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Justice: ABI and the Ministry of Justice, “on-line” civil trials because of new software

Faster and more definitive timeframes for pleadings and judicial proceedings with the On-line Civil Trial software (Processo Civile Telematico). The software was created and tested in mid-December, with the aim of digitalizing paper documents and legal notices. By 2009, it will be implemented in 14 “test” courts of law.

Goodbye to paper. Simpler and faster procedures. Greater efficiency, transparency, and service quality. Faster civil trials and simpler administrative requirements, as well as: web-based registration for orders; legal notices via certified e-mail; and online payments for taxes, duties, and expenses. The Online Civil Trial was launched with the development of this software, which was tested in mid-December and will be fully implemented in the first semester of 2009 in 14 courts of law.

Users will not be forced to wait in long lines in court offices any longer; there will be no need for physical archives, and for continuous physical transfer of files. Documentation and information will be available online, and thus easily accessible; procedures will be simplified; and service costs decreased, to the benefit of users. In addition, the system guarantees total security for researching and passing on information, with the aid of passwords and other electronic procedures ensuring privacy and confidentiality of the parties involved.

The implementation of this software accelerated the development of the information system for the management of civil collection and bankruptcy procedures (SIECIC), which is currently in operation in nine courts of law in the following cities: Rome, Naples, Bari, Verona, Florence, Catania, Genoa, and Padua. Five more cities – Milan, Turin, Brescia, Monza, and Bologna – will also be included before long.

The development of this software closed the first primary phase of the project that falls under the agreement signed between ABI and the Ministry of Justice in 2006 for consolidating and diffusing the Online Civil Trial, which is intended to allow the electronic filing of pleadings, and an integrated management of all information related to proceedings.

“The completion of the Online Civil Trial, - Mr. Sergio Brescia, General Manager of the Ministry of Justice’s Automated Information Systems Department (DGSIA), explains - which extends the benefit of sending and receiving pleadings online to civil collection and bankruptcy proceedings, will allow the attainment of complete and error-free data archives, which will be useful to parties for simplifying the drafting of pleadings; to judges for issuing orders; and which will be invaluable to everyone for monitoring the proceedings’ response times and problems”.

“The implementation of this system - Mr. Enrico Granata, Head of ABI’s Regulatory Department, emphasizes, - is an essential step towards the finalization of the Online Civil Trial, whose goal is to ensure greater efficiency, speed and streamlining of procedures. This is a key factor of competitiveness in our economic system”.

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