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VC4Justice – Official Project Launch!

VC4Justice is a project co-funded by the European Union under the **Justice Programme** – JUST-JAAC-2023-E-JUSTICE. In partnership with the **Belgian Ministry of Justice**, **Sopra Steria** is leading a study on the use of videoconferencing tools for hearing a key witness in a **cross-border drug trafficking investigation**.

🎯 **What is the aim of the project?**

To **facilitate secure cross-border communication** between judicial authorities through videoconferencing (VC). The project will identify legal, operational, organisational, and technical requirements and constraints that need to be addressed.

📌 **What will the outcomes be?**

A comprehensive set of **recommendations and requirements** applicable to any Member State authority aiming to implement judicial videoconferencing capabilities.

📍 **First Milestone: Setting the Foundations through Desk**

The VC4Justice project has successfully launched its first major phase: a **comprehensive analysis of the current landscape** ("as-is") to guide the development of a future-ready cross-border videoconferencing solution for justice.

🔍 **Understanding Today's Reality**

Through **in-depth desk research**, the project team is analysing the current state of videoconferencing in judicial cooperation, assessing legal, organisational, and technical environments. This initial exploration helps refine the project's real-world case study and lays the groundwork for identifying **high-level functional and non-functional requirements**.

⚖️ **Mapping the Legal Landscape**

A targeted **legal analysis** is underway to capture the national and EU legal contexts—specifically focusing on **Belgian, French**, and broader **European frameworks**. The aim is to identify **gaps, overlaps, or barriers** to cross-border digital cooperation in criminal proceedings.

🗣️ **Engaging Stakeholders**

Launching a **survey** and conducting **interviews** with judicial professionals, technical experts, and other users;

- Organising **workshops** with Belgian, Dutch and French stakeholders to challenge preliminary findings, contribute to shaping the "to-be" scenario.
- Documenting outcomes through **presentations and meeting minutes** to maintain transparency and traceability.

📌 **Why It Matters**

This milestone ensures that the project is **firmly grounded in actual user needs and legal realities**, setting the stage for developing a relevant and interoperable videoconferencing solution that supports **secure, inclusive, and efficient judicial cooperation**.

📱 **Stay connected:**

Visit our [website](#) to learn more about the project, its objectives, and upcoming milestones. Don't hesitate to reach out to us vc4justice@soprasteria.com to engage with the VC4Justice community!



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