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Italy had the honour to set up the Bureau of E.U.R. for two sets of three years, from 2002 to 2007. At the Congress of Tours held in 2001, aware of having to deal with a very demanding job, we submitted our application with the following program:

- to improve the circulation of information between us via the Internet and e-mail, ensuring a constant update of the activities of the European Commission and the Council of Europe;
- to organize seminars that enable us to meet more often during the year, at least in groups;
- to promote the organization of training courses involving officials from many countries, using EU funds planned for the judiciary;
- to be always present at the institutions of Europe to contribute to the emergence of the European judicial area.

I do not know if Roberto Galullo, Giovanni Assenza and I have been able to carry out our project, and it is not for me to say, but we have certainly lived an exciting experience.

For six years we have been involved and have taken part in the National Congress of Spanish, French, Austrian and German colleagues and we have followed closely the work of the European institutions, with particular reference to CEPEJ, especially thanks to the constant support of Jean-Jacques Kuster, who has been a constant reference point during these fifty years of EUR activity.

But we have also noted some levels of criticality in the European judicial systems and in ours:

- the excessive jealousy of each individual state in the defense of its own judicial organization;
- the fact that our profession is little known in every nation and that it has to deal with judges and lawyers;
- the difficulty of involving our colleagues at home in European issues;
- the problems of economic restrictions, which prevent us from meeting more frequently.

I therefore consider that E.U.R. should continue to offer its contribution to European institutions, to strengthen the role of Clerks of the Court / greffiers / rechtspflegers, not only in our interest, but for the good functioning of the judicial systems of Europe and therefore in the interest of citizens. Thus, I wish the current French Bureau the best of luck so that they can succeed in achieving this goal.