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PREFACE

National e-justice systems are an important power for national economy and civil society. The globalization of the economy, social trends and other factors present new demands on judiciaries internationally, while at the same time technological and communication advances offer opportunities to judicial policy makers to make justice more accessible, transparent and effective.

International terrorism, illegal immigration, rise in violent crimes, and the "globalisation" of organized crime are significant examples of the new challenges for criminal justice, while the increasing number of civil cases and criminal cases in the national judicial systems constitutes a major challenge for the judicial organisations. ICT deployment in European civil and criminal judicial systems is a key element to face these challenges and to improve significantly the administration of justice. The rapid development of technologies opens new opportunities, both during criminal investigations and trials as well as in civil litigation, Justice of Peace, labour and bankruptcy due to the increased capabilities of exchanging and using data, documents and information within and between judicial operators, police forces, public prosecutors offices and courts.

The ICT4Justice conference aimed to foster the experience exchange in establishing and enhancing the national e-justice systems and especially to share different experiences at portals, integration, applications, and examples of good practices, to present world's latest trends in e-justice sector, and the future oriented services in justice sector. The conference made possible to:

- Share experience in increasing the efficiency of national judicial systems and corresponding trends in the world,
- Explore the possibilities for integration of e-justice services and systems at the EU level,
- Present the most advanced ICT-supported legal services to citizens, the public sector and business, and share experience in managing legal information (e-law),
- Analyse issues such as privacy, information security, non repudiation, and long term archiving of legal documents.

The 2nd International Conference on ICT Solutions for Justice took place on 24th of September 2009, in Skopje, FYR Macedonia and was hosted on the premises of the Club of State Organs. Building on the success of the first ICT4Justice in 2008 (Thessaloniki, Greece), the event held more than 20 presentations coming from key stakeholders in the European field of ICT and Justice. We are glad to publish this volume of post-proceedings containing a selection of the best papers submitted to the conference. We would like to thank the following for honouring us with their presence and participation in the conference opening:

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- **Lord Richard Best**, Parliament of the United Kingdom and Chair of the SEERC International Advisory Board,
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