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## INTRODUCTION

2017  
HIGHLIGHTS

## FOREWORD

Trained 6,317 individual judges, prosecutors, trainers and trainees.

Provided 30,612 individual training days.

Drafted EJTN's initial *Strategic Plan 2021–2027* to direct the future efforts of the Network.

Engaged in numerous eminent events and gatherings around the globe.

Courage and engagement are two key hallmarks of success.

With its steadfast focus on judicial training, in 2017 the EJTN continued to offer Europe's judiciary a comprehensive judicial training portfolio incorporating the best expertise, unique methodologies, modern technologies, opportunities for both initial and continuous training and a host of supporting resources.

The EJTN's flagship Exchange Programme for judicial authorities attracted 2,694 judges and prosecutors from across Europe who partook of the programme's judicial exchanges and study visits – representing more than a 20% increase in participants compared to the previous year. Looking wider at all of EJTN's various training activities, 6,317 judges, prosecutors, trainers and trainees, representing all EU Member States, participated in EJTN's training opportunities. In total, 30,612 individual training days were offered – an increase of 3,300 days compared to the corresponding figure of 2016.

Apart from achievements within judicial training, EJTN undertook many important initiatives over 2017. New Memorandums of Understandings were established and other ones were renewed. The EJTN also worked diligently on its *Strategic Plan 2021–2027*, which will direct the efforts of the Network over the years to come.

During the year, the EJTN attended important gatherings in Europe and around the globe. At the 8th International Organization for Judicial Training (IOJT) Conference on the Training of the Judiciary in the Philippines, the IOJT ratified a declaration providing its members judicial training guiding principles for conceptualising and providing judicial training. Significantly, it was the EJTN's own *Judicial Training Principles*, which acted as the inspiration for IOJT's judicial training guiding principles. The EJTN also welcomed delegations and guests from across Europe as well as from Africa and Asia.

With the quality of training continuing to be of primary importance, the EJTN produced its *Judicial Training Methods Guidelines for Evaluation of Judicial Training Practices* manual, a hands-on resource for evaluating training activities. Technological and IT developments were also pronounced in the past year, with webinars, databases, virtual resources and processing platforms all being developed.

The year also provided many reasons for well-deserved celebration. The EJTN welcomed, as full Members, the Office of the Prosecutor General of the Republic of Estonia and the Office of the Prosecutor General of the Republic of Lithuania, both former long-time EJTN Observers. Also, the EJTN Member organisations of the National Institute of Magistracy (NIM) in Romania and the Academy of European Law (ERA) both celebrated their 25th anniversaries!

Looking ahead, the EJTN continues to prepare for the future. The EJTN signed a grant for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) with the Directorate-General Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), which will allow for the participation of the judiciary from the Western Balkans in EJTN's training activities.

I invite you now to review this Annual Report, which highlights our Network's accomplishments in 2017 and illustrates the success we all enjoy when we as Network courageously engage with the wider judicial sphere and help shape the future of the European judiciary.

Judge Wojciech Postulski  
EJTN Secretary General

# HISTORY

2016

— Provided 27,312 individual training days with 5,556 training places for Europe's magistracy.

— Published EJTN's *Judicial Training Principles*, providing a universal framework for judicial training.

2015

— Celebrated the 10th anniversaries of the EJTN Exchange Programme and the THEMIS Competition.

2014

— Secretary General: Judge W. Postulski (2014–2017).

— EJTN's fundamental importance within the sphere of European judicial training is recognised by the Council of the European Union.\*

2013

— Regulation (EU) 1382/2013 grants EJTN an operating grant for the period 2014–2020 under the new EU Justice Programme.

— European Commission lauds EJTN's achievements, confirming its paramount role in judicial training.\*\*

2011

— Secretary General: L. Pereira, Senior Public Prosecutor (2011–2014).

— Linguistics and Civil Law training programmes launched.

2010

— Criminal I training and eLearning programmes launched.

2007

— Council's Decision of 12/02/2007 recognises EJTN as pursuing an aim of genuine European interest in the field of training of the EU judiciary.

— Linguistics Sub-Working Group formed.

2006

— In 2006, the European Commission entrusted EJTN for the implementation of the exchanges between judicial authorities, which became EJTN's flagship activity.

2008

— Secretary General: Judge V. Hall (2008–2011).

— Working Groups Exchange Programme and Technologies established.

2005

— EJTN establishes a permanent Secretariat in Brussels.

— Secretary General: Judge G. Charbonnier (2005–2008)

— EJTN's acclaimed Exchange Programme launched.

— THEMIS programme launched.

2002

— The Catalogue is EJTN's first cross-border training activity.

2001

— EJTN's first website launched.

2003

— EJTN acquires legal status.

— Secretary General: A. D'Alterio, Prosecutor (2003–2005)

2000

— Programmes, External Relations and Website Working Groups established.

— Creation of EJTN – Charter of Bordeaux.



EJTN's first logo



EJTN's first home in Brussels in 2005

\* Council Conclusions 'Training of legal practitioners: an essential tool to consolidate the EU acquis' (2014/C 443/04).

\*\* Mrs. Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the European Commission, EU Justice Commissioner, opening speech, workshop of Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, November 28, 2013.

## EJTN IN BRIEF

The European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) is an international non-profit association governed by the provisions of Belgian law relating to such associations.

EJTN is a unique association gathering the 37 Member training institutions for the judiciary from all EU Member States. EJTN promotes training programmes with a genuine European dimension for members of the European judiciary.

While celebrating over a decade of ever-increasing growth based upon solid gains over the past years, EJTN continues to improve and widen its field of work. Indeed, EJTN brings value and innovation to judicial training through its network of Members, Observers and Partners, distinctive training methodologies and steadfast cooperation with the European Commission as well as other EU institutions, judicial networks and associations.

EJTN keeps sight of the objectives of offering 1,200 exchanges in courts per year as well as to enable half of the legal practitioners in the European Union to participate in European judicial training activities by 2020, as set in the Communication “Building trust in EU-wide Justice, a new dimension to European judicial training” (COM (2011) 551).

The capacity of EJTN to play an active role and to coordinate its programme of activities is made possible thanks to several driving forces. Based on a proven and decentralised structure of planning and execution, EJTN can rely on the mobilisation of all of its Members to provide the relevant expertise and active participation necessary to develop its offer of training activities. The financial support of the European Commission is essential to ensure this development in the best possible conditions.

The merger of these factors along with the increasing trust placed in EJTN as a major and entrusted partner of the construction of a European legal area, enables EJTN's target audience, the EU judiciary, to share common values, exchange new experiences and discuss new perspectives in areas of common interest, thus instilling amongst participants the feeling of belonging to a common judicial culture from the very beginning of their careers and helping in the building of the identity of a European judge amongst the future judiciary.

The implementation and results of EJTN's annual programme of training activities have been closely scrutinised, and it is with great pleasure that several key achievements have been obtained, including:

- Further strengthening of the Network, with reference to the objectives set in the 2011 EC Communication and in the EU Justice Agenda for 2020;
- Improving coordination and assistance to national training institutions, Members and Observers, so as to facilitate and enhance their training offers; and,
- Increasing performance across existing financial and methodological means as well providing expertise and know-how through EJTN's networking.



# VISION, MISSION AND GOALS

## VISION

EJTN is an institution pursuing an aim of general European interest in the field of training of the judiciary.

EJTN is a recognised and respected player operating at the European level.

