



## Support to the Implementation of the Judicial Reform in Armenia

### Call for participation at a conference

**Title of the Conference:** Current challenges and opportunities of the bars and law societies of the Council of Europe member states

**Date:** 9 March 2018, 10 March 2018 is optional

**Location:** Yerevan, Armenia

**Organisers:** Council of Europe Project “Support to the implementation of judicial reform in Armenia”<sup>1</sup>, CCBE and the Chamber of Advocates of Armenia

**Aims and objectives:** The Conference “Current challenges and opportunities of the bars and law societies of the Council of Europe Member States” aims at providing a platform for sharing information and experience on the current challenges of the bars and law societies, exploring detrimental issues in the bar associations and proposing concrete steps for strengthening the cooperation and ties amongst the bar associations and law societies of the Council of Europe member states.

The main objective of the Conference is to facilitate a dialogue and exchange of the best practice between the bars and law societies of different Council of Europe member states. The exchange that will take place between professionals from different countries shall create a solid platform for argumentation and it seeks to generate – and contribute to – a wider debate about the potential improvements in the bar associations and for the profession of an advocate. Even if the directions and the policies of the bar reforms may differ from country to country, discussion on the primary concepts and challenges unites different Council of Europe member states.

**The scope of the Conference:** The one day-long discussion will include presentations by leading members of CCBE, experts and representatives of bars and law societies of different Council of Europe member states. The discussions and debates will be held on the following topics:

1. Advocacy ethics

- 1.1 The relations between the attorney and court, respectful behaviour towards the court.
- 1.2 Data protection.
- 1.3 The scope of rules of ethics: personal, social and professional aspects

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2. Creation of cooperation network between attorneys of different Council of Europe member states -- this session is aimed at discussing the possibility of the creation of a platform for more effective cooperation.

On the second day of the conference a site-seeing event is organized by the Chamber of Advocates of Armenia for those interested, which includes visiting Echmiadzin Cathedral and other cultural sites. The sightseeing event is optional.

**Eligibility criteria:** Representatives of the bars and law societies of the Council of Europe member states are invited to participate at the Conference. The Council of Europe Project “Support to the implementation of the judicial reform in Armenia” will partially cover expenses related to the event, in particular:

- Interpretation during the Conference;
- Translation of the Conference handout materials;
- Lunch and coffee breaks provided during the Conference.

The Project will also provide an administrative support with arrangements of the hotels and transportation of those interested in participating at the Conference.

**Registration deadline:** The registration opens on 7 February 2018 and ends on 28 February 2018. For registering at the Conference or enquiring more details about the Conference please contact Ms Narine Gasparyan, Senior Project Officer, Council of Europe, at e-mail: [narine.gasparyan@coe.int](mailto:narine.gasparyan@coe.int).