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Questionnaire indicators quality of the Judiciary 2022-2023

Please fill in your country of origin:

General remark: The advice of the project team is to have the questionnaire filled in by a working group consisting of about 3 judges with relevant knowledge on the topic of quality, and (some members of) the Council for the Judiciary/equivalent body.

Instructions before filling in the questionnaire:

The questions can be answered digitally by ticking the boxes in this document. Unless specifically made clear, please give only one answer for Criminal and Civil each.

Differences among courts:

In your country arrangements may differ among the courts. Where relevant, first instance courts and appeal courts are distinguished. Among first instance courts and among appeal courts differences may occur as well. Unless the question specifically asks you to indicate differences (see 1.1), please answer the question, keeping in mind the normal situation of the courts in your country.

What is meant by “standards”:

In this questionnaire, please treat “standards” as meaning targets or guidelines intended to achieve timeliness and efficiency, and against which actual timescales achieved can be assessed which can be implemented in diverse ways ranging from law to custom.

What is meant by “summary/simplified procedures”:

As indicated by Opinion no 6 of the CCJE, there are major differences in terminology in this area. Not all states understand the concept of summary, simplified and accelerated procedures in the same sense. Please answer this question according to your system, with a short-cut or fast-track procedure in mind.

A. Timeliness and efficiency of procedures

Indicator A1: standards for courts about the duration of cases

1.1 Are standards - either formal or informal - in place for the duration of cases at first instance courts?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

1.2 If standards are in place, do these standards generally apply to the overall procedure (from beginning to end)?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
The overall procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

1.3 Are standards - either formal or informal - in place for the duration of cases at appeal courts?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

1.4 If standards are in place, do these standards generally apply to the overall procedure (from beginning to end) ?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
The overall procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

1.5 If standards are in place at the first instance courts, are they monitored at least annually?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

1.6 If standards are in place at the appeal courts, are they monitored at least annually?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

1.7 Are standards realized in practice in the cases to which they apply, in first instance courts?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Not known	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

1.8 Are standards realized in practice in the cases to which they apply, in appeal courts?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Not known	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

1.9 Is information about the realization of these standards accessible to the public?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Available on official website	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Indicator A2: Standards for parties about the duration of cases

2.1 Are there rules (whether laws, codes/rules of civil procedure or otherwise) specifying time limits for parties in first instance courts, e. g. to present documents?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Note: in criminal cases rules may be applicable either to the prosecution or the defendant or both.

2.2 Can the first instance court impose sanctions on parties who fail to comply with the applicable time limits referred to in 2.1 above?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 of types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

2.3 Are there rules (whether laws, codes/rules of civil procedure or otherwise) specifying time limits for parties in appeal courts, e. g. to present documents?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

2.4 Can the appeal court impose sanctions on parties who fail to comply with the applicable time limits referred to in 2.3 above ?

	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 of types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

2.5 Do judges at first instance courts have power to issue directions regarding case management in a case?

	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 of types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

2.6 Do judges at first instance courts have power to enforce such case management directions if a party does not conform?

	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 of types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

2.7 Do judges at appeal courts have power to issue directions regarding case management in an appeal?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 of types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

2.8 Do judges at the appeal courts have power to enforce such case management directions if a party does not conform?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 of types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Indicator A3: summary / simplified procedures

3.1 Are summary or simplified procedures available in appropriate cases in first instance courts?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 of types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

3.2 Are summary or simplified procedures available in appropriate cases in appeal courts?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 of types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Indicator A4: Digital case filing and digital procedures

4.1 Can cases be commenced digitally in first instance courts?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

4.2 Can cases be commenced digitally in appeal courts?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

4.3 Can procedures at first instance be conducted digitally in the sense that all communications are digital, up to the hearing?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

4.4 Can procedures at appeal courts be conducted digitally in the sense that all communications are digital, up to the hearing ?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

4.5 Can hearings be conducted at first instance courts remotely:				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

4.6 Can hearings be conducted at appeal courts remotely:				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

4.7 Can litigants inform themselves digitally about the progression of their cases?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

4.8 Are on-line dispute resolution mechanisms available or being developed at the courts?		
		Scores
Fully available	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Partially available	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Being developed	<input type="checkbox"/>	
None	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Note: ODR mechanisms concern new procedures that are developed on the basis of digital possibilities and thus differ from current procedures. Think of procedures that allow sequential communication between parties and the court (e.g. by means of email) to replace hearings.

