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Unit E1: General Justice Issues and e-Justice

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE JUSTICE FORUM AND THE AWARD CEREMONY
OF THE CRYSTAL SCALES OF JUSTICE PRIZE**

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME
4-5 JUNE 2009
BRUSSELS**

THURSDAY, 4 JUNE

15.30 – 18.30 Guided tour: From Art Nouveau to Art Deco

The three-hour coach tour explores two of the major styles in the history of architecture in Brussels: Art Nouveau, which originated in the buildings of Victor Horta in the closing years of the nineteenth century, and Art Deco, which became the predominant style of the inter-war years 1918-39. The buildings seen and visited during the tour will show participants the differences between the decorative and sensuous curves of Art Nouveau and the more sober straight lines of Art Deco.

The bus will depart from and arrive to the Hôtel Crowne Plaza.

**19.45 Transfer by bus from Hôtel Crowne Plaza to the restaurant the
Dominican**

20.00 – 23.00 Dinner: The Dominican

The dinner will take place in the Dominican – an elegant hotel located in the very centre of Brussels, behind the theatre La Monnaie and close to the Grand Place.

For more information on the venue and its location please see:

<http://www.thedominican.be/?CFID=663605&CFTOKEN=36620331>

23.00 Return by bus to the Hôtel Crowne Plaza

FRIDAY, 5 JUNE

Annual Meeting of the Justice Forum and Award Ceremony of the Crystal Scales of Justice Prize

**Room MANS, Building Charlemagne
Rue de la Loi 170, 1040 Brussels**

9.00 - 9.30 **Registration and coffee**

9.30 – 13.00 Morning session: Annual Meeting of the Justice Forum

Chair: Mr *Jacek Garstka*, Head of Unit, General Justice Issues and e-Justice (DG JLS.E1), European Commission

9.30 – 9.45 **Welcome and formal opening**

Mr *Jacek Garstka*, ditto Head of General Justice Issues and e-Justice Unit DG JLS.E1, European Commission

9.45 – 10.00 **Justice Forum and Criminal Justice Issues: past and future**

Mr *Peter Csonka*, Head of Unit, Criminal Justice Issues (DG JLS.E3), European Commission

10.00 – 10.15 **Justice Forum and Civil Justice Issues: past and future**

Ms *Salla Saastamoinen*, Head of Unit, Civil Justice (DG JLS.E2), European Commission

10.15 – 11.00 **Round table discussion**

11.00 - 11.20 **Coffee break**

11.20 – 11.40 **Future of the Justice Forum: working methods and practical considerations**

Mr *Jacek Garstka*, ditto Head of General Justice Issues and e-Justice Unit DG JLS.E1, European Commission

11.40 – 13.00 **Round table discussion**

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch provided by the European Commission (Residence Palace)

14.30 – 17.30 Afternoon session: Award Ceremony of the Crystal Scales of Justice

Chair: Mr *Holger Matt*; Jury member, Chair of the European Criminal Bar Association

14.30 - 14.50 **Shared values by the Council of Europe and the European Union for improving the functioning of judicial systems**

Ms *Maud de Boer-Buquicchio*, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

14.50 - 15.10 **The future of EU justice policy: is a good law enough?**

Mr *Jean-Louis de Brouwer*, Deputy Director-General, DG JLS

15.10 -15.20 **Introduction**

Mr *Holger Matt*; Jury member, Chair of the European Criminal Bar Association

15.20 - 16.10 **Presentation of the four shortlisted projects by the four finalists and the Jury members** (*in alphabetic order*)

- **European Criminal law and Human Rights Chamber** (Netherlands)
- **Mentor Scheme** (Czech Republic)
- **SAS – e-justice used in the Public prosecutor's office of the Land of Brandenburg** (Germany)
- **Voluntary work of convicts** (Poland)

16.10 – 16.30 **Proclamation of the recipient of the Crystal Scales of Justice Award and three Special Mentions**

Mr *Peter Csonka*, Head of Unit, Criminal Justice Issues (DG JLS.E3), European Commission and Mr *Stéphane Leyenberger*, Deputy Head of the Justice Division, Secretary to the CEPEJ, Council of Europe

16.30 – 16.40 **Crystal Scales of Justice: Concluding remarks**

Mr *Holger Matt*; Jury member, Chair of the European Criminal Bar Association

16.40 – 16.50 **Annual Meeting of the Justice Forum: Concluding remarks**

Mr *Jacek Garstka*, Head of Unit, General Justice Issues and e-Justice (DG JLS.E1), European Commission

16.50 - 17.30 **Cocktail**