

iSupport Governing Body 19 January 2023 online meeting

Summary of discussions

The meeting was attended by representatives of the European Commission, Belgium, Brazil, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the United States of America, the European Union Bailiffs Foundation (EUBF) and the National Child Support Enforcement Association (NCSEA). The Permanent Bureau (PB) was represented by First Secretary Philippe Lortie (PL) and iSupport coordinator Jean-Marc Pellet (JMP). The meeting was chaired by Paulo Gonçalves (Portugal).

I. Plans for developments in 2023

- 1 The PB will ask Protech to deliver both the Java upgrade and audit logging. The PB will also share proposals with participants in relation to iSupport ITMF.

II. Implementation agreement and sharing of maintenance costs

- 2 Sweden remarked that it is important not to deter potential participants from testing. The PB answered that it will be made more apparent but there is a line to be drawn as Protech's time comes at a cost. The PB will liaise with participants as a solution needs to be found soon in respect of maintenance costs for 2021-2022.

III. Plans for the installation of iSupport and e-CODEX

- 3 The PB provided an account of recent efforts in relation to e-CODEX. Participants agreed with the resumption of technical calls. France, Germany, Hungary, Portugal, Spain and Sweden shared their state of preparation and short-term plans.

IV. Implementation of the EU Regulation on e-CODEX and update on the EU digitalisation Regulation

- 4 The PB explained that HCCH participation in the e-CODEX Advisory Group is being discussed by participants in that Group. The European Commission mentioned that it has raised the topic of stakeholder participation and proposed an amendment to the rules of procedures of eu-LISA.

V. Certificate management for e-CODEX

- 5 The PB will try to resume contacts with companies that could provide these services.

VI. Funding of iSupport

- 6 The PB presented some ideas that could form the basis of a reply to the current EU call for proposals (closing on 20 April). One of the possibilities would be to open some parts of iSupport to judges when they establish a decision. They could then fill in the abstract of the decision. Also, sections could be opened to enforcement officers – this could tie in with current work on the monitoring of payments. Another possibility is to develop a model website for applicants to login with their existing national electronic identity and a link to iSupport. This would potentially simplify work by avoiding manual entry of applications. In this respect, the European

Commission explains that the digitalisation Regulation would provide for an “European electronic access point” which would be accessible to applicants and connected to a solution used to service the Regulation. According to the timeline set by the draft Regulation, this would be effective at the beginning of the next decade. Applicants would use an EU identifier. This would cover only applications under the Regulation.

- 7 The PB proposes to discuss this further at a meeting on 20 or 21 February. Participants are invited to express their preference here: <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/ejY8kkPd>