EJTN is fully autonomous in defining its own priorities and European judiciary training needs, while simultaneously retaining judicial independence, taking into account priorities set by the European institutions.

EJTN respects the different capacities, missions and structures as well as the different needs of individual Member institutions that have an impact on their possible involvement in EJTN's activities.

EJTN's role in European judicial training in the foreseeable future will remain EJTN's *raison d'être*, i.e. the initial and continuous training of EU judges and prosecutors and combining forces to achieve better and stronger results in judicial training in the European area of justice.

EJTN shall continue its drive to offer quality, innovative training activities that give added value to the training offered at the national level, whilst appreciating that the first and main responsibility for the provision of such training activities lies with national training institutes.

EJTN's Members have a legitimate interest in using the Network as their forum for networking. Therefore, it is considered fundamental that EJTN continues to provide the platform and tools adequate to allow an exchange of concepts and best practices, which should have a wider scope than only European law.

## MISSION

On 13 October 2000, the first Charter of the European Judicial Training Network was presented to the Network's founding Members. This Charter defined the Network's mission as the promotion of "a training programme with a genuine European dimension for Members of the European judiciary".

## GOALS

The European Judicial Training Network Strategic Plan 2014–2020 defines EJTN's strategic goals for this period as the following:

- To continue to foster mutual trust between judges and prosecutors from different European legal systems.
- To increase the level of knowledge of EU law among the European judiciary.
- To assure high standards of quality of European judicial training and promote high standards of quality for national judicial training.
- To foster the early development of a judge's and prosecutor's European profile.
- To strive towards an increased networking function of EJTN.
- To strive towards a more effective external cooperation.
- In the interest of maintaining judicial independence, to reinforce as far as possible, the primacy of the role of EJTN in all areas of judicial training at the EU level.

# JUDICIAL TRAINING PRINCIPLES

At EJTN's 2016 General Assembly, a landmark motion was presented and adopted. The General Assembly unanimously approved EJTN's proposed nine judicial training principles.

The judicial training principles were developed within EJTN's Steering Committee, which agreed in principle at its November 2015 meeting to draft a European statement relating to the core principles of judicial training. A process of moving the initiative forward was created and EJTN was named as the key actor in this process.

The principles establish key statements relating to the nature of judicial training, the importance of initial training, the right to regular continuous training and the integral nature of training in daily work. The principles also address the dominion of national training institutions regarding the content and delivery of training, clarify who should deliver training and stress the need for modern training techniques as well as express the need for funding and support commitments from authorities.

## A UNIVERSAL TRAINING FRAMEWORK

Intended to provide a universal training framework for Europe's judiciary and judicial training institutions, the principles provide Europe's judiciary a foundation and source of inspiration for managing their own judicial training needs. The principles also provide Europe's judicial training institutions a common foundation from which to plan and deliver judicial training activities.

### THE NINE JUDICIAL TRAINING PRINCIPLES

1. Judicial training is a multidisciplinary and practical type of training, essentially intended for the transmission of professional techniques and values complementary to legal education.
2. All judges and prosecutors should receive initial training before or on their appointment.
3. All judges and prosecutors should have the right to regular continuous training after appointment and throughout their careers and it is their responsibility to undertake it. Every Member State should put in place systems that ensure judges and prosecutors are able to exercise this right and responsibility.
4. Training is part of the normal working life of a judge and a prosecutor. All judges and prosecutors should have time to undertake training as part of the normal working time, unless it exceptionally jeopardises the service of justice.
5. In accordance with the principles of judicial independence the design, content and delivery of judicial training are exclusively for national institutions responsible for judicial training to determine.
6. Training should primarily be delivered by judges and prosecutors who have been previously trained for this purpose.
7. Active and modern educational techniques should be given primacy in judicial training.
8. Member States should provide national institutions responsible for judicial training with sufficient funding and other resources to achieve their aims and objectives.
9. The highest judicial authorities should support judicial training.

The judicial training principles, available in Europe's official languages, may be found from EJTN's website.





ACTORS

# EJTN MEMBERS



BUNDESMINISTERIUM FÜR VERFASSUNG,  
REFORMEN, DEREGULIERUNG UND JUSTIZ

**AUSTRIA**  
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF CONSTITUTIONAL  
AFFAIRS, REFORMS, DEREGULATION AND  
JUSTICE



**BELGIUM**  
BELGIAN JUDICIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE



**BULGARIA**  
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE



**CROATIA**  
JUDICIAL ACADEMY



**CYPRUS**  
SUPREME COURT OF CYPRUS



**CZECH REPUBLIC**  
THE CZECH JUDICIAL ACADEMY



**DENMARK**  
THE DANISH COURT ADMINISTRATION



**ACADEMY OF EUROPEAN LAW (ERA)**



**ESTONIA**  
OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL



**ESTONIA**  
SUPREME COURT OF ESTONIA



**FINLAND**  
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE



**FRANCE**  
THE FRENCH NATIONAL SCHOOL FOR THE  
JUDICIARY (ENM)



GERMANY  
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND  
CONSUMER PROTECTION



GREECE  
NATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE JUDICIARY



HUNGARY  
NATIONAL OFFICE FOR THE JUDICIARY



HUNGARY  
OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL



IRELAND  
COMMITTEE FOR JUDICIAL STUDIES



ITALY  
HIGH COUNCIL FOR THE JUDICIARY



ITALY  
THE SCHOOL FOR THE JUDICIARY



LATVIA  
LATVIAN JUDICIAL TRAINING CENTRE



LITHUANIA  
NATIONAL COURTS ADMINISTRATION



LITHUANIA  
PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE



LUXEMBOURG  
PARQUET GÉNÉRAL



MALTA  
JUDICIAL STUDIES COMMITTEE



THE NETHERLANDS  
TRAINING AND STUDY CENTRE FOR THE  
JUDICIARY



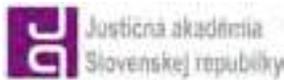
**POLAND**  
THE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF JUDICIARY AND  
PUBLIC PROSECUTION



**PORTUGAL**  
CENTRE FOR JUDICIAL STUDIES



**ROMANIA**  
ROMANIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF  
MAGISTRACY



**SLOVAK REPUBLIC**  
JUDICIAL ACADEMY OF THE SLOVAK  
REPUBLIC



**SLOVENIA**  
THE JUDICIAL TRAINING CENTRE



**SPAIN**  
CENTRE FOR LEGAL STUDIES



CONSEJO GENERAL DEL PODER JUDICIAL  
ESCUELA JUDICIAL

**SPAIN**  
THE SPANISH JUDICIAL SCHOOL



DOMSTOLSVERKET  
SVERIGES DOMSTOLAR

**SWEDEN**  
COURTS OF SWEDEN JUDICIAL TRAINING  
ACADEMY



**SWEDISH PROSECUTION AUTHORITY**



JUDICIAL  
COLLEGE

**UK**  
ENGLAND AND WALES – THE JUDICIAL  
COLLEGE



**UK**  
NORTHERN IRELAND – JUDICIAL STUDIES  
BOARD

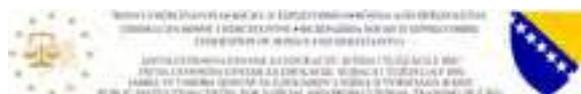


**UK**  
SCOTLAND – JUDICIAL INSTITUTE FOR  
SCOTLAND

## EJTN OBSERVERS



ALBANIA  
ALBANIA MAGISTRATES SCHOOL



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA  
PUBLIC INSTITUTION CENTRE FOR JUDICIAL  
AND PROSECUTORIAL TRAINING OF THE  
FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



