

# Meeting with the Supreme Court of Slovenia

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On 23rd of April 2021, at the initiative of First President Chantal Arens, a meeting was organized by videoconference with the President of the Supreme Court of Slovenia, Mr. Damijan Florjančič, on the theme of the quality of justice. The choice of this subject echoes the project “Improving the quality of justice” piloted by the Supreme Court of Slovenia and awarded with the CEPEJ crystal Scales of Justice in 2019.

This meeting, organized with the support of the CEPEJ, represented by the Secretary General Mrs. Muriel Décot, gave the opportunity to recall that this prize is awarded every two years to reward innovative personal initiatives improving the quality and the effectiveness of justice. Mr. Jean Paul-Jean, honorary president and Secretary General of the Association of High Courts of Cassation sharing the use of French (AHJUCAF), who chaired the jury, underlined that the project presented by the Supreme Court of Slovenia distinguished itself by its global approach to the issue of the reinforcement of the confidence of the justiciable in justice (e.g. communication between judges and justiciable, workplace wellness, judicial autonomy...).

The representatives of the Slovenian Supreme Court’s exposed the plural and innovative methods used to identify the problems encountered by the Slovenian judicial system, and the operational proposals developed to address it.

The *Cour de cassation* (Court of Cassation) then presented its reforms and reflections carried out to improve its decisions' accessibility and clarity: new working methods and drafting of decisions (presentation of Mr. Patrick Matet, honorary elder judge) ; current reflections and working groups (presentation of Mrs. Nathalie Bourgeois-De-Ryck, elder judge) and the project Open data of the court decisions (presentation of Mrs. Estelle Jond-Necand, judge, director of the project open data).



The discussions highlighted the common issues affecting European judicial systems and the need to continue developing innovative methods, such as mediation at the level of Supreme Court, as well as the dissemination of judicial decisions in order to improve the quality of justice and strengthen the confidence of litigants.

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