

Study visit – Support Program to the Justice Sector in Algeria – digitalization of procedures

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From 28 to 31 March 2022, the Court of Cassation welcomed a delegation from the Supreme Court of Algeria composed of Mrs Hamida Tahari, head of department at the registry of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Supreme Court, and Mrs Wahiba Sadli, principal chief clerk, and accompanied by Mrs Mounira Ameur, liaison magistrate from Algeria in France, in the framework of the European Support Program to the Justice Sector in Algeria led by Expertise France (PASJA).

This visit is part of the various exchanges, which took place between both courts in the framework of the PASJA in 2021 and 2022, focusing on the modalities of the digitalization of procedures, which echo the reflections undertaken within the Court of Cassation and the Supreme Court of Algeria. This study visit gave rise to very rich exchanges, underlining the challenges faced by the two courts.

Ms Tahari and Ms Sadli met the various directors of the registry departments in charge of appeals and discussed the management of cases within the Court, in both civil and criminal matters. Director Buscqua and his team described the working methods of the criminal department of the public prosecutor's office; Director Romaine and her team discussed the registry of the criminal chamber; Director Primon and her team presented the registry of appeals; and the registry of the civil chambers was described by Principal Registrar Christine Tinchon, who is responsible for the first civil chamber.

Ms Tahari and Ms Sadli were also able to discover the various computer and electronic installations, as well as the functional applications and tools used by the court registrars and judges at the Court, through discussions with Mr Anger, project manager of the development and design division of the IT department, and with Ms Estève, director of the registry department, who is responsible for the IT department. In the same vein, Claire Bonhert, judge referee, presented the virtual office, which enables magistrates to remotely access and process files. .

At the end of this visit, it was agreed to pursue and deepen cooperation within PASJA through various exchanges, which could result in new study visits or thematic seminars.