CENTRE FOR JUDICIAL AND  
PROSECUTORIAL TRAINING OF REPUBLIKA  
SRPSKA



GEORGIA  
THE HIGH SCHOOL OF JUSTICE



ACADEMY FOR JUDGES AND PUBLIC PROSECUTORS PAVEL SHATEV\*

FYROM - MACEDONIA  
ACADEMY FOR JUDGES AND PUBLIC  
PROSECUTORS



MOLDOVA  
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE



MONTENEGRO  
JUDICIAL TRAINING CENTRE / CENTRE  
FOR TRAINING IN JUDICIARY AND STATE  
PROSECUTION SERVICE



NORWEGIAN COURTS  
ADMINISTRATION

NORWAY  
NORWEGIAN COURTS ADMINISTRATION



SERBIA  
JUDICIAL ACADEMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
SERBIA



SWITZERLAND  
FOUNDATION FOR THE CONTINUOUS  
TRAINING OF SWISS JUDGES

# EJTN PARTNERS

## TRUSTED PARTNERSHIPS AND TOPIC EXPERTS

Absolutely vital to EJTN's training offering is having a close cooperation with partners. EJTN will continue its time-honoured tradition of collaboration with its trusted partners to provide expertise in designing and cross-promoting training programmes. EJTN is proud to continue its long legacy of collaboration with its partners in order to deliver top-quality judicial training to Europe's judges and prosecutors.



### Genocide Network - European Network for investigation and prosecution of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes

- Seminar entitled *Prosecuting and judging core international crimes within the EU. Combating impunity.*



### Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4



### Association of the Councils of State and Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions of the European Union (ACA-Europe)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4



### Regional Cooperation Council

- Cooperation with judiciary of Western Balkans countries



### United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

- Global Judicial Integrity Network
- Study visits



### European Judicial Cybercrime Network

- Combatting cybercrime through training



### Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4
- Conference on Leadership



### Eurojust

- Long Term Exchanges
- Study Visits
- International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters in Practice: EAW and MLA simulations project



### European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial matters (EJN-Civil)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4



### European Judicial Network

- International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters in Practice: EAW and MLA simulations project
- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4
- Cooperation on linguistic training for EJN contact points



### Joint Investigation Teams (JIT) Network

- EJTN-CEPOL-JIT Network Secretariat Cooperation on Joint Investigation Team Seminars



### Court of Justice of the European Union

- Long Term Exchanges
- Study Visits



### European Commission

- Implementation of Operating Grant
- Needs analysis
- Study visits (Brussels)



### European Asylum Support Office (EASO)

- Cooperation within Court and Tribunal Network
- Mapping training needs



### The European Association of Labour Court Judges

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4

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### International Association of Refugee Law Judges (IARLJ)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4
- Seminar on EU Asylum Law
- Specialised judicial exchanges



### EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

- JHA meeting of the training coordinators
- Study visits



### Council of Europe

- Study Visits
- Help in 28



### European Court of Human Rights

- Long Term Exchanges
- Study Visits
- Seminar on Human Rights



### European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training

- EJTN-CEPOL-JIT Network Secretariat Cooperation on Joint Investigation Team Seminars
- Joint seminars and webinars
- Training analyses



### European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment (ENPE)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4
- Specialised judicial exchanges



### European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment (EUFJE)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4
- Specialised judicial exchanges



### Association of European Competition Law Judges (AECJL)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4



### Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ)

- Cooperation on Judicial Training on Alternative Dispute Resolution in Administrative Law
- Cooperation on Judicial Training in Conflicts of Norms in the Application of Fundamental Rights
- Specialised judicial exchanges



### Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology on Cultural Diversity and Judiciary Practice in Europe

- Cooperation on a study on Cultural Diversity and Judiciary Practice in Europe
- Survey on National Training Courses for Judges on Cultural Diversity



### European Association of Judges for Mediation (GEMME)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4
- Cooperation on seminar on mediation in administrative law
- Specialised judicial exchanges

### EJTN IS ALSO ENGAGED IN OTHER COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS WITH THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

- e-Justice Communication via Online Data Exchange
- Ecole Nationale des Greffes
- European Institute of Public Administration
- European Lawyers' Foundation
- European Patent Office
- European Union Intellectual Property Office
- European University Institute
- International Association for European Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs
- International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates
- International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law
- Judicial Network of the European Union
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- Panel of Recognized International Market Experts in Finance
- Pharma crime
- Robert Schuman Foundation
- South East European Judicial Training Network
- The Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe

## EJTN GOVERNANCE

### DECENTRALISED PLANNING AND EXECUTION PRINCIPLES

Based on a decentralised planning and execution of its activities, EJTN relies on its Members, Observers and Partners to facilitate and enhance its training offering.

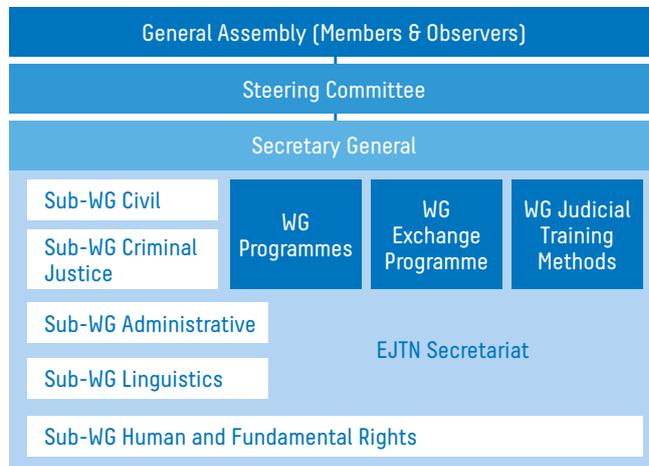
The decentralised planning concept means that every activity to be carried out within the EJTN annual training programme should firstly be identified as corresponding to an actual training need of the European judiciary by EJTN Members of the appropriate Working Group or Sub-Working Group. In addition, it also signifies that the activity in question will be soundly designed and structured, relying on the expertise provided by several EJTN Members.

The decentralised execution concept envisages ensuring that every EJTN Member is entitled to present its candidacy to host any of the training activities or any other EJTN event included in its programme, if it so wishes. This concept encourages a favourable, widespread distribution of training within the EJTN framework among all EU countries.

### EJTN'S STATUTORY BODIES AND GOVERNANCE

EJTN's statutory bodies and governance promote internal democracy and stimulate cooperation.

- The General Assembly comprises representatives from all Member institutions, and meets annually
- The Steering Committee comprises 8 elected Members and meets five times annually
- The Secretary General, a seconded judge or prosecutor, directs daily operations
- The Working Groups (WG) and Sub Working-Groups (Sub-WG) plan and implement programmes within their fields
- EJTN works with 37 Member institutions from the 28 EU Member States as well as numerous Observer and Partner institutions



Elected in 2016 and with their mandates beginning in March 2017, EJTN's Steering Committee, Working Groups and Sub-Working Groups are made up of the below EJTN Members.

