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Abstract (for dissemination)	This document provides a concise overview of the round table discussion “ECLI and the Publication of Case Law in Bulgaria and the European Union – Achievements and Prospects” organised within the framework of ECLI-BG project in Sofia on 16 November 2018.
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1 Introduction

The organisation of the ECLI-BG round table discussion is part of the project dissemination and communication activities in Work package 5. The aim of the discussion was to present the results of the ECLI-BG project to the relevant stakeholders and to exchange views and opinions with the participants on the achievements and the perspectives for future improvements related to the publication of case law in Bulgaria and the European Union. The following section provides a brief overview of the event.

2 Round table discussion overview

The round table discussion was held in Sofia on 16 November 2018.

In the work plan, the event was planned to take place in project month 16 or 17. The ECLI-BG partners decided to organise it in the middle of November 2018 (PM17) in order to be able to present also the resonance and impressions of the ECLI-BG promotional and training seminars in the country held between 17 September and 9 November 2018.

The organisers invited more than 20 national experts with background in the fields of law and informatics (4 of them as presenters) to take part in the discussion:

- **Vladislav Slavov**, chairman of The Union of Bulgarian Jurists – legal expert, leader of the ECLI-BG team of The Union of Bulgarian Jurists, moderator of the discussions
- **Kalina Tchapanova-Kjuchukova**, member of the Supreme Judicial Council, president of “Professional Qualification and Information Technologies” Commission of the Supreme Judicial Council
- **Hristo Konstantinov**, deputy managing director of “Apis Europe” JSC – legal expert, ECLI-BG project coordinator, presenter
- **Dushana Zdravkova**, freelance legal expert, Promotion and Training Manager of ECLI-BG project, member of the ECLI-BG team of The Union of Bulgarian Jurists
- **Hristina Bogia**, legal expert, “Apis Europe” JSC, presenter
- **Milena Kotseva**, director of “Procedural Representation of the Republic of Bulgaria before the European Court of Human Rights” Directorate of the Ministry of Justice, presenter
- **Valeri Mihaylov**, IT expert, director of “Information Technologies and Judicial Statistics” Directorate of the Supreme Judicial Council
- **Svetoslav Nedelchev**, IT expert, head of “Information Service to the Judiciary Authorities” Department of the Supreme Judicial Council
- **Prof. Dr. Ivan Rustchev**, professor at the Faculty of Law of the Sofia University “St. Kl. Ohridski”



- **Prof. Dr. Tsvetanka Lozanova**, chief assistant professor at the Institute for Legal Studies of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
- **Prof. Dr. Katerina Jocheva**, associate professor at the New Bulgarian University
- **Julia Mircheva**, chief legal officer at the Ministry of Interior
- **Rossitsa Stoimenova**, chief legal officer at the National Institute of Justice
- **Zheni Krasteva**, chief legal officer at the General Directorate "Fire Safety and Protection of the Population" – Ministry of Interior
- **Stefan Petrov**, legal expert, member of the Management board of the Chamber of Investigators in Bulgaria
- **Teodora Angelova**, chief legal officer at the National Health Insurance Fund
- **Spas Manov**, IT expert, Program manager at the National Institute of Justice
- **Boyan Boichev**, IT expert, president of BMG company
- **Tenyo Tyankov**, IT expert, head of "Software development" department of "Apis Europe" JSC
- **Boicho Georgiev**, director of "Development and International Projects" department of "Apis Europe" JSC, legal expert
- **Zahari Iankov**, "Apis Europe" JSC, legal expert
- **Stefan Angelov**, lawyer, member of the legal team of Access to Information Programme Foundation
- **Keti Bozukova**, lawyer at Sofia Bar, secretary-general of The Union of Bulgarian Jurists.

The final program of the round table discussion (see [Appendix I](#)) was agreed with the presenters in the last week of October. In the first half of November, ECLI-BG partners sent approximately 300 regular mails and more than 700 electronic mails to invite stakeholders from the judiciary and public sector bodies as well as lawyers and other legal experts to participate as guests in the event. The text of the invitation template (in Bulgarian language only) is provided in [Appendix II](#).

Regular mails were sent to the district courts in the regional centres of the country, all regional courts, courts of appeal, both supreme courts, the General Prosecutor's and the regional prosecutors' offices, all ministries, the largest state agencies, the mayors of the regional cities and all regional governors. Over 40 law firms were invited. Electronic mails were sent to legal and IT experts in other public bodies, universities, NGOs as well as to judges, prosecutors, lawyers at Sofia bar and the bar associations in the country, in-house legal counsels and legal consultants.

