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Model of competences in selection, evaluation and promotion of judges, specifics and reflections of individual countries

The third international conference of the Project "Portrait of a Judge"

Prague, 5 - 6 October 2023

Conference language: English

Conference venue: Metropolitan University Prague, Dubečská 900/10, Praha 10 – Strašnice, Room 205.

The conference is organised in hybrid format.

The event is organized in the framework of the International Project no. 2018-1-0662 "Portrait of a Judge - a multi-dimensional model of competencies to be measured during the procedures of selection, evaluation and promotion of judges" which aims at developing a multi-dimensional model for these procedures.

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Agenda

Thursday, 5. October 2023

12.45 – 13.00 Registration of participants

13.00 – 15.00 Opening remarks and First Session

Main topic: Fairness and transparency of judicial selection as safeguard of judicial independence

Opening words

Dr. M. Beneš, *Director of MUP*

Mr. G. L. Bombarda, *Fund Director*

Dr. R. Horáček, *Vice-president of Supreme Court in Prague*

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The importance of fairness and transparency in judicial selection: presentation of the results of the project PORTRAIT OF JUDGE

Prof. Dr. S. Mulevičienė, Project Manager, M. Romeris University, Lithuania

Practice of ECJ related to the judicial selection and independence of the judiciary

Prof. Dr. R. Norkus, European Court of Justice (General Court)

Norwegian experience and reflection

Prof. M. Andenas, project partner, University of Oslo

The view of the state administration of courts on the appointment of judges

Mgr. J. Pěvrátíl, director of the Justice Strategy and Concept Department of the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic

Discussion reflection of the audience, including on-line participants in the streaming performance

15:00 – 15.30 Coffee Break

15.30 – 17.30 Second Session

Main topic: Promotion of judges to higher positions, objectivity, transparency, independence of the system, reflection and specifics

Presentation of the Book „Portrait of a Judge. Book I. Development of a Model of selection, evaluation and promotion of judges: principles, selected comparative aspects and model of competences“

Promotion of judges in Council of Europe systems as a problem of independence, objectivity and effect

Prof. Dr. K. Klíma, project partner, Head of the Department of Legal Disciplines and Public Administration, Metropolitan University Prague

Evaluation of judicial activity as one of obligatory procedures for promotion of judges: Lithuanian perspective

Dr. G. Juodkaitė-Granskienė and Dr. S. Rudėnaitė, Supreme Court of Lithuania

Transformation of Albanian system, selection and promotion of judges, good practices and lessons learned

E. Shahini, Magistrate, Supreme Court of Albania

Prof. Dr. A. Vorpsi, Professor of Constitutional Law, Head of the President's Office, Supreme Court

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Correferative presentation of the Polish representative - experience and reflection

Prof. M. Serowaniec, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń

Correferative presentation of the Slovak representative - experience and reflection

Prof. M. Giba, Professor at Comenius University in Bratislava

18:00– 19:30 Dinner

Friday, 6. October 2023

09.30 – 09.45 Registration of participants

09.45 – 11:15 Third Session

Workshop and discussion, main topic: Presentation of project results relating to the Czech Republic, presentation of strategical guidelines and proposals, discussion the results with the judiciary

Czech model of selection, evaluation and promotion of judges: de lege ferenda considerations and proposals for judiciary, presentation of forms created within the project

Dr. J. Odehnalová, project partner, Metropolitan University Prague

Round table discussion with the heads of judiciary and other relevant persons

11.15 – 11.45 Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.45 Fourth Session

Workshop. Methodological support for persons conducting the selection, evaluation and promotion procedures: status quo and the way forward

Moderator of the workshop: prof dr. S. Muleviciene. Project manager, M. Romeris university, Lithuania

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Discussion on Tools, templates, questionnaires and other methodological support available during the procedures of the selection, evaluation and promotion of judge
With contribution of presenters from: Lithuania, Czech Republic, Norway and Albania

Presentation of electronical tool for self-evaluation of judges and other tools and templates freely available to everyone (in English, Czech, Lithuanian and Albanian languages)
R. Molienė, Research coordinator, M. Romeris University, Lithuania

Discussion

13:00 – 14.15 **Lunch**

End of the Conference