### STEERING COMMITTEE

#### The French National School for the Judiciary (ENM) (France) – Chair



##### Members:

- Belgian Judicial Training Institute (Belgium)
- Academy of European Law (ERA)
- Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany)
- High School for the Judiciary (Italy)
- Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary (The Netherlands)
- Centre For Judicial Studies (Portugal)
- Romanian National Institute of Magistracy (Romania)
- The Spanish Judicial School (Spain)

### WORKING GROUP JUDICIAL TRAINING METHODS

#### The School for the Judiciary (Italy)



##### Members:

- Belgian Judicial Training Institute (Belgium)
- National Institute of Justice (Bulgaria)
- Judicial Academy (Croatia)
- The Czech Judicial Academy (Czech Republic)
- The Danish Court Administration (Denmark)
- Academy of European Law (ERA)
- The French National School for the Judiciary (ENM) (France)
- Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany)
- National School of Judges (Greece)
- High Council for the Judiciary (Italy)
- Latvian Judicial Training Centre (Latvia)
- Norwegian Courts Administration (Norway) - Observer
- National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (Poland)
- Centre for Judicial Studies (Portugal)
- Romanian National Institute of Magistracy (Romania)
- The Judicial Training Centre (Slovenia)
- Centre for Legal Studies (Spain)
- The Spanish Judicial School (Spain)
- Courts of Sweden Judicial Training Academy (Sweden)
- Swedish Prosecution Authority (Sweden)
- The Judicial College (UK – England & Wales)

### WORKING GROUP EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

#### Belgian Judicial Training Institute (Belgium) – Convener



##### Members:

- Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice (Austria)
- National Institute of Justice (Bulgaria)
- Judicial Academy (Croatia)
- The Czech Judicial Academy (Czech Republic)
- Supreme Court (Estonia)
- The French National School for the Judiciary (ENM) (France)
- Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany)
- National School of Judges (Greece)
- The School for the Judiciary (Italy)
- National Courts Administration (Lithuania)
- Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary (The Netherlands)
- The National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (Poland)
- Centre for Judicial Studies (Portugal)
- Romanian National Institute of Magistracy (Romania)
- The Judicial Training Centre (Slovenia)
- Centre for Legal Studies (Spain)
- The Spanish Judicial School (Spain)

### WORKING GROUP PROGRAMMES

#### Academy of European Law (ERA) – Convener



##### Members:

- Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice (Austria)
- Belgian Judicial Training Institute (Belgium)
- National Institute of Justice (Bulgaria)
- Judicial Academy (Croatia)
- The Czech Judicial Academy (Czech Republic)
- Ministry of Justice (Finland)
- The French National School for the Judiciary (ENM) (France)
- Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany)
- National School of Judges (Greece)
- The School for the Judiciary (Italy)
- Latvian Judicial Training Centre (Latvia)
- National Courts Administration (Lithuania)
- National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (Poland)
- Centre for Judicial Studies (Portugal)
- Romanian National Institute of Magistracy (Romania)
- The Judicial Training Centre (Slovenia)
- Centre for Legal Studies (Spain)
- The Spanish Judicial School (Spain)

SUB-WORKING GROUP CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Centre for Legal Studies (Spain) – Convener



Members:

- Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice (Austria)
- Belgian Judicial Training Institute (Belgium)
- Judicial Academy (Croatia)
- The French National School for the Judiciary (ENM) (France)
- Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection in coordination with the Bavarian Ministry of Justice (Germany)
- National School of Judges (Greece)
- The School for the Judiciary (Italy)
- The National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (Poland)
- Centre for Judicial Studies (Portugal)

SUB-WORKING GROUP CIVIL

The Spanish Judicial School (Spain) – Convener



Members:

- Belgian Judicial Training Institute (Belgium)
- Judicial Academy (Croatia)
- The Czech Judicial Academy (Czech Republic)
- Academy of European Law (ERA)
- Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany)
- National School of Judges (Greece)
- The School for the Judiciary (Italy)
- Centre for Judicial Studies (Portugal)
- The Judicial Training Centre (Slovenia)

SUB-WORKING GROUP LINGUISTICS

The Czech Judicial Academy (Czech Republic) – Convener



Members:

- National Institute of Justice (Bulgaria)
- Judicial Academy (Croatia)
- The French National School for the Judiciary (ENM) (France)
- Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany)
- The School for the Judiciary (Italy)
- Latvian Judicial Training Centre (Latvia)
- National Courts Administration (Lithuania)
- Centre for Judicial Studies (Portugal)
- Centre for Legal Studies (Spain)
- The Spanish Judicial School (Spain)

SUB-WORKING GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE

Romanian Institute of Magistracy (Romania) – Convener



Members:

- Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice (Austria)
- Judicial Academy (Croatia)
- Academy of European Law (ERA)
- Ministry of Justice (Finland)
- The School for the Judiciary (Italy)
- National Courts Administration (Lithuania)
- The Judicial Training Centre (Slovenia)

SUB-WORKING GROUP HUMAN AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany) – Convener

Members:

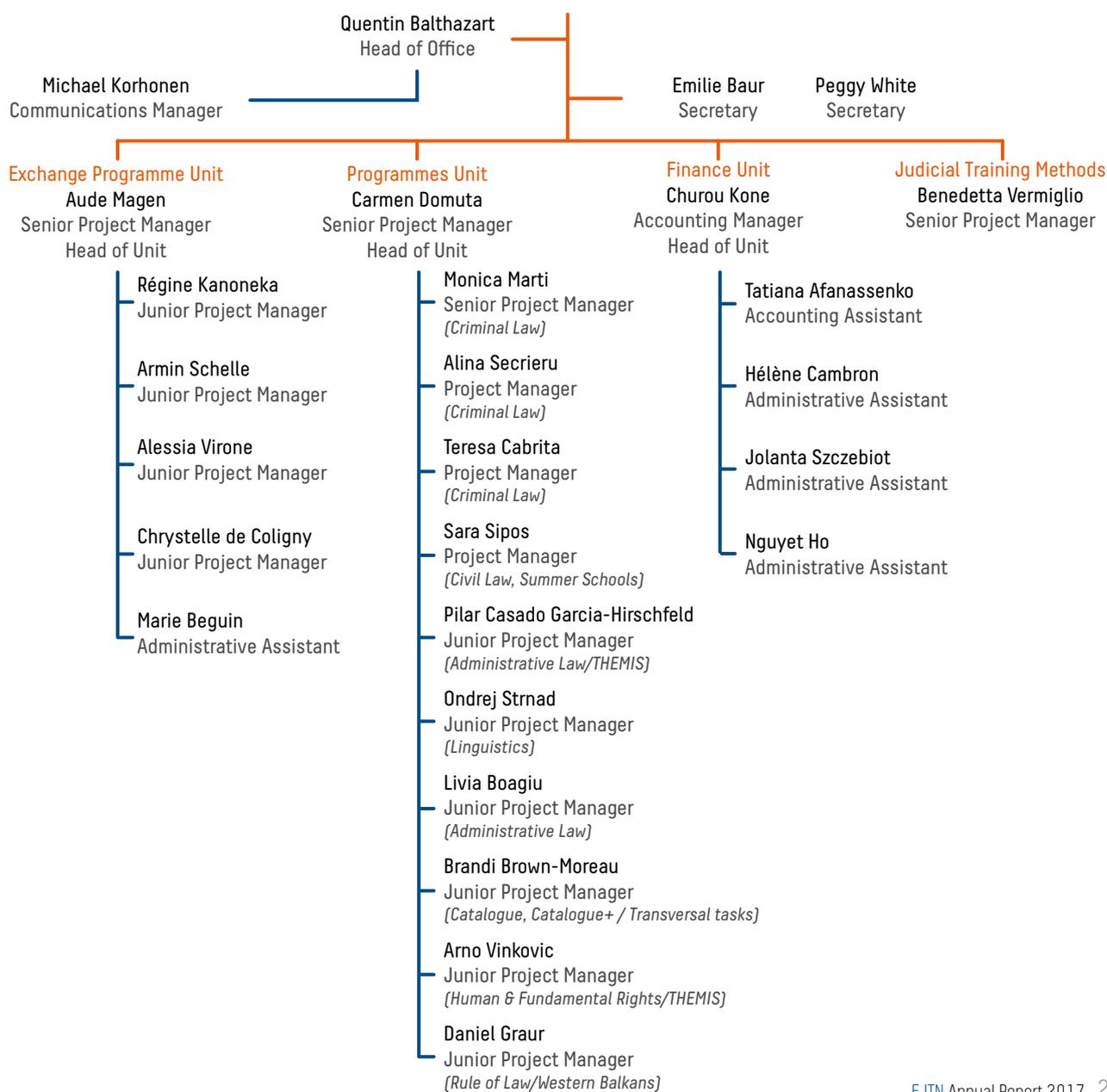
- Judicial Academy (Croatia)
- Ministry of Justice (Finland)
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# ACTIVITIES

