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Call for applications for the European Crystal Scales of Justice Prize for innovative practices contributing to the efficiency and quality of civil justice

In 2012, the Council of Europe together with the European Commission is organizing once again the 6th edition of the "Crystal Scales of Justice" Prize. The aim of the prize is to identify and promote innovative practices in civil justice, aimed to improve the efficiency and quality of the functioning of the justice system, procedures, and court organisation.

This competition is open to courts, associations and legal professionals, prosecutor's offices, non-governmental organisations, or any other entity responsible for justice affairs in the Member States of the Council of Europe or the European Union. So the representative bodies of judicial officers in the European Union are eligible.

To compete, the initiatives must have been introduced in order to improve the efficiency of the organisation and procedures of justice systems, particularly for the users of justice, or to improve mutual knowledge and exchange of best practice in the area of justice. They must therefore be innovative practices whom results are measurable and which can be applied to other jurisdictions or States.

Applications must be submitted to the European Commission or the Council of Europe by 30 June 2012. Rules of the Prize and application form are available on this website : http://ec.europa.eu/justice/civil/files/rules_en.pdf [2]

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