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Subgroup 1

How can Councils for the Judiciary (alternative judicial governance bodies) contribute to the trust in society through exercise of their competences?

Moderators:

Subgroup 1: Jose Maria Fernandez Seijo and Argelia Queralt Jimenez (CGPJ Spain)

1. Is there a general sentiment that trust in the judiciary faces challenges?
2. How do you perceive trust in the judiciary through the lens of the regular functions of the Councils for the Judiciary (alternative judicial governance bodies)?
3. Which Councils' (alternative judicial governance bodies') competences contribute to establishing or strengthening trust in society and how? For example, through:
 - selection of judges (including, appointment, promotions);
 - performance evaluation of judges;
 - disciplinary & ethics;
 - ensuring quality of judicial system (well-functioning, strategy planning);
 - involvement in the legislative process concerning the judiciary;
4. In what manner should the Council (alternative judicial governance body) perform these functions to gain (increase) society's trust in the judiciary?



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Subgroup 2

The ways Councils can contribute to strengthening public confidence in the judiciary

Subgroup 2: Brian O'Moore and Mary Rose Gearty (Irish Judicial Council)

1. Is there a general sentiment that trust in the judiciary faces challenges?
2. Which Councils' (alternative judicial governance bodies') competences contribute to establishing or strengthening trust in society? How (in what manner) should they be carried out to gain and maintain public confidence?
3. What other means can be used by the Councils (alternative judicial governance bodies) to strengthen public trust in the judiciary (communication/digitalisation/court users surveys)?



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Subgroup 3

How carrying out Court Users' Surveys contribute to increasing trust in society?

Moderators:

Madeleine Mathieu and Celine Parisot (CSM France)

1. Is there a general sentiment that trust in the judiciary faces challenges?
2. Do you regard Court users' surveys as a beneficial tool to monitor trust? How can court user surveys contribute to improving trust in the judiciary?
3. Who should be regarded as court users? What groups of questions should be asked?
4. What lessons may be learned from carrying out Court user surveys? What possible follow-up measures to improve society's trust in the judiciary can the court users' surveys lead to?
5. What should be the role of Council for the Judiciary (alternative governance body) in promoting and (or) coordinating court users' surveys?



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Subgroup 4

In what ways can digitalization of justice contribute to increasing society's trust in the judiciary?

Moderators:

Claudiu Dragusin (SCM Romania) and Tiago Pereira (CSM Portugal)

1. Is there a general sentiment that trust in the judiciary faces challenges?
2. In what ways can the digitalization of the judiciary positively impact public trust? For example:
 - through increasing access to justice (possibility to commence proceedings and follow your case online)?
 - through automation of repetitive and administrative tasks of judges?
 - through availability (publication) of case law?
 - through the use of AI? If so, what standards of creation should AI tools used in the judiciary adhere to and what safeguards are required?
3. Can the digitalization of justice have a negative impact on public trust (e. g. less human contact, accessibility issues affecting parts of society through limited/lack of IT literacy)?



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Subgroup 5

In what ways can communication of the judiciary contribute to increasing trust in the judiciary?

Moderators:

Maria Gkana (SJC AJ Greece) and Gabriele Juodkaite-Granskiene (TT Lithuania)

1. Is there a general sentiment that trust in the judiciary faces challenges? If so, do some of these challenges arise in the area/field of communication and media relations?
2. How can communication of the judiciary contribute to increasing public trust in the judiciary?
3. What communication tools and practices may be employed to achieve the best result(s)?
4. Has your Council for the Judiciary (alternative governance body) engaged in communication campaigns aimed at strengthening public trust? If so, what were they and what were the lessons learned?