Indicator A5: Specialisation of judges

5.1 Do specialised judges/courts/departments/ chambers exist in first instance courts that deal with the following types of cases:			
	Yes	No	Scores
Family and juvenile law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Intellectual property law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Commercial law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Insolvency law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Certain types of crimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Labour law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other that are deemed appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

5.2 Do specialised judges/courts/departments/ chambers exist in courts of appeal that deal with the following types of cases:			
	Yes	No	Scores
Family and juvenile law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Intellectual property law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Commercial law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Insolvency law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Certain types of crimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Labour law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other that are deemed appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

*[Source CCJE opinion number 15](#). Paragraph 42.

Indicator A6: Performance evaluation of judges

6.1 Are the competencies of the judges of a court evaluated on a regular basis, in a manner that respects the independence of the judges, to determine educational needs and the distribution of the judges of the court across areas of law and specializations?¹		
		Scores
With respect to training needs and distribution of areas of law and specialization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Only with respect to training needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Only with respect to distribution of areas of law and specialization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	

6.2 Is the individual performance of judges with respect to number of cases, duration, professional quality of decisions, conduct at hearings and judicial ethics reviewed on a regular basis, in a manner that respects the independence of the judges? Multiple answers possible².		
		Scores
Number of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Duration of procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quality of decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Conduct at hearings	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Judicial ethics	<input type="checkbox"/>	

¹ Note: only answer in the affirmative if the evaluation conforms with the criteria of the ENCJ, as specified in the indicators on independence and accountability.

² Note: only answer in the affirmative if the evaluation conforms with the criteria of the ENCJ, as specified in the indicators on independence and accountability.

No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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6.3 Is the conduct of the judge part of court user satisfaction surveys, if any?		
		Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Due process from the perspective of accessibility

Indicator B7: Equality of arms (funding and costs)

1.1 Is there a system for providing public funding to litigants without means to pay for litigation themselves?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

1.2 Does the system provide for adequate representation for such litigants at public expense?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	0

1.3 Is there adequate public funding for such litigants who qualify under the system?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

1.4 Does an unsuccessful litigant in a civil case generally have to contribute to the costs of the successful party?		
		Scores
In full	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Main principle full contribution but with possibilities to deviate	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Partly	<input type="checkbox"/>	
None	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Indicator B8: Commensurate effort of judges (do complex cases get appropriate attention?)

8.1 Does the court have power to direct the amount of time set aside for hearing a case, depending on its complexity, in first instance courts?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	4
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	0

8.2 Does the court have power to reduce complexity (for example, by requiring parties to reach agreement on certain issues/aspects) before the hearing at first instance?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

8.3 Does the court have power to direct the amount of time set aside for hearing a case, depending on its complexity, in appeal courts?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

8.4 Does the court have power to reduce complexity (for example, by requiring parties to reach agreement on certain issues/aspects) before the hearing of the appeal?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Indicator B9: Dealing with abusive conduct

9.1 Is the judge able to take action to prevent abusive conduct by parties and/or their lawyers?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

9.2 If the answer to 9.1 is yes, can the judge do any of the following (please indicate as many as are applicable):				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Stop or stay the proceedings	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Speed up the proceedings	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Make adverse costs orders	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Impose fines	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Report to a disciplinary body	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Indicator B10: Availability of appeal

10.1 Can an unsuccessful litigant bring an appeal?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 of types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

10.2 Is there a filtering system to prevent appeals which are without merit from proceeding to a full hearing?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 of types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

10.3 If an appeal is brought, can the court suspend/order a stay of the first instance decision?	
	Scores
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Indicator B11: Communication

11.1 Are procedures available in all official languages?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

11.2 Does the court provide translation (interpretation) facilities when necessary?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

11.3 Is there a system to ensure the standard of translation (interpretation) is adequate (for example, through vetting and/or licensing)?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Indicator B12: Access for people with disabilities

12.1 Are special procedural arrangements available for people with disabilities ³ ?							
More than 2/3 of courts	Score	Between 2/3 and 1/3 of courts	Score	Less than 1/3 of courts	Score	No courts	Score
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

12.2 If the answer to 11.1 is yes, please indicate which disabilities are catered for:								
	More than 2/3 of courts	Scores	Between 2/3 and 1/3 of courts	Scores	Less than 1/3 of courts	Scores	No courts	Scores
Mobility	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sight	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Intellectual impairment	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mental health impairment	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

12.3 Are special physical arrangements available for people with disabilities?							
More than 2/3 of courts	Score	Between 2/3 and 1/3 of courts	Score	Less than 1/3 of courts	Score	No courts	Score
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

³ For example, special procedural arrangements for people with hearing or sight disabilities, possibility to attend court hearings remotely (e. g. due to mobility impairment) and other.

