

# Newsletter

## Bulgarian Case Law Already Accessible from the e-Justice Portal



### In this issue

This is the third issue of the ECLI-BG project newsletter. In this issue, we will introduce the successfully established interconnection between the Bulgarian case law portal CUBIPSA and the ECLI Search Engine in the European e-Justice portal. Thanks to this interconnection, the judgments of the Bulgarian courts, published in CUBIPSA, are now available to all lawyers, citizens and the businesses in the European Union.

Bulgarian case law is already accessible through the [ECLI Search Engine](#) of the European e-Justice Portal. As part of the implementation of the ECLI-BG project, an interconnection has been established between the national portal for the publication of judicial acts - the so-called "Centralised Web Interface for Publishing Judicial Acts (CUBIPSA), and the e-Justice portal managed by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers. Thanks to this interconnection the Bulgarian court decisions, which are published in the Centralised Web Interface, are now available for all legal professionals, citizens and businesses in the EU, thus making Bulgaria the 14<sup>th</sup> EU Member State enabling its court decisions to be accessed through the ECLI Search Engine.

In Bulgaria, the establishment of the interconnection between the portals took place mere 4 months after the implementation of ECLI in the Centralised Web Interface in April 2018. To this end, "Abbatty" JSC, in its capacity as a subcontractor to the ECLI-BG Project implemented by APIS Europe and The Union of Bulgarian Jurists, has developed a specialised Integration module, which fulfils the task to interconnect the national Centralised Web Interface and the ECLI Search Engine.

Initially, the Integration module will deliver for indexation by the European e-Justice Portal the court decisions of the past 10 years. After their indexation, which is expected to be finished by mid of September, a daily data delivery will start for all newly published acts in the national Centralised Web Interface. The full amount of the Bulgarian case law available on the ECLI Search Engine is expected to reach some 1,7 million acts. This would include all judgments and orders rendered since 2009.

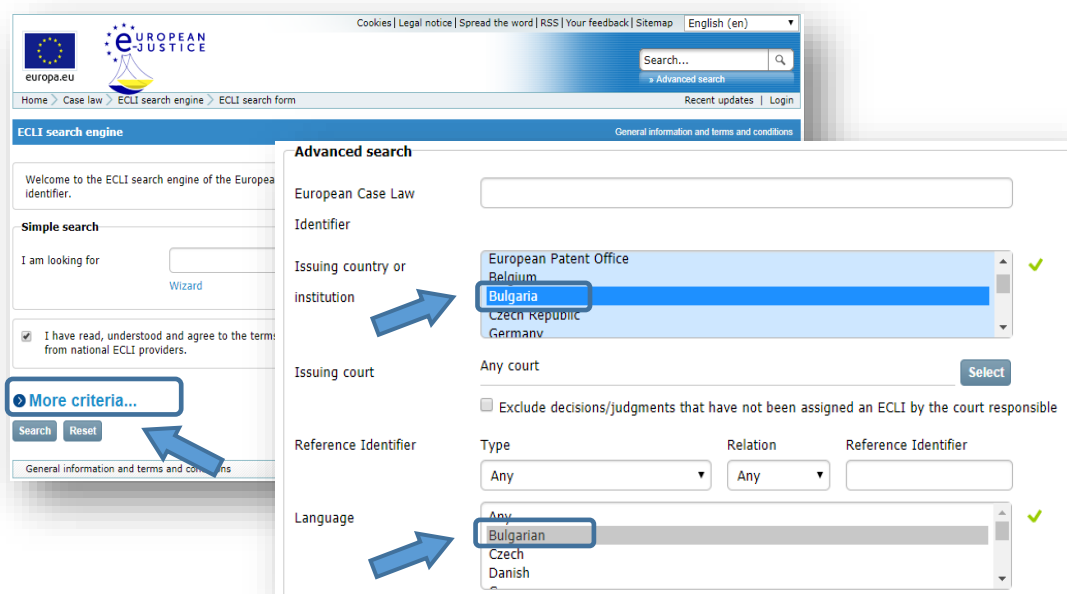
The ECLI Search Engine is an online service for searching decisions of courts of the EU Member States. Within the scope of the service fall decisions with assigned European Case Law Identifier (ECLI) and metadata information according to the ECLI standard. The search engine provides access to judicial acts of those Member States which not only have implemented ECLI, but also have established interconnection between their national case law databases and the ECLI Search Engine in the European e-Justice Portal.

