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## Institute for Justice and Growth (IJG)

The **Institute for Justice and Growth (IJG)** has been established by the European Public Law Organization aiming to provide **consulting and educational and training services of expert and innovative character as well as technical assistance and support to countries and Organizations for:**

1. **reforming and improving the national judicial systems and contributing to the enhancement of citizens' trust in justice and the rule of law**, including the introduction and development of alternative dispute resolution methods (such as mediation) as well as institution building services and organization of scientific events of all kinds for the promotion of the above reforms,
2. **improving the business and investment environment in order to boost competitiveness and openness of the economy**,
3. **exploiting IT technologies in the field of public governance (e-government) as well as in the field of justice (e-justice) aiming at a transparent, accountable and good governance.**

The IJG constitutes an academically independent unit of the European Public Law Organization with operational autonomy and is under the responsibility of its President with the assistance of its Scientific Council.

Mr. [Nicolas Kanellopoulos](#), Attorney-at-Law, former Secretary General of the Hellenic Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights (2011-2015) is the President for the Institute for Justice and Growth.

The Scientific Council acts as a permanent advisory committee on scientific issues for which consultation is necessary. The members of the IJG Scientific Council are personalities of high academic and professional qualifications and international recognition.

The IJG is constituted by two Directorates, (i) the **Justice Reform and Growth Directorate** and (ii) the **e-Government Solutions Directorate**. Ms [Eleni Kefali](#) is the Director of the Justice Reform and Growth Directorate. Mr [George Karvelis](#) is the Director of the e-Government Solutions Directorate. They are both ex officio members of the Scientific Council according to the IJG Regulations.

**Our goal is to unify the forces of the judiciary with those of the academia and the legal professionals with a view of adopting an extrovert modus operandi for the Institute, fostering synergies and creating partnerships based on the European and international best practices.**

The members of the IJG Scientific Council are the following:

**President: Nicolas Kanellopoulos**, Attorney-at-Law, former Secretary General of the Minister of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights.

**Members:**

1. **Alikakos Petros**, Appellate Judge, President of the Thessaloniki Court of First Instance
  2. **Androulakis Vassilios**, Councilor at the Hellenic Council of State
  3. **Apalagaki Charikleia**, Acting General Manager of the Hellenic Bank Association (HBA), Professor of Civil Procedural Law at the Faculty of Law of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
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  5. **Botopoulos Konstantinos**, Attorney at Law, PhD in Constitutional Law
  6. **Economou Kyriakos**, Honorary Supreme Court Justice
  7. **Feresidis Alkiviadis**, Appellate Judge at the Athens Court of Appeal
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  12. **Kousoulis Konstantinos**, Vice President of the Hellenic Council of State
  13. **Loukas Dimitrios**, Attorney-at-Law, Former Vice Chairman of the Hellenic Competition Commission
  14. **Markis Vassilios**, Honorary Deputy Public Prosecutor of the Supreme Court, Honorary President of the Association of Prosecutors of Greece
  15. **Mitrou Lilian**, Professor at the University of the Aegean, Department of Information and Communication Systems Engineering
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  3. **Pikramenos Michael**, President of the Hellenic Council of State, Professor of Public Law and Political Science at the Law School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
  4. **Raikos Dimitrios**, Presiding Judge at the Administrative Court of Appeal, Professor of Public Law and Political Science at the Law School of the Democritus University of Thrace, former President (the 10th) at the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, former Judge at the United Nations Appeals Tribunal
  5. **Triantafilakis Georgios**, Professor of Commercial Law at the Democritus University of Thrace

#### **Secretary of the Scientific Council: Gerasimidis Dimitrios, Attorney-at-Law**

The Institute has experience in both strategic planning and legislative initiatives and implementation in the areas of judicial reform through the long experience of the President of the Institute under his previous capacity as the Secretary General of the Greek Ministry of Justice Transparency and Human Rights (2011-2015) as well as of the members of its Scientific Council and the rest of the Institute's associates being Supreme Court Judges, members of the Academia, attorneys-at-law of high professional esteem and senior executives with extensive experience in both the private and public sector.

These areas are:

#### **1. Justice reform, including but not limited to the reform of the main codes of legislation (Code**



**of civil procedure, Penal Code etc) and the organization of Courts,**

**2. Alternative dispute resolution,**

**3. e- justice,**

**4. Public Private Projects (PPP), structural funds and European grants of all kinds,**

**5. Action plans for the decongestion of prisons,**

**6. Electronic surveillance systems and e-tagging,**

**7. Organization and operation of prisons,**

**8. Construction of court buildings and prisons.**