WILL THE LEGAL COMMUNITY BECOME THE DIGITAL ONE?  
REPORT OF ELSA ZIELONA GÓRA SEMINAR PROCEEDINGS

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On the 10th of June 2021 European Law Students’ Association, Branch of Zielona Góra provided the online seminar with the meaningful question nowadays “Will the legal community became the digital one?”. The seminar was another one in the cycle of seminars dedicated to the legal problems appeared during Covid-19 pandemic.

Ideas and concepts of what modern state supposed to be change all the time, sometimes in calm evolutionary way, sometimes in the form of revolution. State is a highly complex system with its various types of communities. There is no doubt, that Covid-19 pandemic transformed the whole legal society with special regard to its ways of communication and its ultimate essence: legal information. However it depends on us always to make it better and more efficient.

The first speaker Hubert Kocur, ML, the assistant and the researcher at the University of Zielona Góra, presented some selected problems of e-defense in the criminal procedure with special regard to the newest changes in Polish domestic law collectively called “Shield”. The speaker focused his attention on some aspects the right of the defense and its possible violation during the online hearings.

The second speaker, Izabela Gawłowicz, PhD, assistant professor and researcher in the Institute of Legal Studies University of Zielona Góra highlighted some problems connected with the longtime attempts to create international criminal court (or at least such a bench) for the crimes in the cyberspace.

The last (but not least😉) speaker, Michał Zieliński, also assistant professor and researcher in the Institute of Legal Studies University of Zielona Góra, formulated some interesting remarks according to the challenges that come with the progress of digitalization in legal procedures and education.

The scale of legal problems that come along with such challenges like the world Covid-19 pandemic and the necessity to transfer some of the lawyer’s (as well as the students) activity to the network is huge. More seminars like the one described above should be strongly welcomed – also when “everything will come back to normal” in the courts and at the universities, like we all wish. It should form the early warning system in case of any emergency in the field.