

Meetings:

First virtual meeting – held on 4 July 2022:

This meeting featured the presentation and discussion of the preliminary draft of the Network Charter, allowing members to review it, share their views, and propose necessary amendments. Final approval was postponed to the next meeting.

Second in-person meeting – held on 3 July 2023:

Held alongside the second conference in Taghazout, this meeting was marked by the accession of representatives of the Judicial Inspection of the Republic of Lebanon. Participants reviewed the Network Charter and agreed to amend certain provisions, setting 1 August 2023 as the date for final approval.

Third virtual meeting – held on 1 August 2023:

This meeting was devoted to the final revision and adoption of the Network Charter, with the addition of a clause on membership withdrawal. The three members of the Executive Bureau were appointed: Ms. Samar Sawah, Acting Head of Judicial Inspection in Lebanon; Mr. Naji Al-Zoubi, Senior Inspector of the Judicial Inspection in Jordan; and Mr. Khaled Awad, Assistant Prosecutor General and Head of Judicial Inspection of the Public Prosecution in Palestine. Members were also asked to designate their focal points. For Morocco, Inspectors Jalal Ladouzi and Soufiane Edriouch were appointed communications officers. The meeting also defined a list of topics for study, discussed progress on the Network's website, presented documents prepared following the first General Assembly—particularly a set of questionnaires—and addressed the creation of the Network's visual identity.

Fourth virtual meeting – held on 19 October 2023:

This meeting was marked by the accession of the Sultanate of Oman to the Network. Participants approved the minutes of the 1 August 2023 meeting, reviewed the application for membership of Oman's Judicial Inspection, and defined the scientific and technical components of the website as well as the elements of the Network's visual identity. They also set the working methodology for communication workshops scheduled to begin in January 2024, developed a questionnaire template to establish best practices in judicial inspection, and began preparations for the preparatory meeting of the third conference planned

for May 2024. Finally, members were invited to designate their respective focal points.

Fifth virtual meeting – held on 23 November 2023:

This meeting was marked by the accession of the State of Qatar to the Network. Participants approved the minutes of the 19 October 2023 meeting, reviewed the membership application of Qatar’s Judicial Inspection, and set out a cooperation program between the Network of Judicial Inspection Services of the Southern Mediterranean and the European Network of Judicial Inspection Services. Members were invited to prepare a concept note presenting their respective inspection services. Proposals for the Network’s visual identity and updates on the website’s progress were presented, and the website’s scientific components were finalized. A new simplified questionnaire was distributed to gather data on Network members. The discussion also addressed the choice of the host country for the third conference.

Sixth virtual meeting – held on 24 January 2024:

This meeting saw the accession and participation of the General Inspectorate of Judicial Administration and Prisons of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the Judicial Inspection of the Republic of Yemen. Participants unanimously approved the selected model for the Network’s visual identity. They also agreed to adapt the Charter by changing the Network’s name to **“Arab Network of Judicial Inspection Services”** in place of **“Network of Judicial Inspections of the Southern Mediterranean Countries.”** A technical brief on the 2024–2025 action plan was presented, proposing Morocco or Portugal as the host country for the third conference. Finally, proposed themes for study were discussed.

Seventh virtual meeting – held on 28 March 2024:

The meeting focused on approving the minutes of the 24 January 2024 meeting and adapting the Network Charter by changing its name, while maintaining Article 1 on the establishment of the Network of Southern Mediterranean countries and the list of its founding members. Article 6 was amended so that its first paragraph reads: “Membership in the Network is open to the judicial inspection bodies of Arab countries.”

The Network’s name was also updated in the previously adopted visual identity. The meeting reviewed the progress of the website and discussed the venue of the third conference, its themes, and the modalities for addressing them.

Eighth virtual meeting – held on 6 June 2024:

The agenda covered three main items: approval of the minutes of the 28 March 2024 meeting; a progress report on the website; and the presentation and discussion of the proposed program for the activities and sessions of the third conference, scheduled for 1–2 July 2024 in Tangier, in line with the prior agreement of the majority of members present at the 28 March meeting.

