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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Working Party on e-Justice

Subject: Videoconferencing in a judicial context - Next steps in the update of the videoconferencing guide

Delegations will find below a note summarising the next steps in the update of the videoconferencing guide.

This document will serve as basis for discussions during the meeting of the Working Party on e-Justice on 28 October 2025.

Update of the guide on videoconferencing

Next steps

Context

With a view to the implementation of articles 5 and 6 of Regulation (EU) 2023/2844 of 13 December 2023 on the digitalisation of judicial cooperation, pertaining to the cross-border use of videoconferencing in judicial proceedings, covering civil and commercial matters (Article 5) and criminal matters (Article 6), a questionnaire on the use of videoconferencing in the context of judicial proceedings was circulated in preparation of the meeting of the Working Party on e-Justice of 18 June 2024¹. This questionnaire was complemented by a survey².

The results of these enquiries led to the presentation of interim findings by the Polish Presidency³ and the distribution of a report on the use of videoconferencing in the field of justice in EU Member States⁴.

Proposed action

According to the findings of these documents, the videoconferencing guide available on the European e-Justice Portal and published in 2013 is outdated on a number of aspects.

Consequently, it is proposed to update and enrich the guide.

The General Secretariat of the Council would redraft the guide on the basis of:

- contributions received from delegations, and
- input from the European Judicial Networks (EJN), in both civil and criminal matters

The General Secretariat of the Council would then submit the redrafted guide to the Working Party on e-Justice.

Delegations are invited to

- indicate whether they agree with this course of action, and
- indicate whether they would consider other stakeholders relevant for the update of the guide.

¹ 10600/24, with WK 12889/24 REV 2 collecting the results

² 6860/25, with 7383/25 collecting the results

³ WK 5143/25 and WK 6857/25

⁴ WK 10119/25