

# Digital Justice in Central and Eastern Europe – Achieving Fairness, Accountability and Transparency

Five-week online course  
Starting 12 April 2021 – 2.5 hours per week

## OVERVIEW

Central and Eastern Europe judges and judiciaries, like their colleagues around the world, have grappled with the intense acceleration of digitalization in the courts driven by the need to keep justice going during the pandemic. Courts have had to adapt to cope with various forms of digital justice — including how to manage evidence submitted in electronic form, how to deal with witnesses and parties remotely, and how to conduct virtual hearings — while at the same time continuing to uphold international fair trial standards. Digitalization poses challenges to

every aspect of a judge's work, and also places constraints on judicial independence. It is important that the current rapid changes in court procedures and practices be grounded in legislation and policies that ensure fairness, transparency and accountability, and which reflect relevant International and European standards.

As part of our support for the judges of Central and Eastern Europe, the CEELI Institute has organized this 5-week course to provide a concise yet incisive overview of the challenges and solutions that technology can provide for courts. The topics

covered in the various modules are central to the current debates on the use of technology and digital solutions in the justice sector in the EU. The topics have currency beyond the current pandemic.

Modules include:

- **MODULE 1: Maintaining Standards of Justice**
- **MODULE 2: Remote Hearing Decorum**
- **MODULE 3: Witness Testimony**
- **MODULE 4: Electronic Evidence**
- **MODULE 5: Recap and Finale**





## PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND APPROACH TO LEARNING

This 5-week course from the CEELI Institute is designed to meet the needs of the judiciary in the Central and Eastern European region. We will use CEELI Online, our dedicated learning platform, to facilitate an effective learning environment that provides opportunities for members of the judiciary and faculty to connect, engage and share knowledge. The training is comprised of a structured program of study with a number of online modules (both live and recorded) featuring a weekly release of materials on Mondays. Each week comprises of 2.5 hours of materials including reports, recorded interviews, best practice checklists and discussion forums with a live webinar panel each Wednesday at 6pm CET. Participants are led through these materials and their knowledge is tested by interactive self-assessment tools.

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

This course is open to all judges and court personnel from Central and Eastern Europe. Participants must have a solid grasp of English. The online nature of the course allows us to cater for to a large number of participants.

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN AT:

<https://ejustice.ceeli.eu>

## FACULTY

The course will be led by Dr. Freda Grealy, Senior Program Manager, the CEELI Institute and Professor Rachel Murray, Consultant and Director, Human Rights Implementation Centre School of Law, University of Bristol. The wide ranging regional and international faculty will include judges, lawyers, academics, researchers and leading voices from NGO and CSO organizations together with subject matter experts from European Institutions.

## QUESTIONS & INQUIRIES

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