research Conference - Bologna, 14-17 June 2012

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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.

Seminar Venue:

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



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Agenda

Thursday, June 14 Arrival of participants

Friday, June 15

8,45 – 9,15 Registration

9,15 – 9,30

Welcome

Fabio Giusberti, Dean, Faculty of Political Science and Head of the Department of Political and Social Sciences

Giuseppe Di Federico, Emeritus Professor, University of Bologna, and research associate IRSIG-CNR

9,30 – 10,45

Session 1: European Civil Proceedings offline and online

Convenor: Giuseppe Di Federico, Emeritus Professor, University of Bologna

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: Jane MacDonald, Head of Policy and Legislation Branch, Scottish Court Service Headquarters

Q&A

10,45 – 11,15

Coffee break

11,15 – 12,45

Session 2: Interoperability and infrastructures

Convenor: Maria Yordanova, Center for Study of Democracy, Sofia

The circulation of judicial agency in Europe: designing for interoperability and complexity - Giovan Francesco Lanzara, DSP, University of Bologna

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

Discussant: Antonio Cordella, London School of Economics and Political Science

Q&A

12,45 – 14,15

Lunch

14,15 – 15,30

Session 3: Searching for maximum feasible simplicity

Convenor: Francesco Contini, IRSIG-CNR

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

COVL, Central Department for Enforcement, Slovenia - Gregor Strojín, Supreme Court of Slovenia

Discussant: Dory Reiling, Amsterdam district court

Q&A

15,30 – 15,45

Coffee break

- 15,45 – 17,15** **Session 4: Pushing at the edge of maximum manageable complexity**
Convenor: Aleš Galič, School of Law, University of Ljubljana
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
- 20,00 *Conference dinner*
- Saturday, June 16**
- 9,00 -10,30** **Session 5: Cross-border e-justice in the European Union**
Convenor: Hacı Ali Açıkgül, Turkish Ministry of Justice
e-Curia - Lynn Hewlett, European Court of Justice
EPOC European Pool Against Organised Crime - Federica Curtol - Eurojust
e-Codex, Enabling access to justice systems across Europe - Carsten Schmidt, Ministry of Justice, North-Rhine Westphalia
Discussant: Ernst Steigenga, Dutch Ministry of Justice
 Q&A
- 10.30 – 10.45 *Coffee Break*
- 10,45 – 12,15** **Session 6: Designing architectures for European Civil Proceedings Online**
Convenor: Giovan Francesco Lanzara, DSP, University of Bologna
How the law can make it simple - Kari Kujanen, Finnish Ministry of Justice (retired)
Semantic Interoperability: how to make it understandable - Antoni Roig, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Institute of Law and Technology
Multiple scenarios: institutional architectures for the circulation of judicial agency - Francesco Contini, IRSIG-CNR
Discussant: Jesper Wittrup, Danish Evaluation Institute for Local Government (KREVI)
 Q&A
- 12,15 – 13,30** **Closing section: Promoting e-justice at national and European levels: research, innovation and training**
 Discussion panel:
The role of research - Marco Fabri, IRSIG-CNR
The role of Ministries of justice - Luc Ferrand, New technologies project, Ministry of Justice of France
The role of training - Rosa Jansen, Dutch Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary
 Q&A
- 20,00 *Conference dinner*
- Sunday, June 17** Departure of participants

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