



European Network of Councils
for the Judiciary (ENCJ)

Réseau européen des Conseils
de la Justice (RECJ)



ELI
EUROPEAN
LAW
INSTITUTE

Brussels and Vienna, 23rd January 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

A joint project group comprising representatives from the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (“ENCJ”) and the European Law Institute (“ELI”) has produced the attached consultation paper on the relationship between formal and informal justice. It considers the risks posed by the increasing prevalence of many different forms of alternative dispute resolution (“ADR”), and proposes three possible outcomes for the ongoing project:

- (i) the preparation of a statement of European best practice in relation to the approach that courts and judges should adopt in interacting with all types of ADR processes;
- (ii) the preparation of a statement of European best practice in relation to the approach that those responsible for all types of ADR processes should adopt in interacting with courts and judges, and
- (iii) making recommendations as to the best European models that can be developed and applied for coherent access to dispute resolution processes in respect of different types of dispute, and towards which Member States may wish to progress.

We would be very grateful to receive your response to the consultation and any comments that you and your organisation think fit to make. All responses should be received **by Monday 13th March 2017**. The project group will aim to produce its final report before the end of 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Nuria Díaz Abad
President of the ENCJ

Diana Wallis
President ELI

European Network of Councils for the Judiciary i.n.p.a., ENCJ Office Rue de la Croix de Fer 67, B-1000 Brussels.
office@encj.eu + 32 (0) 2 535 16 05

European Law Institute i.n.p.a., Secretariat of the ELI Schottenring 16, Top 175, 1010 Vienna, Austria
Phone: +43 (0)1 4277-221 01, secretariat@europeanlawinstitute.eu