#### ECLI search engine:

<https://e-justice.europa.eu/home.do>

#### CUBIPSA search page:

<https://legalacts.justice.bg/>



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# An ECLI Seminar Will Be Conducted in Each District Town

The Project Management Plan foresees 28 seminars to be held during the period from September to November – two in Sofia and one in each of the other district centres of Bulgaria.

The purpose of the seminars is to familiarize legal professionals with the current state of implementation of the European Case Law Identifier in Bulgaria and other EU Member States as well as the benefits of using the ECLI Search Interface and other cross-border legal information services, such as - Dec.Nat., EUR-Lex, JuriFast and others.

For the purpose of the seminars, the ECLI-BG Project partners – Apis Europe and The Union of Bulgarian Jurists, have elaborated a set of training materials that includes:



- **ECLI – The European Guide to Case Law (Practical Handbook)** – presents in details the ECLI Standard, the implementation process in the scope of the EU as well as the implementation in Bulgaria; it also contains useful information about a number of public and commercial cross-border legal information services;
- **ECLI – The European Guide to Case Law (Presentation)** – presents in short form the content of the Practical Handbook;
- **Quick guide to using the ECLI Search Engine and other cross-border case law services** – contains brief guidelines for using the ECLI Search Engine in the European e-Justice Portal as well as other public and commercial cross-border legal information services.

The set of training materials and more information about the seminars is available on the project's internet site: [ecli-bg.eu](http://ecli-bg.eu)

## Schedule for Conducting the Seminars

The table below lists the dates and starting times of the ECLI-BG training seminars that are specified at the time of preparation of this newsletter. Up-to-date information on eventual changes in the timetable and the scheduling of dates for the seminars in Sofia, Pernik and Smolyan can be found on the project website [ecli-bg.eu](http://ecli-bg.eu).

City	Venue	Date	Time
Pazardzik	District court – Pazardzik Room 1	17.09.2018	13:30
Plovdiv	District court – Plovdiv Room 9	19.09.2018 or 20.09.2018	13:30 or 9:30
Vidin	District court – Vidin	20.09.2018	13:00
Kjustendil	District court – Kjustendil, main hall	21.09.2018	10:00
Dobritch	District court – Dobritch	25.09.2018	09:00
Blagoevgrad	District court – Blagoevgrad	25.09.2018 or 26.09.2018	
Pleven	District court – Pleven	27.09.2018	
Jambol	District court – Jambol	04.10.2018	
Shumen	District court – Shumen	28.09.2018 or 05.10.2018	
Varna	Courthouse	05/12.10.2018	
Targoviste	District court – Targoviste	05.10.2018	10:00
Stara Zagora	District court – Stara Zagora	10.10.2018	10:00
Veliko Tarnovo	District court – Veliko Tarnovo, Room 9	12.10.2018	09:30
Haskovo	District court – Haskovo	12.10.2018	10:00
Burgas	District court – Burgas, Room 2	18.10.2018	13:30
Kardzali	District court – Kardzali	18.10.2018	
Gabrovo	District court – Gabrovo	19.10.2018	09:30
Montana	District court – Montana	19.10.2018	09:00
Lovetch	District court – Lovetch	20.10.2018	13:00
Vratsa	Courthouse, Room 2	23.10.2018	14:00
Ruse	District court – Pyce	25.10.2018	14:00
Razgrad	District court – Razgrad	25.10.2018 or 26.10.2018	Afternoon
Sliven	District court – Sliven	09.11.2018	



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