



## Scientific Proof in Criminal Justice Presentation of the workshops

The Ministry of Justice wishes to adopt a **practical, concrete** approach to the work performed in this conference which, from the first day, will be hinged upon **workshops bringing together practitioners** and experts from all the Member States: judges, prosecutors, investigators, lawyers, court experts.

On the second day the workshops will result in a **report and plenary debate** in order to provide the conclusions of the conference with input.

### Workshop No.1:

#### Crime scene management: Gathering and preserving evidence

- This workshop will be run by **Jan de Kinder**, Vice-President of ENFSI (European Network of Forensic Science Institutes) in the Netherlands, the aim of which is to ensure coordinated scientific development of the European laboratories. He is also the Executive Director of the *Institut National de Criminalistique et de Criminologie de Belgique* (Belgian Institute of Crime and Criminology).
- The workshop will strive to :
  - ➔ **define the different ways of using** a crime scene in the European Union,
  - ➔ determine the consequences of the differences on **how legal cooperation operates**,
  - ➔ question the possibility and advisability of **reconciling these practices at European level**.

**Workshop No.2:**  
**Technical standards, laboratory management and status of experts:**  
**the conditions for European cooperation**

- This workshop will be run by **Dominique Saint Dizier**, Scientific Adviser to the Deputy Head of the Technical and Forensic Police (Headquarters of the French Ministry of the Interior National Police Force).
  
- It will strive to establish **the possibilities for harmonising the following at European level:**
  - ➔ the **various standards in terms of analysing** traces and clues,
  - ➔ how the **laboratories operate** to contribute to performing these analyses,
  - ➔ the **status of legal experts**.
  
- The workshop will aim to identify the **European players** likely to play a part in the harmonisation process.

**Workshop No.3:**  
**The integration of scientific proof into criminal trials**

- This workshop will be run by **Professor Jozef Wojcikiewicz**, professor of law and forensic science at the Jagiellonian University, Cracow, Poland, the author of "Scientific Evidence in Judicial Proceedings".
  
- It will strive to:
  - ➔ understand how the **various existing systems of evidence** operate in the European Union Member States,
  - ➔ question the **possibility and advisability of defining common standards** in the gathering and use of evidence in order to improve legal cooperation and thereby enable evidence gathered by one Member State to be used in criminal cases in another.