Ninth in-person meeting – held on 2 July 2024:

Scheduled as part of the third conference, this meeting brought together members of the Arab Network of Judicial Inspection Services, conference participants, experts, and members of the European Network of Judicial Inspection Services (RESIJ) and CEPEJ. It was marked by the accession of the Judicial Inspection of the Republic of Djibouti, an exchange of experiences with the European Network, the collection of members' feedback on the website—whose launch was announced during the conference—and the identification of themes to be scheduled for upcoming meetings.

Tenth virtual meeting – held on 10 October 2024:

This meeting featured the participation of Ms. Marjorie Obadia, Inspector-General of the General Inspectorate of Justice in France, and Ms. Laetitia Dimanche, Coordinator of the South Programme V and representative of CEPEJ. Participants approved the minutes of the 2 July 2024 meeting. Ms. Obadia presented the European experience regarding an ethics charter for judicial inspections.

A debate was opened on **“Professional associations of magistrates and the limits of their prerogatives,”** based on a paper prepared by Morocco's General Inspectorate of Judicial Services. Topics for upcoming meetings were proposed, including a presentation by Ms. Marlène El-Jer on **“Unified rules of conduct for inspectors,”** as well as the topic proposed by the representative of Qatar's Judicial Inspection on **“The role of judicial inspection bodies in proposing legislative amendments – country experiences.”**

Eleventh virtual meeting – held on 21 January 2025:

Participants approved the minutes of the 10 October 2024 meeting. Following a proposal by Mr. Abdallah Mahmoud Salem Al-Amri, Vice-President of the Qatari Inspectorate, to adopt two semi-annual virtual meetings instead of four quarterly ones, members agreed to hold two virtual meetings for substantive topics and a

third to prepare the in-person meeting (conference). The draft **“Unified Ethical Charter for Network Members,”** prepared by representatives of Lebanon’s Judicial Inspection, was presented and discussed. Regarding the organization of the fourth conference, Ms. Laetitia proposed Lisbon, at the Council of Europe’s offices, while Mr. Yaqoub Al-Saidi proposed Salalah (Oman) in July for three days. The decision was deferred to the next meeting.

Another item addressed **“The role of judicial inspection bodies in proposing legislative amendments,”** with an exchange of experiences among members. The themes for the next meeting were set: **“Judicial Inspection Guide”** and **“Annual Inspection Program.”** Under other business, the Network President stressed the importance of enriching the website and invited members to contribute actively. The possibility of replacing Zoom with Microsoft Teams, with simultaneous interpretation, was raised.

Twelfth virtual meeting – held on 24 April 2025:

This meeting was marked by changes in the heads of inspection for Lebanon and Palestine, and by the participation of Ms. Jocelyne Chabassier, representing CEPEJ. The work focused on finalizing the Unified Ethical Charter for Members and on standards and evaluation indicators. The minutes of the 21 January 2025 meeting were approved, while consideration of the **“Judicial Inspection Guide”** and the **“Annual Inspection Program”** was postponed. In preparation for the fourth conference, the President indicated that, after coordination with Mr. Yaqoub Al-Saidi and CEPEJ, the proposed dates are 15–17 September 2025 in Salalah, Oman, a proposal endorsed by the majority of members present. Finally, the issue of the website’s outage was raised and discussed.

Thirteenth virtual meeting – held on 10 July 2025:

Chaired by Mr. Abdallah Hammoud, Inspector General of Judicial Services of Morocco, and attended by Mr. Yaqoub Al-Saidi, Director General of Judicial Inspection of Oman, this meeting brought together participants both in person and remotely via Zoom, including Ms. Marjorie Obadia (France), Mr. Johan Weber (France), and Ms. Laetitia Dimanche (CEPEJ). The agenda included: unanimous approval of the minutes of the 24 April 2025 meeting; approval of the Unified Ethical Charter for Members, with a decision to sign it at the in-person conference to mark the occasion; a presentation by Mr. El-Hadi Ben Ahmed and Ms. El-Hadia Layali (Tunisia) on **“Designing and**

Scheduling Judicial Inspections,” and a presentation by Mr. Khaled Awad (Palestine) on the **“Guidance Manual for Oversight of Judicial Services (courts, prosecution offices, and administrative staff).”** Ms. Marjorie Obadia provided a brief feedback note from the French General Inspectorate of Justice on these two themes.

Finally, Ms. Laetitia confirmed the website’s availability, and the meeting concluded with discussion of the final arrangements for the fourth conference (22–24 September 2025, Salalah) and its program.