

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF JUDGES

RESOLUTION

concerning abusive behaviour by lawyers towards judges in Greece

Background

In October 2025 the European Association of Judges (EAJ) was informed by its member the Hellenic Association of Judges and Prosecutors (E.D.E.) about its deep concern over a series of increasingly severe incidents, caused by lawyers during court trials, which threatened judges and by that threatened the independence, dignity and orderly functioning of the judiciary in Greece. These incidents exceeded all tolerable limits within a State governed by the rule of law.

On December 13th 2025 the Board of the EAJ addressed a statement (in the appendix) to the Plenary of the Greek Bar Associations and all authorities responsible for the function of the administration of justice in Greece, expressing that although objective criticism of courts and their decisions is permissible, it is not acceptable either for other powers in the state or for actors (such as lawyers) within the system of justice to criticize the judiciary in a manner which undermines its independence, judicial authority, or public confidence in the judiciary or which encourages disobedience and even violence against judicial office holders.

The EAJ observes

1. Unfortunately, neither this appeal nor a previously organised meetings of the E.D.E., the Plenary of the Bar Associations and the Ministry of Justice led to a satisfactory resolution of the matter. The intimidations continued. Legal measures to resolve the problem were not initiated.
2. The EAJ once again urges the Greek authorities to use every means available to defend the judiciary and the judges from such attacks, especially by amending the current legal framework to provide effective sanctions for misconduct by lawyers during court hearings.
3. The EAJ also once again calls upon the Plenary of the Greek Bar Associations to take measures to put a stop to all undue actions of its members which endanger the functioning of and the trust in the Greek justice system.

4. The EAJ will pursue the resolution of this issue by the Greek authorities, report its observations to the European authorities and include the result of progress in its next contribution to the European Commission`s Rule of Law Report.

Appendix: [Statement of the Board of the EAJ dated December 13th 2025](#)

Adopted by the European Association of Judges at its plenary meeting on May 22nd 2026 in Luxembourg.