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E-communication and the legal profession in Europe

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

09.00 - 09.30 **Registration of participants**

09.30 - 09.45 **Welcome address**

Carlos Carnicer Diez, President of the Consejo General de la Abogacía Española

Bernard Vatier, CCBE President and Chairman of the Session

09.45 - 11.00 **Theme 1: Current EU developments in e-communications regarding the legal profession in Europe** - Panel discussion and questions -

Arve Føyen, Lawyer, President of the CCBE IT Law Committee, panel chair

- **Communication between lawyers and the Courts: e-court: the Austrian experience**

Dr. Wolfgang Heufler, Rechtsanwalt, President of the IT-Commission of the Austrian Bar ÖRAK

- **Communication between lawyers and the bars: Intranet/extranet: the Spanish experience**

Pedro Luis Huguet Tous, President of the IT Commission of the Consejo General de la Abogacía Española, Colegio de Abogados de Reus, Spain

11.00 - 11.15 *BREAK*

11.15 - 12.15

- **Communication between lawyers and the Courts: the French experience**

Gérard Sabater, Lawyer and former President of the Draguignan Bar, in charge for the Conseil National des Barreaux of the project "Réseau Privé Virtuel Avocat /Intranet" France

- **Communication between lawyers and the Courts: the Norwegian experience**

Arve Føyen, Lawyer, President of the CCBE IT Law Committee

Questions

- 12.15 - 13.15 ▪ **European e-projects:**
- European E-government and impact on the legal profession**
Paul Timmers, Head of Unit E-government, European Commission,
Directorate-General Information Society & Media
- An Internet service offering case law across European jurisdictions: the Caselex project**
Marc de Vries et Stig Marthinsen, Caselex project managers
- The Admissibility of Electronic Evidence in Court: fighting against high-tech crime: the Cybex project**
Fredesvinda Insa, Project Director of Cybex. Cybex leads the A.E.E.C. Project funded under the AGIS programme of the European Commission's DG Justice, Freedom and Security
- 13.15 - 14.30 *LUNCH*
- 14.30 - 16.30 **Theme 2: Issues raised by e-communication for the legal profession**
- Panel discussion and questions -
José Luis Ruiz Lopez, manager of the Spanish Authentication System (ACA), panel chair, Spain
- **Issues raised with regards to digital signature and authentication -**
Patrick Van Eecke, Lawyer registered with the Dutch speaking Brussels Bar, Belgium
 - **Issues raised with regards to data protection and confidentiality -**
Daniel Fesler, Lawyer registered with the French speaking Brussels Bar, Belgium
 - **Cross border recognition of authentication methods/digital signatures –** Robert Boekhorst, Lawyer Stibbe, the Netherlands
- 16.30 - 16.45 *BREAK*
- 16.45 - 17.30 **Open discussion on the future work of the CCBE on e-communication for the legal profession, and conclusion by the CCBE chair of the IT Law Committee**
Arve Føyen, Lawyer, President of the CCBE IT Law Committee
- Closing remarks**
- 17.30 - 18.00 Carlos Carnicer Diez, President of the Consejo General de la Abogacía Española
Bernard Vatier, CCBE President and Chairman of the Session