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Realising cross-border e-Justice in Europe

In a Europe without borders, cross-border judicial cooperation is crucial to enable and stimulate the mobility of citizens and businesses. In an increasingly digital society, such judicial cooperation relies on e-Justice to facilitate the interaction between different national and European actors in legal procedures. At a time when the physical barriers between countries in the European Union have been removed, the digital era poses new cross-border challenges: Challenges related to different standards, different protocols, the cross-border recognition of identities, mandates, electronic signatures, and so forth.

The goal of the e-CODEX project is to improve the cross-border access of citizens and businesses to legal means in Europe as well as to improve the interoperability between legal authorities within the EU. The use of ICT makes judicial procedures more transparent, efficient and economic. At the same time, it helps citizens, companies, administrations and legal practitioners to get facilitated access to justice. This means not only smoother access to information, but also the ability to process cross-border cases more efficiently.

e-CODEX AT A GLANCE

Project

e-Justice Communication
via Online Data EXchange (e-CODEX)

Project Coordinator

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Duration

66 months (2010 – 2016)

Total cost

€24 million (€12 million funded by the EC)

Participants

Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic,
Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,
Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Jersey, Latvia, Lithuania,
Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania,
Spain, The Netherlands, Turkey,
United Kingdom, CCBE and CNUe

Programme

ICT Policy Support Programme under the
Competitiveness and Innovation Framework
Programme (CIP)

What e-CODEX does

e-CODEX is developing technical solutions that can be used in or between Member States to support cross-border operation of processes in the field of justice. Through e-CODEX, Member States are jointly developing interoperable building blocks and implementing them in real life settings through piloting work.

In the pilots, solutions are developed in different areas from safe transportation to identity and rights management to document standards. These solutions developed enable a safe environment for users, ranging from citizens and businesses to members of different legal professions, to access a wide scope of legal services across Europe.

Why is e-CODEX important for you?

e-CODEX provides solutions that:

- enable secure cross-border electronic communication through the use of federated electronic identity and signature verification in cross-border e-Justice applications
- enable secure and reliable cross-border transportation and routing of documents and data
- enable the handling of documents and metadata for cross-border judicial procedures

How to make sure that e-CODEX solutions are usable and portable?

- e-CODEX provides ready to use and tested solutions
- The products of e-CODEX are available for everyone without any charge. Every country is able to implement either all or just chosen modules and provide new functionalities for a wide range of use cases (and not merely those piloted in the project)
- The e-CODEX solutions are built on the basis of existing solutions in Member States
- e-CODEX actively consults representatives from the IT industry and standards bodies, but also Member States and stakeholders not participating in the project to incorporate their views on the solutions proposed
- The solutions developed by e-CODEX are tested in real-life scenarios and systems for several use cases



The e-CODEX project improves the cross-border access of citizens and businesses to legal means in Europe and furthermore creates the interoperability between legal authorities within the EU without changing national standards.



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