

Visit of a delegation from Saarland

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On 5 November 2021, the *Cour de cassation* (Court of cassation) welcomed a delegation of approximately 30 judges from Saarland (Germany) in order to exchange on the challenges related to dematerialization in the justice system, including in the COVID-19 context.

Led by Mr. Roland Theis, State Secretary in the Ministry of Justice and for European affairs in Saarland, the delegation was composed of the heads of the main courts of Saarland, such as the constitutional court, the administrative court of appeal, the labor court and the commercial court, among others.



During the visit, the delegation exchanged with Mr. Jean-Michel Sommer, president of chamber, director of the Document, Studies and Reporting Departement (SDER), Mr. Jean-Paul Jean, honorary president of chamber and secretary general of the Association of Supreme Courts of Cassation of French-speaking Countries (AHJUCAF) as well as Ms. Estelle Jond-Necand, judge referee and head of the open data project. The discussion focused on the dematerialization of justice and more precisely on the growing use of new technologies in the working methods of judges and in judicial proceedings for the public's benefit. A comparative report on digitalization within European judicial systems as well as the project on the open data of judicial decisions and its main challenges were also introduced.



This enriching meeting, which is in line with the international strategy of the Court of cassation, implemented by First President Chantal Arens, has promoted the dialogue between francophone judges on highly topical subjects, Saarland positioning Francophonie as a key priority for its public services, including justice.

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