12.4 If the answer to 11.3 is yes, please indicate which disabilities are catered for:								
	More than 2/3 of courts	Scores	Between 2/3 and 1/3 of courts	Scores	Less than 1/3 of courts	Scores	No courts	Scores
Mobility	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sight	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Intellectual impairment	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mental health impairment	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Indicator B13: Access for vulnerable people

13.1 Are special procedural arrangements available for vulnerable people?							
More than 2/3 of courts	Score	Between 2/3 and 1/3 of courts	Score	Less than 1/3 of courts	Score	No courts	Score
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

13.2 If the answer to 12.1 is yes, please indicate who is catered for:								
	More than 2/3 of courts	Scores	Between 2/3 and 1/3 of courts	Scores	Less than 1/3 of courts	Scores	No courts	Scor es
Children	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elderly people	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Victims ⁴	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	

⁴ As defined in Article 2(1)(a) of the Directive 2012/29/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, establishing minimum standards on the rights and protection of victims of crime, victim means: (i) a natural person who has suffered harm, including physical, mental or emotional harm or economic loss which was directly caused by a criminal offence; (ii) family members of a person whose death was directly caused by a criminal offence and who have suffered harm as a result of that person's death.

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13.3 Are special physical arrangements available for vulnerable people?

More than 2/3 of courts	Score	Between 2/3 and 1/3 of courts	Score	Less than 1/3 of courts	Score	No courts	Score
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

13.4 If the answer to 12.3 is yes, please indicate who is catered for:

	More than 2/3 of courts	Scores	Between 2/3 and 1/3 of courts	Scores	Less than 1/3 of courts	Scores	No courts	Scores
Children	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elderly people	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Victims	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other vulnerable adults	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Quality of judicial decisions and its improvement
C14. Format of judgments
14.1 Are non-binding templates for judgments and other judicial decisions available for standardised types of cases?

	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 of types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Indicator C15: Reasoning of judicial decisions

15.1 Must judicial decisions dealing with substantive issues be reasoned either orally or in written form?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 of types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

15.2 Is it open to a judge to give only summary reasons either orally or in writing where appropriate (e.g. to speed up procedures)?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 of types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

15.3 Are the reasons for judicial decisions in civil and criminal cases that are given only orally (i.e. not in writing) recorded and made available to the parties?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Not applicable (because oral reasons are not permitted)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Indicator C16: Clarity of judicial decisions

16.1 Is the judiciary expected to ensure that judicial decisions be understood by (more than one answer is possible):				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
The parties	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Public in general	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other judges (such as appeal courts, Supreme Court)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Academia	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

16.2 Is there an express obligation (e.g. by law, regulations or practice) to use language in judicial decisions which is clearly understandable?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

16.3 Is there a system outside of appeal for ensuring that judicial decisions are clearly understandable?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Indicator C17: Assessment of quality of judicial decisions

17.1 Are samples of judgments peer-reviewed by judges in order to assess the quality of judicial decisions on a regular basis (outside the appeal process)?		
		Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Indicator 18: Education of judges

18.1 Is writing of judicial decisions part of the initial training of judges?		
		Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	

18.2 Are training courses available to a useful and high standard which are designed to assist judges in carrying out their duties effectively?		
		Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	

18.3 If the answer to 18.2 is yes, are judges required to attend such training courses regularly?		
		Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Providing public access to the law to guide society

Indicator D19: Access to case law

19.1 In first instance courts, are judicial decisions published on an external website?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

19.2 If (some of these) judicial decisions are published, are these accessible for free or for a nominal fee or do you have to pay to get access?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Free	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nominal fee	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Paid	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

19.3 Are summaries of significant first instance judicial decisions made available to the public?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

19.4 Are important decisions highlighted: are decisions that have high impact/ set precedent pointed out to the public?

	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

19.5 Is statistical information about the outcomes of cases made available for the public?

	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

19.6 In appeal courts, are judicial decisions published on an external website?

	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
All cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
More than 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Between 1/3 and 2/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Less than 1/3 types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No types of cases	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

19.7 If (some of these) judicial decisions are published, are these accessible for free or for a nominal fee or do you have to pay to get access?

	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Free	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nominal fee	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Paid	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

19.8 Are summaries of significant judicial decisions of appeal courts published?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

19.9 Are important appellate decisions highlighted: are decisions that have high impact/ set precedent pointed out to the public?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

19.10 Is statistical information about the outcomes of cases in appeal courts made available for the public?				
	Criminal cases	Scores	Civil cases	Scores
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
No	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Thank you for filling in the questionnaire.

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