57 participants in total attended the event. The list of participants is provided in [Appendix III](#). The attendees included representatives of the three main target groups as follows:

- 4 judges and court staff
- 2 prosecutors
- 37 lawyers, in-house lawyers and legal experts.

Among the attendees were also 6 experts in the field of IT and legal informatics as well as 8 other experts working mainly in public sector bodies. Each participant received a folder with the event program and a leaflet presenting the project.



The presentations given at the round table are provided in [Appendix IV](#) in the form of links to the files published on the project website in Section “Documents” (<http://ecli-bg.eu/en/documents/>). The presentations are available in Bulgarian language only.

Brief information about the round table discussion with photos from the event is published in the “News” section of the project website (<http://ecli-bg.eu/en/2018/11/20/round-table/>) as well as on the websites of the partners Apis Europe and The Union of Bulgarian Jurists.

The materials of the round table and the discussions will be published as a separate issue of the “Legal Tribune” magazine.



Appendix I – Round table discussion program

ROUND TABLE

ECLI-BG Project

ECLI and the Publication of Case Law in Bulgaria and the European Union – Achievements and Prospects

16 November 2018, Sofia, 7 Pirotska Str.

PROGRAM

09.30 *Registration*

10.00 *Opening*

Vladislav Slavov, Chairperson of the Central Council of The Union of Bulgarian Jurists
Kalina Tchapkanova-Kjuchukova, member of the Supreme Judicial Council, president of
“Professional Qualification and Information Technologies” Commission of the Supreme Judicial
Council

10.15 *The Introduction of ECLI in Bulgaria: ECLI-BG Project Outcomes and Perspectives for Future
Developments*

Hristo Konstantinov, deputy managing director of “Apis Europe” JSC, ECLI-BG project
coordinator

10.40 *The Training Seminars of ECLI-BG Project*

Dushana Zdravkova, member of the ECLI-BG project team of The Union of Bulgarian Jurists,
ECLI-BG Promotion and training manager

11.00 *ECLI in the European Union – Achievements and Perspectives*

Hristina Bogia, legal expert, member of the ECLI-BG project team of “Apis Europe” JSC

11.10 *The role of the Ministry of Justice in translating in Bulgarian the decisions on Bulgarian cases of the
European Court of Human Rights and in ensuring free access to the translated case law*

Milena Kotseva, director of “Procedural Representation of the Republic of Bulgaria before the
European Court of Human Rights” Directorate of the Ministry of Justice

11.20 *Discussion*

12.30 *Closing*



Appendix II – Invitation letter template

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Г-Н/Г-ЖА

ПРЕДСЕДАТЕЛ НА

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УВАЖАЕМИ Г-Н/Г-ЖО,

Съюзът на юристите в България в партньорство с „Апис Европа“ АД организират заключителен форум по Проект ECLI-BG – Кръгла маса на тема: „ECLI и публикуването на съдебна практика в България и Европейския съюз – постижения и перспективи“.

Имаме честта и удоволствието да Ви поканим да участвате в провеждането на събитието, което ще се проведе на 16 ноември 2018 г. от 10.00 ч. в залата на Съюза на юристите в България, гр. София, ул. „Пиротска“ № 7.

Организирането на заключителна кръгла маса е част от планираните дейности по Проект ECLI-BG, съфинансиран от Европейската комисия по Програма „Правосъдие“ на Европейския съюз. Проектът се изпълнява от Съюза на юристите в България и „Апис Европа“ АД с подкрепата на Висшия съдебен съвет в качеството му на ECLI координатор за България. В рамките на дискусиата, експерти на СЮБ и АПИС ще представят основните постижения и резултати от проекта: внедряването на Европейския идентификатор за съдебна практика ECLI в създадения от Висшия съдебен съвет национален портал за съдебна практика – ЦУБИПСА, и изграждането на свързаност с Интерфейса за търсене по ECLI в Портала e-Justice на Европейската комисия.

С уважение,

Владислав Славов:

/Председател на ЦС на СЮБ/

Ирина Радоева:

/Изпълнителен директор на АПИС/



Appendix III – List of participants

(The list of participants has been removed by the project coordinator as it contains signatures and other types of personal data.)



Appendix IV – Presentations

Hristo Konstantinov: [*The Introduction of ECLI in Bulgaria: ECLI-BG Project Outcomes and Perspectives for Future Developments*](#)

Dushana Zdravkova: [*The Training Seminars of ECLI-BG Project*](#)

Hristina Bogia: [*ECLI in the European Union – Achievements and Perspectives*](#)

