

Additional resources

Handbooks and e-books

Over the years, the EJTN, in cooperation with its linguistic experts, has published many handbooks and e-books that are freely available to download from the EJTN's website. They include legal introductions to specific legal topics, language exercises and activities with answer keys and glossaries. The topics of the handbooks are varied and include civil matters, criminal matters, family law, human rights, cybercrime, competition law or data protection.

Linguistic training courses are available face-to-face and online

English language level test

On the EJTN website, you can also find the English language level test (<https://learning.ejtn.eu/login>). This tool allows potential participants to test their knowledge of legal English before applying for an EJTN training event or judicial exchange, giving them an idea of the language level at which they currently are in order to help them choose the right EJTN activity.



How to apply

If interested, please apply via your national institution. All applications for participation in linguistic seminars are handled exclusively by your national institution.


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Learn to master legal terminology
in a range of European languages

The EJTN launched linguistic seminars for the very first time in 2011. The project focuses on the training of the EU judiciary in legal terminology in different European languages such as English, French, German, Italian or Spanish.



EU judges and prosecutors benefit from the EJTN's high-quality training programmes, which are supported by the European Commission and the various European national training institutions.

The courses are intended to familiarise participants with a variety of legal instruments in different fields of law, providing them with specific terminology and a common language used as a tool for mutual judicial cooperation among European justice practitioners. The training courses adopt an interactive, small-group approach, with trainees being taught by a linguistic expert and a legal expert, working in tandem.

Seminars cover the following domains:



Criminal law



Civil law



Human rights law



Family law



Cybercrime



Asylum and refugees



Environmental law



Cross-border organised crime

What is on offer

A variety of face-to-face seminars:

Legal language training course	Length	Yearly frequency	EN	FR	ES	DE
Judicial cooperation in criminal matters	4.5 days	2	●	●	●	
Judicial cooperation in civil matters	4.5 days	2	●	●	●	
Judicial cooperation in human rights	4.5 days	2	●	●		●
Judicial cooperation in family law	3 days	1	●	●		
Judicial cooperation in cybercrime	3 days	1	●			
Judicial cooperation in asylum and refugees	3 days	1	●	●		
Judicial cooperation in environmental law	3 days	1	●	●		
Judicial cooperation in cross-border organised crime	3 days	1	●	●		

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Try sample English test

What the training comprises

The linguistic portfolio offers a wide variety of legal language tools:

- Language tests
- Interactive legal language courses held at different national member institutions
- Online conversation classes
- E-learning exercises
- Handbooks and e-books, which are freely available to all on the EJTN's website
- A pool of experts trained to teach legal language to judges, prosecutors, trainee judges and prosecutors and court staff from all over Europe

Summer schools

EJTN organises Summer schools in legal language. They are designed for trainee judges and prosecutors in different fields, such as the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in criminal matters, civil matters and human rights.

The more languages you speak, the more human you are.

Slavic proverb

Online conversation classes

The linguistic portfolio offers 3 series of online conversation classes a year. Each series is 10 weeks long and participants meet online each week for 1 hour to practice their legal language skills in small groups. The classes are conducted in English, French, German, Italian or Spanish.

