



1st Global Forum on Enforcement

Organised by the UIHJ in Cooperation with the CEPEJ

The Efficiency of Civil Enforcement Proceedings in Europe

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Room 5
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"Execution of a judgment given by any court must therefore be regarded as an integral part of the "trial" for the purposes of Article 6 (of the European Convention on Human Rights)." This conclusion of the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights on 19 March 1997 (Hornsby v. Greece, No. 18357/91) sealed the grounding stone for the construction of a right to enforcement and the right of enforcement.

Since then the Council of Europe has been organising numerous cooperation missions among its member countries - but also other countries - in order to strengthen and develop their enforcement system. The UIHJ is regularly invited to participate in these missions with its experts.

For its part the CEPEJ has taken the measure of the importance of effective enforcement in the context of its actions in favour of European judicial systems.

Recommendation Rec(2003)17 of 9 September 2003 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on enforcement is the first illustration.

A working group on the execution of court decisions in which the UIHJ participated gave birth to the Guidelines of the CEPEJ for a better implementation of this recommendation. It was adopted on 17 December 2009 by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe as a major tool for any state wishing to give more efficiency to its enforcement system, whether in Europe or anywhere else in the world.

The UIHJ considers the CEPEJ Guidelines on enforcement as the universal model of enforcement and that of the personnel responsible for enforcement. It seeks to ensure its broadest promotion among its 73 member countries.

In this context and on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of this founding text the UIHJ proposed to jointly organise with the CEPEJ at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg (France) the **1st Global Forum on Enforcement**, on **Wednesday 10 December 2014**, from 09.00 to 17.45.

The theme, "*The Efficiency of Civil Enforcement Proceedings in Europe*" has two axes.

Initially, it will focus on how court decisions are enforced in Europe while giving a precise insight into the European jurisprudence.



Then, the Forum will raise the question of how to improve the efficiency of enforcement, using existing and new tools.

The lecturers, practitioners and academics, all internationally recognised experts, will present a vision of the enforcement of court decisions that goes beyond the European environment.

That is why this first *Global Forum on Enforcement*, which is open to all legal professionals, from Europe and other continents, will include the participation of major international institutions and organisations.

Each participant will receive various documents, including the 2014 CEPEJ Report on the Efficiency of European Judicial Systems and the 1st 2014 edition of the book newly published by the UIHJ on European case law on civil enforcement proceedings and the profession of enforcement agent (European Court of Human Rights and Court of Justice of the European Union).

This seminar is free and open to all. Due to a limited number of seats prior registration is compulsory.

Strasbourg, the seat of the Council of Europe, is a particularly attractive city, especially in December during the traditional Christmas Market. It is strongly recommended to book overnight stays as quickly as possible.

Please find attached the pre-programme and the registration form to return to the UIHJ by email or fax.

We hope to see many of you for this great international event!

Kind Regards

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