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The Greffier/Rechtspfleger for Europe: a Structural Reform Essential to the Consolidation of the European Area of Justice

The European Union of Rechtspfleger (EUR) is proud to invite you to the event we organize on:

15 March 2018 at 14h00

At the European Economic and Social Committee – rue Belliard 99, 1040 Brussels – Room JDE 63

Improving Judicial Cooperation

A convergence of the statutes of the Greffier/Rechtspfleger in Europe will make the cooperation instruments and the interoperability of national judicial systems more effective.

Strengthening Economic Growth

The Greffier/Rechtspfleger for Europe contributes to the stabilization and consolidation of the judicial systems and thus improves the unified functioning of the internal market.

Bringing Justice Closer to the Citizen

The Greffier/Rechtspfleger for Europe ensures the link between the citizen and the law by intervening in proximity procedures without mandatory representation. It consolidates the judicial area in which the citizen moves and thus reinforces confidence.

Why a Greffier/Rechtspfleger for Europe?

In European courts there is a place, alongside judges and prosecutors, for a jurisdictional body that renders decisions independently in areas that do not require the intervention of a judge or prosecutor.



Inspired by the German and Austrian models, the Greffier/Rechtspfleger for Europe, is an independent judicial organ, **anchored in the constitutional order** and performing the functions assigned to it by law.

Highly qualified and specialized, it is intended to render independent decisions in many areas: non-contentious cases, payment orders, enforcement... its unique profile makes it the perfect administrator of the courts. It is therefore a true guarantee of **economic and social stability** in European democracies.

To date, **almost half of the EU Member States** have chosen to implement this system (Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Hungary, Ireland, Poland, Spain, United Kingdom, Slovakia, Slovenia - source: CEPEJ, 2016). We owe it to our fellow citizens to continue this development.

Who are we?

The EUR is an association created in 1967 and based in Strasbourg. It brings together professional organizations and unions of Greffier, Rechtspfleger and similar professions from fifteen European countries: Germany, Austria, Denmark, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Sweden. It also has associate members in Asia and Africa.

The EUR participates in the creation, development and harmonization of laws at European and international levels. It has participatory status with the Council of Europe and is regularly associated with the work of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), in which it has been sitting as an observer since its inception. The EUR also ensures the representation and the safeguarding of the professional, moral and material interests of its member organizations at European and international levels.



To promote judicial cooperation in Europe and improve the efficiency and proximity of the courts with citizens, the EUR has published in 2016 a **White Paper for a Rechtspfleger/Greffier for Europe** which you will find on our website www.eu-rechtspfleger.eu. This Paper is a tool that will allow the implementation of concrete proposals to participate in the improvement of the efficiency of the courts in Europe.

