



To the members of:
The Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE)
The Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE)
The European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ)

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Dear members of the CCJE, CCPE and CEPEJ, dear judges and prosecutors,

Following the Russian Federation aggression against Ukraine, justice continues to be administered in Ukraine, even though legal professionals face continuous safety risks, some have been injured or even lost their lives and many court buildings have been destroyed. At the same time, many legal professionals, in particular judges and prosecutors, often women, sometimes accompanied by children, had to flee their country. They have sought refuge in other European states, where they may face difficulties of various nature.

As Presidents of these committees, and in the name of solidarity between all European legal professionals, we would like to encourage you to provide support to Ukrainian colleagues, be it of a personal, administrative, informational or even material nature, during this extremely difficult period for them.

As a facilitator of communication, a self-help platform "Basecamp", also accessible by mobile phone, has been established on which Ukrainian judges and prosecutors in need can specify their whereabouts and ask for help and advice.

We would like to invite you to join "Basecamp platform", and also to disseminate as widely as possible information among your colleagues. Through this platform, you will be able to be in direct contact with Ukrainian judges and prosecutors in need of help. The language to be used is English, while a moderator of this platform will provide translation in Ukrainian upon request.

As member of one of these committees, you will soon receive via email a link with instructions that will invite you to connect to the "Basecamp platform", if you wish to do so.

Any judge or prosecutor wishing to join this platform is welcome to contact basecamp.enrollment@gmail.com to receive a personal invitation link. Thus, we invite you to widely forward this letter among your colleagues.

Thanking you for your support in this endeavour, we offer our most distinguished regards.

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