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The Role of Judges in Amicable Dispute Resolution in Europe: Judicial Mediation and Judicial Conciliation in Comparative Perspective

8:30–9:30 Registration

9:00–9:30 Welcome coffee

9:30–10:10 Opening

Judge Frédérique Agostini (GEMME France) – President of GEMME – EUROPE

Judge Monika Włodarczyk – Vice-President of GEMME – EUROPE,
President of GEMME Poland

Judge Rafał Wagner – Vice-President of the Regional Court in Warsaw,
GEMME Poland member

Professor Piotr Rylski – Director of the Institute of Justice in Warsaw

10:10–10:40 Keynote speech

Professor Michal Albertstein (Israel)

Vanishing legal justice, the changing role of judges in an era of settlement and plea bargains

10:40–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–13:00 Panel I. Presentations on judicial conciliation/judicial mediation

Moderator: **Clément Douté** (France)

- **Kai Harmand** (Estonia)
- **Monika Rhein** (Germany)
- **Dalia Vasariene** (Lithuania)
- **Caroline Verbruggen** (Belgium)

Q&A (30 minutes)

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00–14:30 Mediation in European Union Intellectual Property Office

Sven Sturmman – President of the EUIPO Boards of Appeal

14:30–16:00 Panel II. Roundtable – judges presenting their experiences and approaches to judicial conciliation and judicial mediation

Moderator: **Srdan Simac** (Croatia)

- **Laura Durin** (France)
- **Naomi Hawkes** (Great Britain)
- **Timi Kimiskidou** (Greece)
- **Daniel Stoll** (Switzerland)
- **Margot J. van Cleef-Metsaars** (the Netherlands)

Q&A (30 minutes)

16:00–16:15 Closing the conference with final remarks

Judge Karolina Toczyńska – Mediation Coordinator of the Regional Court in Warsaw,
GEMME Poland member

Judge Jakub Petkiewicz – GEMME Poland board member

