

COLLOQUIUM - HOW TO PROMOTE MEDIATION?

The role of judges in mediation & the best practices in EU member countries

Opening remarks: Rosalia Fernandez Alaya, president of GEMME, judge of Provincial Court of Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Spain

1. Are judges allowed in your country to act as mediators?
2. Are judges obliged by law to refer cases to mediation or to conciliate?
3. Are there any circumstances in which mediation is obligatory? If so, please expand.
4. Do you have any court-annexed mediation programmes? What are principles for them? Are they successful?
5. Who bears the cost of mediation? Is there State aided access to mediation in certain circumstances if so please expand.
6. Are lawyers obliged by law to suggest mediation to their clients?
7. Do you have any official statistics about mediation? If so, please show us the results. How many cases are resolved in mediation and how many cases judges refer to mediation?
8. Any amendments to mediation law in the recent two years?

Closing remarks: Avi Schneebalg, vice -president of GEMME, civil judge in Brussels, Belgium, Conciliation and Mediation Lecturer at IFJ-IGO, EJTN (Belgian and European schools for (future) judges)

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