# EXCHANGE PROGRAMME FOR JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES

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## OVERVIEW

The process of further integration of European Union law and an increasing need for co-operation between European judicial systems lead to new challenges and ever-developing requirements for judicial training on a European level. By promoting exchanges and mutual co-operation, EJTN's Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities aims at tightening the bonds between the European judiciary and contributing to a genuine European judicial culture based on mutual trust and multilateral knowledge between judicial authorities of the EU Member States. A greater outreach and an even larger variety of event formats made 2017 an exceptional success for the EJTN Exchange Programme.

Each year, the Exchange Programme contributes to EJTN's traditional effort to encourage European judicial authorities to an ever-closer co-operation and a better understanding of their counterparts through the organisation of a variety of short-term exchanges in the courts or prosecution offices of EU Member States, study visits and long-term training periods in the European courts, European institutions and agencies and a special programme – the AIAKOS Programme – dedicated exclusively to the future and early-career judiciary.

## CONTINUED GROWTH AND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMES

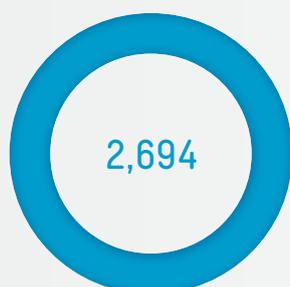
In 2017, EJTN continued its efforts to further develop judicial exchanges in the framework of the Exchange Programme. Recently introduced exchange types (specialised exchanges, including exchanges for judicial leaders, and bilateral exchanges) were significantly enhanced with an extended offer across the EU Member States. In 2017 EJTN also launched an innovative study visit at the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna.

Meanwhile, EJTN continued to focus on the training of the future and early-career judiciary through the development of the AIAKOS Programme, which recorded a surge in the number of participants for another year in a row and involved as many as 20 EU Member States.

## RESULTS

The global number of participants in the Exchange Programme activities rose by over 20% in 2017 compared to the corresponding figure of the previous year. Nearly 2,700 judges, prosecutors and judicial trainers as well as future judges and prosecutors benefited from the Programme in 26 EU Member States.

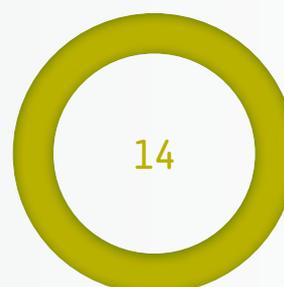
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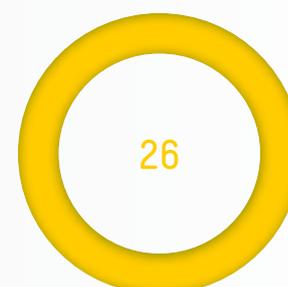
# of exchanges



# study visits



# of Member States



## DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

In 2017, nearly 2,700 judges, prosecutors, judicial trainers and future members of the judiciary took part in the wide range of training activities offered under the EJTN Exchange Programme.

The number of **short-term exchanges** organised in the framework of the EJTN Exchange Programme in courts, prosecution offices and training institutions of the EU Member States continued to rise in 2017 and reached a record-breaking number of almost 1,250 participants.

The following types of short-term exchanges took place in 2017:

- **General exchanges in the courts/prosecution offices of the EU Member States.** These are organised either as individual or group exchanges, on a one- or two-week basis, and provide European judges/prosecutors with valuable insight into the judicial daily practice of their counterparts in other EU Member States.
- **Exchanges for judicial trainers.** These allow judicial trainers to exchange best practices in the area of judicial training.
- **Specialised exchanges.** These are organised in cooperation with EJTN members as well as with a number of partner networks and associations of judges/prosecutors. In 2017 these were offered across a broader range of differing fields, such as asylum law, banking law, competition law, contract law, economic crime/financial delinquency, environmental law, family law, insolvency proceedings, labour law, mediation, organised crime, counter-terrorism, refugee law and tax law, which allowed for a trebling in the number of participants compared to the previous year.

- **Bilateral exchanges.** These exchanges allow judges/prosecutors from one court or prosecution office to visit another court or prosecution office in a different EU Member State, for a period of one week, on a bilateral basis. The number of bilateral exchanges participants increased by fourfold in 2017 compared to the year previous.

- **Exchanges for court presidents and chief prosecutors.** These tailored exchanges, begun in 2016, give judicial leaders the possibility to meet with their European counterparts and exchange best practices and experience in issues such as leadership and court management.

Last year's record participation in **long-term training periods** at the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) and Eurojust was again surpassed in 2017 with a total of 45 beneficiaries from 17 EU Member States. Long-term training periods (3 to 12 months) allow an in-depth insight to the work and daily business of the hosting institutions.

EJTN observed a steady number of participants in the 14 **study visits**, conducted in both English and French, within the framework of the Exchange Programme. Study visits aim at providing an insight on the procedures and functioning of institutions on a European level. Alongside the well-established and highly acclaimed study visits at the CJEU, the ECtHR, Eurojust and EU institutions, EJTN organised for the first time in 2017 a visit to the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna. This unique study visit allowed the participants to familiarise themselves with the work and tools developed by both institutions in areas such as asylum and migration, non-discrimination, children's rights, hate crime, access to justice, data protection and judicial integrity.



Study visit at FRA-UNODC,  
Vienna, Austria

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Finally, EJTN continued to strive towards the development of the successful **AIAKOS Programme**, a specific programme dedicated to the future European judiciary and early-career judges and prosecutors, allowing them to experience judicial work and culture in another country, or to host their counterparts in their home country. The year 2017 brought another rise of almost 25 % in total participation in the AIAKOS programme compared to the previous year, allowing 926 participants to take part in an exchange in one of 20 different EU Member States. Amongst the topics tackled in 2017 were judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, the fight against terrorism, asylum matters, judicial skills and ethics.

After another year of highly appreciated training activities in 2017, EJTN's Exchange Programme team and EJTN's National Contact Points in 32 institutions in the EU Member States remain highly motivated to tackle new challenges and reinforce their co-operation for the benefit of the European Union's judiciary.

