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Judicial independence in Europe
– Models of self-government and self-responsibility –
(Frankfurt/Main, November 7th till November 8th 2008)

– Programme –

Friday, 7.11.2008

- 3.00 – 3.20 p.m.** Opening speech:
Strengthening the ‘third power’ by judicial self-government and self-responsibility
Prof. Dr. Peter-Alexis Albrecht, University of Frankfurt
- 3.20 – 3.40 p.m.** **Autonomy of the ‘third power’ – political expectations**
Dr. Till Steffen, Senator of Justice, Hamburg
- 3.40 – 4.00 p.m.** **Strengthening the independence of jurisdiction – expectations of the public opinion and the media**
Dr. Heribert Prantl, Süddeutsche Zeitung
- 4.00 – 4.20 p.m.** **Initiatives of the European Council and European trends – structures of self-government in place and under consideration**
Eric Alt, vice president of MEDEL
Judge at the Cour de cassation, Paris
- 4.20 – 4.50 p.m.** – Pause –
- 4.50 – 5.10 p.m.** **Self-government of the judiciary: A model for Germany?**

Christoph Frank, Public Prosecutor and Chairman of the German Judges Association

5.10 – 5.30 p.m. **Self-government and constitutional law from the German point of view**

Prof. Dr. Thomas Groß, University of Gießen

5.30 – 5.50 p.m. **Self-government and constitutional law from the Italian experience**

Giovanni Salvi, Sostituto Procuratore generale presso la Corte di cassazione, Roma

5.50 – 6.50 p.m. **– Discussion –**

From 8.00 p.m. **– Dinner –**

Saturday, 8.11.2008

09.00 – 10.00 a.m. **Self-government in courts
– vertical ('hierarchical' model) versus horizontal ('democratic' model) –**

09.00 – 09.20 a.m. *Horst Häuser*, Judge, Administration Court, Wiesbaden

09.20 – 09.40 a.m. *Hans-Ernst Böttcher*, President of the District Court, Lübeck

09.40 – 10.00 a.m. *Joaquin Bayo-Delgado*, Judge, Deputy European Data Protection Supervisor

10.00 – 10.30 a.m. **– Discussion –**

10.30 – 10.50 a.m. **– Pause –**

10.50 – 11.50 a.m. **Structural premissis in a system of self-government –
Selection and appointment of judges, their deployment, appraisal and promotion –**

10.50 – 11.10 a.m. *Carsten Löbbert*, Vice President of the County Court, Lübeck

11.10 – 11.30 a.m. *Edgar Isermann*, President of the Higher Regional Court, Braunschweig

11.30 – 11.50 a.m. *Giovanni Salvi*, Sostituto Procuratore generale presso la Corte di cassazione, Roma

11.50 – 12.20 p.m. **– Discussion –**

12.20 – 12.40 p.m.	– Pause –
12.40 – 1.40 p.m.	The role of public prosecutors in a self-governed judiciary
12.40 – 1.00 p.m.	<i>Doris Möller-Scheu</i> , Public Prosecutor, Frankfurt
1.00 – 1.20 p.m.	<i>Gerhard Altvater</i> , Public Prosecutor of the Federal Court of Justice
1.20 – 1.40 p.m.	<i>Antonio Cluny</i> , Assisstant Attorney General at the General Accounting Office, Tribunal de Contas, Lisboa
1.40 – 2.10 p.m.	– Discussion –
2.10 – 3.10 p.m.	– Lunch break –
3.10 – 4.10 p.m.	Judicial ethics
3.10 – 3.30 p.m.	<i>Elisabeth Kreth</i> , Judge of the Finance Court, Hamburg
3.30 – 3.50 p.m.	<i>Kristiane Weber-Hassemer</i> , Former Chief Judge of the Higher Regional Court and until 2007 chairman of the National Council of Ethics
3.50 – 4.10 p.m.	<i>Prof. Ion Copoeru</i> , University of Bolyai, Romania
4.10 – 4.40 p.m.	– Discussion –
4.40 – 5.00 p.m.	– Pause –
5.00 – 5.40 p.m.	European initiatives for safeguarding judicial independence
5.00 – 5.20 p.m.	<i>Lord Justice John Thomas</i> , President of the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ), Judge of the Court of Appeal London
5.20 – 5.40 p.m.	<i>Orlando Afonso</i> , Vice President of Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE), Judge of the Court of Appeal Evora
5.40 – 6.10 p.m.	– Discussion –
6.10 – 6.30 p.m.	– Pause –

6.30 p.m.

Conclusion

Prof. Dr. Jutta Limbach, Former President of the German
Constitutional Court