

Technologies and in particular ICT have been the main instruments of change for the judicial authorities. Information systems have been introduced into working practices, promising greater operational efficiency, increased transparency, and facilitating the exchange of electronic data and documents among various offices and parties in the proceedings. This has led to the launch of numerous projects which very often did not achieve the desired effects. This is another example of where the comparative analysis of experiences in different countries has allowed us to identify both successful approaches and traps into which some policy makers have fallen. Understanding the innovation processes and their peculiarities in such highly formalized systems as courts is therefore a necessary step to support and guide their introduction.

Main projects

[Information and communication technologies for justice - Astrea](#) (FIRB-MIUR Project, Italy) - 2002/2006

[e-Filing and judicial document exchange in Europe](#) (FIRB-MiUR Project, Italy) - 2003/2005

[Judicial Electronic Data Interchange in Europe - JEDI](#) (EU Grotius Programme) - 2001/2003

[European Seminar on Court Technology - ESCT](#) (EU Grotius Programme) - 1999/2000

Some highlights

□ [Conference *ICT for Justice - Astrea*](#) - Roma, 23 marzo 2007

□ [The Project *Astrea* on line](#) - Italian Research Portal

□ [Judicial Electronic Data Interchange in Europe \(Interactive Map\)](#) - Reports, documents & legislation

Main related publications

Francesco Contini, Giovan Francesco Lanzara (Eds), [ICT and Innovation in the Public Sector: European Studies in the Making of E-Government](#), Palgrave Macmillan, 2009

Davide Carnevali, Francesco Contini e Marco Fabri (a cura di), [Tecnologie per la giustizia. I successi e le false promesse dell'e-justice](#), Milano, Giuffrè, 2006

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Marco Fabri, & Francesco Contini (Eds), [Justice and Technology in Europe. How ICT is Changing the Judicial Business](#), Amsterdam, Kluwer Law International, 2001