ACTIVITY TYPE	PARTICIPANTS
General exchanges in courts/POs of the EU MS	890
Specialised exchanges	132
Bilateral exchanges	120
Exchanges for court presidents and chief prosecutors	58
Exchanges for judicial trainers	49
Study visits at the ECtHR, the CJEU, Eurojust, EU institutions and FRA/UNODC	474
Long-term training periods at the ECtHR, the CJEU and Eurojust	45
AIAKOS Programme	926
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,694</b>



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# ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SEMINARS

## OVERVIEW

The year 2017 was defined by ambitious projects, new methodologies and a greater outreach of EJTN's Administrative Law Seminars. From flagship trainings on asylum law to new projects with new partners, this project put forward a uniquely diverse and dynamic training offer.

### AN ENHANCED OFFERING OF TRAINING

The EJTN Administrative Law Sub-Working Group (SWG) embodies EJTN's commitment to addressing the training needs of all judicial professionals across Europe. Since its creation 6 years ago, it has expanded its curriculum to include a rich set of trainings in fields as diverse as the EU preliminary rulings, tax law, asylum law, antitrust issues, EU competition law and much more. Its day-and-a-half trainings gather judges, prosecutors and judicial trainers from across Europe to discuss the most recent legal developments in their respective fields of legal practice, going beyond a lecture-based approach to focus on the exchange of knowledge and the enhancement of practical skills, through interactive workshops, online exercises and the analysis of real cases. At these trainings, participants learn more about their counterparts in different EU Member States and discuss key legal issues with leading experts in their field.

### NEW PARTNERS

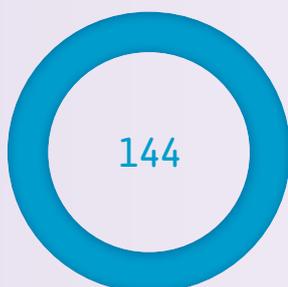
In 2017, the Administrative Law SWG implemented trainings with the support of a key partner – the Max Plank Institute for Social Anthropology (MPI) – to enrich the quality of its trainings, introduce new training methodologies and enhance the resources available to practitioners. Committed to increasing the outreach of its activities and the implementation of interactive training methodologies, the group remained engaged with the use of new technologies. It provided participants to its trainings with supporting e-learning courses on EU Preliminary Ruling procedures.

The Administrative Law Seminars offered day-and-a-half training activities aimed at judges and prosecutors and judicial trainers across the EU Member States. The trainings included a set of framework lectures and multiple workshops where participants discussed practical cases and exchanged views on their domestic legislation and the application of the relevant EU legal instruments.

## RESULTS

The Administrative Law Sub-Working Group seminars are an effective way of training EU magistrates, but also provide an excellent platform and opportunity for knowledge exchange.

# of participants



# of events



# of Member States



## DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

**The first Administrative Law Seminar's training on Data Protection and Privacy Rights, held in June at the Judicial Studies Centre (CEJ) Lisbon, Portugal, focused on the most relevant legal and jurisprudential developments in the field of data protection and privacy rights.**

The seminar gathered leading experts in this field to offer a practical overview of the new regulation and directives stemming from the EU's data protection reform package, as well as a discussion on the Court of Justice (CJEU) seminal judgment on the *Right to be Forgotten*. The practical workshops focused on online privacy, access to information, and exceptions to the protection of personal data. The training counted in the presence of a total of 33 participants. It served as a forum for the exchange of knowledge and best practices between judges from across the EU.

The second training of 2017 was held in June at The Academy of European Law (ERA) in Trier, Germany. The training comprised three, consecutive half-day workshop sessions. A total of 28 participants to this event followed a pre-course online training on the principles and sources of European environmental law and devoted their time in-training to the discussion of practical cases on selected issues in this field. The workshop sessions were led by a panel of 4 expert-speakers.

The third training on EU Preliminary Ruling Procedure was held in October at the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection in Konigs Wusterhausen, Germany, where 39 magistrates from 14 EU Member States revisited the basics of this European mechanism and the role of domestic courts in ensuring the uniform application of EU law. Through active panel discussions and practical work in small-group workshops, participants analysed real cases and drafted questions to the court. Exercises were followed by a session led by current CJEU officials on good practices and mistakes in drafting a reference to the court, and guidance on how to read, interpret and implement CJEU judgments.

The fourth training on EU asylum law was held at the Swedish Prosecution Authority in Stockholm, Sweden, with the support of the Max Plank Institute for Social Anthropology (MPI). This training gathered 44 magistrates from 22 EU Member States. Participants were divided into two groups, for two consecutive workshops, focused on a legal and anthropological analysis of an asylum claim based on fear of persecution on grounds of sexual orientation and religious belief. It also provided a forum for the exchange of judicial experience in dealing with soaring caseloads in this field (including reports from German, Italian, Dutch and British participants), background sessions on the flow of asylum seekers to Europe, the application of the ECHR in asylum cases, credibility assessments and the gathering of country of origin information.



## TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
Data Protection and Privacy Rights seminar	Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ), Portugal	23 – 24 March 2017	Ana Celeste
EU Environmental Law seminar	Academy of European Law (ERA), Germany	12-13 June 2017	Jean-Phillipe Rageade
EU Preliminary Ruling Procedure seminar	Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany	26-27 October 2017	Andrej Kmecl
EU Asylum Law seminar	Swedish Prosecution Authority, Sweden	2-3 November 2017	Emil Waris

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## CIVIL LAW SEMINARS

### OVERVIEW

The EJTN Civil Law Seminars aim to strengthen judicial training in civil justice cooperation among EU professionals. The Civil Law Seminars project, launched in 2011, covers a wide range of targeted trainings in a variety of legal fields in civil justice matters.

The Civil Law Seminars project aims to improve judicial cooperation in civil law matters and focuses on the development of the participating countries' legal systems and judicial culture as well as the main aspects of EU law.

### THE CIVIL LAW SUB-WORKING GROUP SEMINARS – GROWING NUMBER OF TRAINING EVENTS

EJTN's Civil Law Sub-Working Group (SWG), which oversees the Civil Law Seminars, organises training opportunities that are the result of the expertise and commitment of EJTN Member institutions to the development of judicial training in Civil law matters across the EU Member States.

The Civil Law SWG is comprised of representatives from 9 EJTN Member institutions: the Academy of European Law (ERA), the Belgian Judicial Training Institute, the Judicial Academy of Croatia, the Judicial Academy of the Czech Republic, the Federal Ministry of Justice and Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection of Germany, the National School of Judiciary of Greece, the School

for the Judiciary of Italy, the Centre for Judiciary Studies of Portugal and the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Slovenia Judicial Training Centre. The convener of the Civil Law SWG is the Spanish Judicial School.

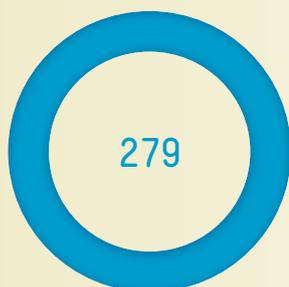
Since its creation 6 years ago, the Civil Law SWG has extended its training offer each year, and in 2017, 6 seminars were offered in key topics ranging from European family law and labor law to European procedural law and commercial law.

The Civil Law project offers training activities from 1.5 to 2.5 days in length, which are aimed at judges and prosecutors and judicial trainers across the EU Member States. The trainings combine the theory-based approach along with the analysis of real cases in the framework of interactive workshops.

