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EPHESUS Final Conference Promoting Cross-Border Cooperation in Criminal Justice

January 19th 2026

09.00 – 17.00 CET

Faculty of Law – University of Seville
Enramadilla 18-20, 41018, Seville, Spain
and online via ZOOM

Agenda

09:00 – 09:30	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:30 – 09:40	Welcome Remarks
09:40- 10:00	The EPHESUS Project: Results and Achievements <i>Natasha Alexopoulou, Centre for European Constitutional Law, Greece</i> <i>Beatriz Martins, IPS_ Innovative Prison Systems, Portugal</i>

Session I – Research and Policy Insights

10:00 - 10:30	The Use of EU Instruments in Cross-Border Cooperation in Criminal Matters: Alternatives to the European Arrest Warrant <i>Esther Montero Pérez de Tudela, University of Seville, Spain</i>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break & Networking
11:00 - 12:30	The Digitalisation of Justice: Challenges and Opportunities <i>João Gomes, IPS_ Innovative Prison Systems, Portugal</i> Interventions: <i>Recent developments on the Digitalisation of Justice</i> <i>Antonio Gutiérrez Cardenete, Court Clerk, Court of First Instance of Ciudad Real, Spain</i> <i>The interconnection of digital databases in criminal matters</i> <i>Costin Lucian Gheorghe, Judge, Giurgiu Penitentiary, Romania</i> <i>The Use of Videoconferencing in Criminal Proceedings</i> <i>Marieta Nedelcheva, Judge, Sofia District Court, Contact point of the European Judicial Network, Bulgaria</i>
12:30-13:30	Lunch break



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Session II – The EU Instruments in Cross-Border Criminal Justice

- 13:30 – 15:00 **EU Instruments in Cross-Border Criminal Justice: Can They Beat the EAW's Success?**
Delyana Doseva, Center for the Study of Democracy, Bulgaria
- Interventions:**
- The use of alternative EU instruments in Romania***
Iulia Lulciuc, Judge, Suceava Court of Appeal, Romania
- Cross-border investigations under the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPP0) Regulation; A step ahead in the field of Cooperation in Criminal Matters in the EU***
Dimitrios Zimianitis, Prosecutor, Head of MLA & Extradition Department, Athens Court of Appeals, Greece / former European Prosecutor at the EPPO
- SIRENE Network: Challenges and opportunities***
Malamati Petkana, Judge, Piraeus Court of Appeals, Greece
Contact Point of SIRENE Network
- 15:00 – 15:30 **The European Supervision Order – Future perspectives and solutions**
Ioan Durnescu, European Strategies Consulting
- 15:30- 16:00 Coffee Break & Networking
- 16:00-16:30 **The role of the Lawyer in proceedings related to the EAW and in promoting the use of alternatives to that instrument**
Ginés Zamora, Lawyer, Spain
- 16:30-17:00 **Discussion and Concluding Remarks**

We kindly ask all interested parties to complete the following [registration form](#) by **January 14th 2026** and mention your preferred mode of participation (on-site or online). We will then contact you to confirm your participation and provide access information.



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All attendees will receive a certificate of participation.

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