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In Turkey, the use of information technology in the legal sector is mostly governed by the Ministry of Justice.

The Department of Information Technology in the Ministry of Justice cooperates with the related government offices in gathering legal instruments, court decisions, academical publications, international court decisions, the instruments concerning the international organisations, which Turkey is a party of and provides access to these documents via Internet. The department further functions in the area of facilitating information flow and coordination.

In Turkey no access to case management information system for the courts is provided at the moment which is open to the public, parties or other persons involved in the proceedings. There is no current system on information being provided relating to the state of progress of the decision.

A new system may be open for parties and even for the general public in the near future.

In addition, organisations representing the legal professions are currently developing private networks allowing communication between members of the same profession. There is no interface between those networks and the Ministry of Justice's private network at the moment and there is no permit for electronic communication with the courts as the network of the Ministry of Justice is sealed off from the others.

Lawyers have access to the information systems on new legislation and court decisions through either local systems or via Internet. Such access is also available to the general public.