### RESULTS

The Civil Law Sub-Working Group Seminars are an effective way of training EU magistrates also providing an excellent platform and opportunity for knowledge exchange.

# of participants



# of events



# of Member States



## DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

**In 2017, the Civil Law SWG organised a total of 6 seminars of a two-day length, covering identified key areas as requiring judicial training at the EU level. The trainings were open to magistrates from all EU Member States. A total of 279 EU justice professionals attended the training events. In addition, 39 expert-speakers were invited based on their expertise in the subject matter.**

The first Civil law seminar on European Labour Law (*Building a new European Labour Law in the light of the EU and the CoE's legal frameworks*), held in April at the Judicial Studies Centre (CEJ) in Lisbon, was a repeated training event and was implemented in the previous years as well. The seminar counted the presence of a total of 49 participants originating from 21 different EU Member States. The training was led by a panel of 4 expert-speakers. The event's sessions were podcasted and are freely available on EJTN's website.

The second event of 2017 was held in July at the Spanish Judicial School in Barcelona, which was also a repetition of the previous successfully implemented initial Civil law seminar on the service of documents and taking of evidence abroad. The event saw the participation of a total of 48 judges and prosecutors, representing 18 EU Member States. The training was led by a panel of 5 expert-speakers, including from the European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial matters.

The third seminar, on intellectual property law, was held in September at Romania's National Institute of Magistracy in Bucharest. This seminar was repeated for the second time. A total of 38 judges and prosecutors were selected from 18 EU Member States to attend this event.

The fourth event of 2017, on the Brussels I regulation – jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgements in civil matters, was held in October in Portoroz, Slovenia and was organised by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Slovenia Judicial Training Centre. The training was led by a panel of 6 expert-speakers and saw the participation of 46 judges and prosecutors from 20 different EU Member States. This training introduced a mock trial session to provide participants with a widened knowledge on EU legislation and case law.

The fifth seminar concerned, for the first time, the topic of cross-border maintenance. The training was held at the Academy of European Law (ERA) in Trier, Germany, for a total of 39 participants, representing 15 EU Member States. The training was led by a panel of 6 expert-speakers.

Finally, the last event of 2017 focused on European civil procedure in family law matters and was held at the Belgian Judicial Training Institute in Brussels. It offered a total of 60 magistrates representing 14 EU countries,

the possibility to attend the training session. This event has been implemented for the third time by the Civil Law Sub-Working Group. In addition, this training was made available online in podcast format, for direct access and download for all interested EU magistrates.

All of the above-referenced training events included active panel discussions combined with practical work in small-group workshops. At the trainings, participants had the opportunity to learn and exchange ideas with their European counterparts in different EU Member States as well as discuss emerging legal topics with leading expert speakers.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE ACTIONS

In cooperation with the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL), the Civil Law SWG implemented its first webinar entitled *Wrongful removal or retention of the child – the Brussels II bis Regulation*.

Within the scope of the Civil Law seminars, future actions will involve pursuing a broader spectrum of fields in order to give a more complete offering for the training needs of EU justice professionals.

Building on the positive results of the seminars as well as the growing demand for workshop sessions, the number of Civil Law training activities in 2018 will be 7. The EJTN Civil Law SWG will also implement further podcast-based seminars and two webinars in 2018 as well, allowing for all interested EU professionals free access to EJTN training programmes.

Under the framework of cooperation with EJTN project partners, and always seeking new training challenges, in 2018 the Civil Law SWG will continue its cooperation with the EJM-Civil Network and with the European Association of Judges for Mediation (GEMME) in implementing the successfully repeated training event entitled *European Civil Procedure in Family Law Matters*.

## TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
European Labour Law	Centre for Judicial Studies, Portugal	3-4 April 2017	Diogo Ravara
Service of documents/taking of evidence	Spanish Judicial School, Spain	13-14 July 2017	Cristina G. Beilfuss
Intellectual Property Law	National Institute of Magistracy (NIM), Romania	20-21 September 2017	Octavia Spinenau Matei
Brussels I regulation – jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgements in civil matters	Judicial Training Center, Slovenia	11-12 October 2017	Nicoletta Aloj
Cross-border Maintenance	Academy of European Law (ERA), Germany	6-7 November 2017	Angelika Fuchs
European civil procedure in family law matters	Belgian Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	4-5 December 2017	Umit Oral / Ilse Couwenberg



*Civil Law Seminars,  
Portorož, Slovenia*

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE SEMINARS

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## OVERVIEW

The EU justice policy is growing in importance, but still needs to be further strengthened to ensure that citizens, legal practitioners and judges fully trust judicial decisions irrespective of the Member State where these have been taken. In this regard, the importance of the EU criminal justice area, and its consolidation through a significant *acquis*, requires that judicial training in criminal matters ensure practitioners not only collaborate and cooperate beyond borders, but also enhance knowledge for the effectiveness of EU law.

Under the monitoring of EJTN's Criminal Justice Sub-Working Group (CJS WG), the Criminal Justice Seminars project continued delivering a series of trainings aiming at offering practitioners the needed platform to exchange best practices and stimulate discussions on practical matters linked to the use of the legal instruments in judicial cooperation, procedural safeguards and cross-border evidence.

The well-known *learn-by-doing* methodology helped to ensure that seminar participants, representing all EU Member States, were able to practice cross-border

cooperation using case scenarios. Furthermore, in 2017, new training activities were held, which raised awareness and improved knowledge about asset recovery and confiscation, core international crimes and counter-terrorism.

Finally, in this year, specialised trainings continued to be organised through collaborative partnerships, particularly with the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL), on very topical subjects such as the fight against migrant smuggling in the Mediterranean and Western Balkans routes or financial investigations in Trafficking in Human Beings (THB) cases.

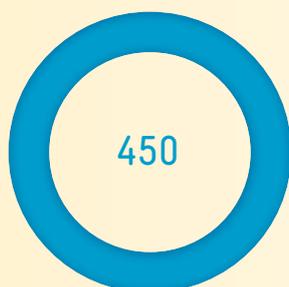
## DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

The 2017 criminal justice seminar's flagship training event in EU criminal law punctuated the year's activities within this area. It was a series of seminars on international judicial cooperation in criminal matters, EU cross-border evidence and procedural rights in criminal proceedings in the EU.

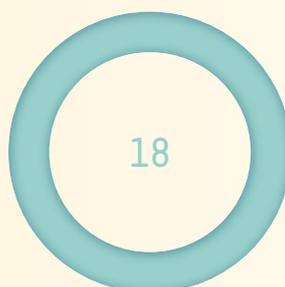
## RESULTS

The trends in the number of judges and prosecutors attending the events organised by EJTN reflected a growing interest of practitioners to take part in seminars within key topics of the different areas of EU criminal law. While judicial cooperation in criminal matters (focused on the European Investigation Order) continues to be an area of great focus for practitioners, other key topics such as financial investigations, asset recovery and confiscation as well as migrant smuggling were also in high demand.

# of participants



# of events



# of Member States



In 2017, the classic series of 4 training seminars, based on an interactive approach and enriched with simulations, were implemented by EJTN. Each of the different seminars recreated a real scenario of cooperation requests dealing with a practical case based on migrant smuggling, cybercrime or terrorism.

Key lectures and presentations linked to the topics developed by the case scenarios were at the core of the seminars. European Judicial Network (EJN) and EUROJUST, the main actors of judicial cooperation, played a main role in fostering mutual trust and understanding in criminal matters by supporting practitioners during the entire exercise.

