



European Network of Councils
for the Judiciary (ENCJ)

Réseau européen des Conseils
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Brussels and Rome, 29 March 2024

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary and the Consiglio Superiore della Magistratura, we are delighted to invite you to the **2024 General Assembly of the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary**, which will be held in Rome from Wednesday the 12th to Friday the 14th of June 2024.

The main overarching topic of the General Assembly will be **“Access to Justice”**, with a focus on digitalization of the access to justice and access to justice for vulnerable people. The attached draft programme also serves as agenda is enclosed. Should any changes or additions in the agenda be desired, please inform the ENCJ Office by the **1st of May 2024**.

We would like to kindly ask delegates to register online for the event by **24th of May 2024** at the latest. To register, visit the ENCJ website www.encj.eu, log in (username *ENCJ* / password *network**), go to the General Assembly page and click the ‘REGISTER NOW’ button.

Conforming to the Rules of Procedure of the Association adopted by the General Assembly 2018 in Lisbon, the delegation for each ENCJ member is restricted to **four participants**. For the session for Members only, only two representatives per Member are allowed to participate. All other elements of the General Assembly are accessible to all participants.

Costs for travel and accommodation for two participants per ENCJ member will be reimbursed by the ENCJ in accordance with the reimbursement rules. For details, please check the attached Rules of Reimbursement.

We look forward to welcoming you in Rome.

Yours sincerely

Dalia Vasarienė
President of the ENCJ

Fabio Pinelli
Vice-President of the CSM



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Wednesday 12 June 2024 – CSM Italy, Piazza dell'Indipendenza 6

14:00 Registration ENCJ Members - (2 representatives per ENCJ Member)

14:30 **Administration of the Association Part I**

1. Opening and presentation of the agenda

2. Applications for the ENCJ membership

3. Election of Executive Board

- Introduction of candidate for the ENCJ President
- Introduction of candidates for the Executive Board and elections

4. ENCJ finances

- Profit and loss accounts 2023 and report from ENCJ auditors
- Approval accounts 2023 and discharge Executive Board (simple majority)
- Approval budget 2024 (simple majority)
- Approval Membership fee 2025 (3/4 majority)

5. Functioning of the Association

- Activity report 2023-2024
- ENCJ draft work plan 2024-2025

6. Announcement of results of voting

7. Developments in the EU Member States

8. ENCJ Rome Declaration and any other business

16:15 End of proceedings

17:30 Official reception by the President of Italy (TBC)

19:30 Opening reception – CSM Italy, Piazza dell'Indipendenza 6



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Thursday 13 June 2023 – Piazza della Cancelleria

9:30 Registration

10:00 Plenary session
Welcoming addresses

11:00 Coffee Break and group picture

11:30 Plenary session - Introductory speeches
Mr. Maciej Szpunar, First Advocate General ECJ: *Access to justice in the ECJ practice*
Ms. Marie-Laure Basilien-Gainche, Professor of Law, University Jean Moulin Lyon 3: *Access to Justice for vulnerable people (TBC)*
Mr. Ugo Pagallo, professor of Philosophy of Law and Legal Informatics at the Department of Law: *Artificial Intelligence and Access to Justice*

13:30 Lunch

14:30 Discussion in sub-groups

16:00 Plenary session – presentation of the results
Project Independence, Accountability and Quality of the Judiciary
ENCJ Project on the attractiveness of the Judicial Career
ENCJ Digital Justice Forum

17:30 End of proceedings

20:00 Dinner – Terrazza Caffarelli Rome (Formal, cocktail attire)



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Friday 14 June 2024 – Piazza della Cancelleria

10:00

The ENCJ award for Positive Change 2024

ENCJ Members and Observers will present their most innovative and recent best practice with **regard to access to justice for vulnerable groups or digitalization**, in which a successful change was achieved. Participants will vote for the most innovative and inspiring idea which will be awarded the ENCJ Award for positive change.

Plenary session

11:00

Ten years of the ENCJ, former ENCJ president Ms. Nuria Diaz Abad

11:30

ENCJ Quiz

12:00

Administration of the Association Part II

Adoption of recommendations 2024-2025 projects
Adoption of ENCJ work plan 2024-2025
Adoption of the ENCJ Declaration of Rome
ENCJ Award for Positive Change 2024

12:45

Closing of the General Assembly

13:00

Lunch

14:00

Social event



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The ENCJ Award for Positive Change – Call for proposals

At the 2018 ENCJ General Assembly in Lisbon the first ENCJ Award for Positive Change was awarded. In a traditional market setting Members and Observers of the ENCJ presented their best idea which had been successful and had led to positive change. Each participant could vote for the idea that they found to be the most inspiring. *The Judicial Council of Lithuania* won the 2018 ENCJ Award for Positive Change with their #courtscore programme.

At the 2019 Bratislava General Assembly the session was repeated. *The Judicial Council of Lithuania* won the ENCJ Award for Positive Change for the second time with their “Knowledge is Power” programme. *Raad voor de rechtspraak Netherlands* won the 2022 ENCJ Award for Positive Change with their ‘Firefighters Brigade’. At the 2023 Ljubljana General Assembly the *Consiliul Superior al Magistraturii of Romania* won the competition with the project TAEJ-Transparency, Accessibility and Legal Education.

In 2024 the ENCJ Award for Positive change competition will be organized again. Up to 5 ENCJ Members and Observers will present their most innovative and recent best practice related to access to justice in the sphere of vulnerable (disabled people) and/or digitalization in a plenary session. The Members/Observers who put forward their proposal will be given 10-15 minutes to demonstrate their concept. After the presentations the audience will be asked to vote on the idea which it found the most inspiring. The winner will receive the ENCJ Award for Positive Change.

The Executive Board hereby calls on all Members and Observers to send in proposals with best practices in terms of digitalisation or psychical and practical arrangements to ensure access to justice for vulnerable (disabled) people that they would like to present at the General Assembly.

These innovations/best practices in which change was achieved successfully, could be in relation to any field as long as it has successfully strengthened the access to justice of vulnerable (disabled) people.

The proposal should be accompanied by a short description of the innovation (maximum a quarter of a page) and the way in which it will be presented (maximum quarter of a page)

Please send your application by May 14th at the latest to office@encj.eu.

If needed the Executive Board will select out of the proposals to ensure diversity of topics.