



Justice Administration Research Association (JARA) is an independent not-for-profit scientific association that aims to develop an international network of academics, policymakers, and professionals working in the justice administration sector.

The Association seeks to promote multidisciplinary research and exchanges of experience in the field of justice administration from a variety of perspectives (institutional, legal, political science, economics, organizational, managerial, etc.) and on a wide range of topics, i.e. judiciary professions, courts' management, rules of procedure, and so on. We aim to function as a platform for the cross-national exchange of information and resources, developing and conducting theoretical, empirical, and comparative studies, promoting education and training programs, and disseminating research results and project evaluations.

JARA activities include:

- Encouraging and supporting exchanges - in webinars, seminars and conferences - between researchers and justice administration professionals (judges, public prosecutors, court administrators, experts involved in international cooperation projects, ICT specialists, etc.)
- Exchanging and disseminating information and resources (including studies, research, practices, and innovative policies) relevant to the study of judicial administration.
- Promoting training and education on the administration of justice
- Participating in expert activities in collaboration with international, European, national, or regional institutions in the field of the administration of justice
- Supporting and enhancing research projects and studies in justice administration and related fields
- Developing research and advice with input from academics and practitioners in the justice sector.

Some of the themes that focus the Association's work include:

- Case flow management
- Information and communication technology in justice systems
- Court governance
- Court management
- Court performance
- Courts and alternative dispute resolution
- Judicial selection and appointment
- Judicial training
- Access to justice
- Quality management
- Court jurisdiction and distribution
- Judicial workload and case weighting
- Courts and media/public relations
- Court user satisfaction
- Court personnel – court administrators, court clerks, judicial associates
- Court finance
- Court and judicial accountability.

Program of Activities

In 2021 JARA organised e-seminars on the following topics:

- Judicial independence (May 12)
- History of court administration (May 27)
- Performance indicators and management for the courts (June 10)
- Higher courts management (June 24)
- Digitalisation of justice (September 16)
- E-Justice and artificial intelligence (October 21)
- Confidence and trust in courts (November 26)

A further series of e-seminars and other activities are planned for 2022, on current topical issues in judicial administration. For further details, see the website: <https://jar-association.eu>

The lingua franca of the Association is English, but any of our activities can be carried out in any other language, with the scope to develop as much as possible the study and the exchange of information on justice administration.

Governance and Membership

JARA is governed by a Board elected by a General Assembly of the Association's members.

The current Board members are:

Simone Benvenuti

Marco Fabri

Alina Ontanu

Alexandra Tsvetkova

Anne Wallace

The current Secretary General is: *Caroline Expert-Foulquier*

The Association had more than 70 members in 2021, in its first year of activity, including seven institutions (research centres, courts and court administrations).

Please feel free to contact the Association to know more about it, and for information on how to become a member to help us contribute to the development of a broad and interdisciplinary community for the study and dissemination of knowledge on justice administration.

Email: organiser@jar-association.eu

Website: <https://jar-association.eu> (under construction)