

8 DECEMBER 2020 | ONLINE CONFERENCE | INVITATION

Digitalisation of Justice Interconnection and Innovation

hosted by the German Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection

The Digitalisation of Justice has been an ongoing process for many years. Lately, it has seen an increase in speed and width, triggered by technological developments, growing public sector commitment and – most recently – COVID-19. It is in the midst of this pandemic that we will be discussing the sustainable future of cross-border judicial communication in the EU, the use of artificial intelligence for justice applications and the capacities for video conferencing in court sessions as part of our digital sovereignty. As part of Germany's EU Council Presidency, we are hosting a high-profile Online Conference on 8 December 2020, which will address these and other issues in the context of Digitalisation of Justice. We cordially invite you to attend this conference.

Please find more about our conference programme below. The conference will be live streamed. You can attend either by registering with your personal contact details for a full participation, including a chat format, questions and live polling, or by watching the public stream of the conference without any registration.

Please register here:

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We look forward to exchanging ideas with you!

The conference will be simultaneously translated into English, German and French.



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10:00 **Opening of the Conference**



Welcome Address by **Christine Lambrecht**, Federal Minister for Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany



Opening Speech by **Didier Reynders**, European Commissioner for Justice



Greeting by **Alain Pilette**, Chair of the Council Working Party on e-Justice



Moderation of the Conference: **Laura Sophie Dornheim**, Ph.D., Vice President Consumer Products, eyeo GmbH, Berlin

10:30 **Showcase**

Practical Applications of Artificial Intelligence: e-Transcription and e-Translation

When talking about Artificial Intelligence we tend to think of the future. But machine learning and its application in automated text and speech analysis have been around for years. Products incorporating these technologies are already common in our daily lives. However, they are not yet universally used in courts, in spite of the high need for transcription and translation. Join us for a presentation of modern speech technology and examples of where e-transcription already plays a role in European courts.



- **Sebastian Stüker**, Ph.D., Researcher at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany
- **Reigo Kalamets**, Business Analyst for the Estonian Court Information System at the Center of Registers and Information Systems, Estonia
- **Jesús María Barba Lobatón**, Deputy Director General of Digital Transformation Planning and Management, Ministry of Justice, Spain

11:10 **Keynotes and Panel Discussion**
Developing AI for Criminal Law – Challenges and Opportunities

Recent developments in technologies associated with Artificial Intelligence have brought the semantic analysis of texts into the realm of the possible. While computers are not able to “understand” text in a human sense, they are increasingly capable of identifying specific elements of texts and assigning them to categories. This is in some ways similar to what lawyers do, so it comes as no surprise that the technology is starting to be applied in the legal field, even criminal law. How this is done and what has to be taken into account when developing these applications in the field of criminal law will be the topic of this panel discussion.

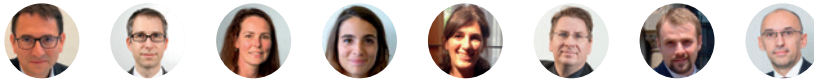


- **Frauke Rostalski, Ph.D.**, Law Professor at the University of Cologne, Germany
- **Floris Bex, Ph.D.**, Professor of Data Science and Law at Tilburg University, the Netherlands
- **Riikka Koulu, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor at the Faculties of Social Sciences and Law, University of Helsinki, Finland
- **Pauline Dubarry**, Justice Counsellor at the Permanent Representation of France to the European Union
- **Jana Gajdosova**, Programme Manager, Just, Digital and Secure Societies, Research and Data Unit, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

Lunch Break

14:00 **Presentation of Use-Cases, Keynotes and Panel Discussion**
e-CODEX - Achievements and Perspectives

The demand for secure procedures for cross-border transportation of juridical data is rising. In a joint effort, a set of Member States and European Practitioners’ Organisations together with researchers have developed e-CODEX to meet this need. E-CODEX is more than a software application. It is a mature component-based business collaboration solution. The e-CODEX technology is used in various fields of legal practice. The conference will provide a glimpse at what e-CODEX is actually capable of, and how it develops further. In light of the anticipated Commission proposal for a legal framework for e-CODEX, the sustainable future for e-CODEX will be discussed.



- **Martin Laufen**, Ph.D., Coordinator Me-CODEX II, Ministry of Justice of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany
- **Stefan Schlauß**, Head of the Directorate on International Civil Law, German Federal Office of Justice, Bonn
- **Sacha van Willigen**, Sacha van Willigen, LL.M., Legal Policy Adviser International Affairs at the CJIB (Centraal Justitiele Incassobureau), the Netherlands
- **Marina Lence**, Project Officer in charge of European and Institutional affairs at Agence Nationale de Traitement Automatisé des Infractions (ANTAI)
- **Maria Angela Biasiotti**, Ph.D., Researcher at Institute of Legal Informatics and Judicial Systems Italian National Research Council (IGSG-CNR), Florence, Italy
- **Mathias Maurer**, IT Consultant for Digital European Affairs at Federal Computing Center / Ministry of Justice, Austria
- **Cristian Nicolau**, Ph.D., Head of the e-Justice, IT and Document Management Unit, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission
- **Krum Garkov**, M. Sc., Executive Director, eu-LISA

Coffee Break

15:50 **Ad hoc Panel on Current Topics**

Court Sessions via Video Conferencing in Light of Digital Sovereignty

The pandemic has exposed a need for remote participation in court sessions which has put the infrastructure for video conferencing in high demand. The legal frameworks for court hearings via video conferencing vary between member states, but the requirements imposed by the GDPR should be identical all over the EU. Like many public actors, the judiciary needs to provide reliable solutions in the spirit of digital sovereignty. Join our ad hoc panel to learn and discuss some aspects of this important technological challenge.



- **Anne Sanders**, Ph.D., MJur, Law Professor at the University of Bielefeld, Germany
- **Niksa Stolic**, Criminal Judge, Seconded National Expert, European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)
- **Bart Schellekens**, Senior Adviser / Researcher Law & IT, Council for the Judiciary, the Netherlands

16:30 **Closing remarks**



Dirk Wedel, State Secretary at the Ministry of Justice of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany



Anabela Pedroso, Secretary of State of Justice, Portugal



Margaretha Sudhof, Ph.D., State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany