

HOLDING A TRIAL VIA PRIVATE TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK

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ABSTRACT: *Today the use of telecommunication techniques are becoming more and more important in criminal case cooperation. In recent decades there had been a great shift of perspectives in the field of telecommunication. Modern telecommunication possibilities like video- and telephone conference calls are already in use in the questioning of the witness and the hearing of the expert. The Hungarian Criminal Procedure Law introduced the use of closed circuit telecommunications network. Besides conducting processes swiftly and supporting witness and victim protection, this institution can have a significant role in fulfilling international Legal Aid requests as well. The Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union regulates hearing by videoconference and telephone conference. The Hungarian criminal procedure legislation is fully consistent with the provisions of the Convention of the European Union.*

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