The Exchange Programme in Brief

### Exchanges

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### Project-based exchanges

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<td><strong>EJTN-CEPOL joint exchanges</strong></td>
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<td>English</td>
<td>Prosecutors and criminal law judges</td>
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### Initial training

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<td>English</td>
<td>Future or early-career judges and prosecutors</td>
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### Training activities in European and international organisations

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<td><strong>Study visits</strong></td>
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<td>English or French</td>
<td>Judges, prosecutors and court staff</td>
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### Financial Support

EJTN supports participants' travel and daily expenses through the payment of a per diem or, where applicable, on real-cost basis.

### How to Apply

Several calls for applications are open throughout the year, depending on the activity, and are communicated to EJTN Members, Associate Members, and partner institutions, as well as being announced on the EJTN website.

Highly motivated judges, prosecutors, and court staff with a good knowledge of the working language of the activity are invited to apply using the Exchange Programme online application form.

The selection of participants is the sole prerogative of the EJTN Member institutions.

### Learn more!

Visit the EJTN website at [www.ejtn.eu](http://www.ejtn.eu)

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ABOUT

Launched in 2005 at the initiative of the European Parliament, the Exchange Programme for judicial authorities is the EJTN’s flagship programme. Through this programme, EJTN provides high-quality activities that meet current and future needs of European judges, prosecutors, and court staff. Today, EJTN is recognised as best placed to implement exchanges between judicial authorities.

What the programme offers …

- Gain knowledge of EU Judicial systems
- Exchange best practices with peers across Europe
- Broaden your professional network
- Improve your language skills

The Exchange Programme’s main purpose is to enhance our participants’ practical knowledge of other judicial systems as well as EU law and instruments through direct contact, exchange of views, and experiences between judges, prosecutors, trainers, and court/prosecution staff from EU Member States (EU MS).

The Exchange Programme also aims at developing a European judicial culture based on mutual trust between judicial authorities in the common European judicial area.

Judicial Exchanges

Exchanges in the courts, prosecution offices and judicial training institutions of the EU MS allow participants to learn about the judicial system of the host country, attend court hearings, and exchange views and expertise with their peers.

Several types of exchanges are offered depending on the profile of the participants:

- Participants in General exchanges are given a general introduction into the judicial system of the host country;
- Participants in Specialised exchanges can build on their expertise in a specific area of law;
- Exchanges for Presidents and Chief Prosecutors aim at shaping participants’ leadership and management skills;
- Exchanges for Judicial trainers focus on training methodologies and educational tools and programmes.

Judges, prosecutors, judicial trainers, and court staff of the EU MS can also propose an exchange with a court, a prosecution office, a judicial training institution or with a peer of another country on their own initiative. Those project-based exchanges include:

- Bilateral exchanges: A group of judges, prosecutors, and court staff from the same jurisdiction visit a court or prosecution office in another country and exchange best practices on a topic of common interest;
- Regional exchanges: Participants residing close to a border can discuss common issues and practical problems arising from cross-border cases with peers from the neighbour country;
- Judiciary learning grant programme: Participants have full autonomy to self-identify and create individualised learning opportunities;
- EJTN-CEPOL joint Exchange Programme: Criminal law judges and prosecutors have a unique opportunity to exchange views and practices with law enforcement officials.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE…

AIAKOS Programme

The programme specifically targets future and early-career judges and prosecutors, giving them the opportunity to learn about other judicial systems and training curricula, strengthen their knowledge of EU law and judicial cooperation instruments, and develop beneficial contacts with counterparts that will enhance their future careers.

Study Visits

Organised in cooperation with European and international organisations such as the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), Eurojust, the EU Institutions in Brussels, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH), and the Max Plank Institute for Social Anthropology (MPI), study visits provide participants with insights into the functioning and procedures of the host institutions.

Long-Term Training Periods

Long-term training periods represent a unique opportunity to get acquainted with the work, procedures, and decision-making of the CJEU, the ECHR, and Eurojust. The participants are usually assigned to a Member of the Court, the Registry, or the office of a National Desk, and they help carry out the tasks assigned to them.

I had the priceless opportunity to take part in the Exchange Programme. I received many ideas that should be changed in our national system and I will surely discuss these topics in my office.

An Estonian trainer – Exchange for Trainers at the Academy of European Law

The EU can only work when there are strong relationships between the people of the Member States.

An Austrian judge – Regional exchange in Italy