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Welcome to this edition of the EuroExpert e-bulletin. As we progress through an era of rapid technological advancement, it is imperative that we stay abreast of the significant developments and challenges affecting our professional landscape on European level. This edition of the EuroExpert e-bulletin explores these developments and their impact on the work of experts.

Following the completion of the EU Findex II project, we present some of the latest outcomes. The recent publication of the EU Justice Scoreboard 2024 highlights some critical areas where our input is essential for the future. We have prepared an overview of key EU legislation on judicial cooperation with implications for experts. The EuroExpert Remuneration Study 2024 has been updated and after our General Assembly the new edition is now available. Finally, an article from Austria shows how digitalisation in Justice affects the work of real estate experts.

I thank for the support of our readers and would like to stress that contributions for future editions are welcome.

Dr Matthias Rant, Chairman



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EuroExpert updates Remuneration Study



EuroExpert has published the 4th edition of the important comparative data on the remuneration of experts in 13 European countries. As the cross-border taking of evidence also involves the payment of experts who give evidence, it is important that judges or parties who are appointing experts obtain the necessary information on how experts are paid in different countries.

This study is based on most frequently asked questions and can be downloaded <u>here</u>.

Findex II – Last deliverables uploaded ^



After two years of work the Findex II project has come to an end with the internal evaluation and the financial report. Nearly 80 participants from different backgrounds, professions and countries (17 countries (15 EU)) had supported the working groups and packages of the project. In a meeting in Paris the two project partners <u>EuroExpert</u> and the <u>EEEI</u> presented the results, future project plans and thanked all participants for their contribution to a European Directory of Experts.

EuroExpert General Assembly in Vienna



At this year's general assembly on 8 July, the focus was on the review of the previous year's achievements. The EuroExpert general assembly, held in Vienna and hosted by the <u>Hauptverband der allgemein beeideten und</u> <u>gerichtlich zertifizierten Sachverständigen</u> <u>Österreichs</u> saw representatives from across Europe, from the north, south, east and west, come together in this quintessential European city. The previous year's activities were reviewed, with particular focus on the Findex II project.



Project Findex II - Demo IT Tool online

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The Findex II Demo IT Tool is a prototype tool developed during the project to facilitate the search for judicial experts in the European Union. The tool allows the user the opportunity to search for the fields of expertise they might need in in a court case.

European Commission publishes EU Justice Scoreboard 2024 – Digital Expert Evidence and communication still needs more consideration



As every year, the EU Commission published the Justice Scoreboard. It provides a summary of data on the key elements of an effective national justice system, namely efficiency, quality and independence. In her foreword, Vice-President Věra Jourová underlined that the Scoreboard had become an established and fundamental instrument in the EU's Rule of Law toolbox and would support today numerous important European Commission policies.

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Current EU Regulations on Digitalisation concerning the work of experts



In the last years a number of initiatives have been launched in the European Union on the subject of corporation and digitalisation of Justice. Some of them also concern the work of experts. EuroExpert lists herby the most important examples.



The electronic file from the perspective of real-estate experts



What started as a pilot programme at the Labour and Social Court of Vienna in September 2016 is now business as usual for more than 100 Austrian courts and public prosecutors' offices. New proceedings are always conducted electronically, based on a "digital file", no longer on paper. This pilot project was preceded by the Justice 3.0 initiative of the Federal Ministry of Justice and a cross-border project in cooperation with the Bavarian justice system.

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