Two seminars entitled *EU cross-border evidence in practice* were aimed at making participants aware of the current legal landscape of EU cross-border evidence and different regimes for the obtaining of evidence.

The key learning objective was to provide knowledge on the European Investigation Order (EIO) as well as to stress its legal and practical implications as the new legal instrument for gathering and using evidence abroad.

The seminars were also a forum for discussions to raise those questions to help practitioners in daily praxis on how to solve problems in cross-border investigations as issuing/executing judicial authority. The seminars also highlighted the differences and common approaches in gathering, obtaining and using evidence in view of its admissibility abroad.

Finally, in 2017, EJTN provided for two training events entitled *Procedural safeguards in criminal proceedings*, which aimed at offering a platform for practical discussions for a better overview of criminal defense rights under a set of Directives designed to reinforce procedural safeguards in criminal proceedings (including interpretation and translation, information and access to a lawyer).

### SPECIALISED SEMINARS IN EU CRIMINAL LAW

In 2017, EJTN also organised specialised seminars, targeting different key topics and audiences.

The training activity entitled *Gathering and admissibility of evidence in Counter-terrorism: challenges and best practices* was focused on the practical evidentiary challenges involved in the investigation, prosecution and trial of terrorism cases.

This training gathered judges and prosecutors from different EU Member States to exchange views and best practices on the treatment of terrorism cases, the gathering and use of evidence from third States and conflict zones, the use of intelligence as evidence, and the use of evidence from social media and other online platforms.

The three-day introductory training entitled *Joint Training with the GNS on the Impact of Refugees in Europe on the Investigation and Prosecution of Core International Crimes* was held in Nuremberg and gathered 37 participants from 15 different countries.

The training combined lectures delivered by experienced judges, prosecutors and experts with workshops and plenary discussions, offering space for active discussions on international instruments and case law linked to the international crimes.

The event concluded with a moot court session held at the historical *Courtroom 600*, where participants acted as prosecution, defense and chamber judges in solving a practical case based on real facts.

The overall aim of the *Economic crimes: asset recovery and confiscation in the EU* seminar was to increase understanding and common approaches on financial investigations, confiscation and criminal assets recovery. The seminar also aimed to discuss the practical use of legal instruments in this area, exchange knowledge and facilitate cooperation between the judicial authorities of the EU Member States as well as with international organisations and EU agencies

The role of different agencies such as EUROPOL, EUROJUST and the Asset Recovery Offices (AROs) were key issues debated among practitioners and the experts. A particular emphasis was placed on the mutual recognition of non-convictions based on confiscation orders.

### CEPOL-EJTN JOINT TRAINING EVENTS

The cooperation between EJTN and the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) was also reinforced in 2017 with an increase in the number of seminars compared to previous years. The cooperative seminars on Joint Investigation Teams (Implementation, Leadership and Western Balkans) with the assistance of the Joint Investigation Teams (JITs) Network, EUROJUST



*Impact of Refugees in Europe on the Investigation and Prosecution of Core International Crimes moot court session, Nuremberg, Germany*

and EUROPOL enabled judicial and law enforcement communities to improve cross-border cooperation in complex investigations through a unique training format.

An in-demand topic was the one linked to migrant smuggling, which became one of the main topics for two of the joint seminars held in October and November.

The seminars focused on practical cases and judicial cooperating in the fight against migrant smuggling and organised crime from Balkan and Mediterranean roots.

Finally, the cooperation was enhanced by the attendance of judicial practitioners to joint events in the area of financial investigations as well as for THB investigations.

## TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
Cybercrime and International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters: series of EAWs and MLA simulations	The French National School for the Judiciary, France	22-24 February	Katarzyna Krysiak
CEPOL-EJTN training Follow the Money: Financial Investigations	European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL), Hungary	27 February-2 March	EJTN
EU Cross-border evidence in practice	The Spanish Judicial School, Spain	16-17 March	Ulrich Nachtlberger
CEPOL-EJTN-EUROJUST training Joint Investigation Teams: Implementation	The Academy of European Law, Germany	25-28 April	EJTN
Migrant Smuggling and International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters: series of EAWs and MLA simulations	The National School of Judiciary, Greece	26-28 April	Katarzyna Krysiak
Gathering and Admissibility of Evidence in Counter-Terrorism: Challenges and Best Practices	Belgian Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	29-30 May	Rainer Hornung
Procedural safeguards in criminal proceedings in the EU in practice	Judicial Academy, Croatia	1-2 June	Marie Compere
CEPOL-EJTN event Financial investigations and asset recovery for THB investigations	European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL), Austria	26-29 June	EJTN
CEPOL-EJTN-EUROJUST Seminar on JITs –EU and Western Balkans	The Academy of European Law, Germany	5-7 July	EJTN
Migrant Smuggling and International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters: EAW and MLA Simulations	The School for the Judiciary, Italy	13-15 September	Katarzyna Krysiak
EU Cross-border evidence in practice	The Spanish Judicial School, Spain	21-22 September	Ulrich Nachtlberger
CEPOL-EJTN-EUROJUST training Joint Investigation Teams: Leadership	France's National Police College (ENSP), France	5-9 October	EJTN
CEPOL-EJTN training Migration Flows: Combating OCGs on Mediterranean Routes	Rome, Italy	17-20 October	EJTN
CEPOL-EJTN training Migration Flows: Combating OCGs on Western Balkans Routes	European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL), Hungary	13-17 November	EJTN
Counter-terrorism and International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters: series of EAWs and MLA simulations	The Centre for Legal Studies, Spain	14-16 November	Katarzyna Krysiak
Procedural safeguards in criminal proceedings in the EU in practice	Belgian Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	20-21 November	Alexandre Oliveira
EJTN-GNS training Europe's Refugee Crisis and the Prosecution of Core International Crimes	Nuremberg, Germany	22-24 November	Ulrich Nachtlberger
Training on economic crimes – asset recovery and confiscation in the EU	District Court of Leipzig, Germany	29-30 November	Guenther Puhm

# HUMAN AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS SEMINARS

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## OVERVIEW

EJTN's Working Group Programmes, in November 2016, created a new Sub-Working Group exclusively devoted to activities in the field of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, with the Human and Fundamental Rights Sub-Working Group (HFR SWG) taking charge of the project.

The new HFR Sub-Working Group (SWG) was mandated to:

- Develop training activities in the area of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- Liaise directly with EJTN's external partners in this field – the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and the Council of Europe's (CoE) Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP); and,
- Liaise with all other EJTN SWGs (Administrative, Civil, Linguistics and Judicial Training Methods) when these undertook trainings with human rights and fundamental freedoms elements.

The new HFR programme was justified by the significance of the topic, its broad scope as well as need for EJTN to have a capacity to keep an efficient cooperation with the

HELP Programme of CoE and FRA as the HFR SWG closely collaborates with FRA and with the Council of Europe's HELP programme. Furthermore, such cooperation with other significant stakeholders presents an opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices with counterparts across Europe as well as to discuss the most recent developments in fields of professional interest with leading experts and practitioners.

All trainings include a set of framework lectures and multiple workshops where participants discuss practical cases and exchange views on their domestic legislation and the application of the relevant EU legal instruments.

In 2017, a total of 3 trainings were implemented, attracting 130 judicial professionals (composed of 104 judges, 16 prosecutors and 10 other judicial practitioners) along with 21 contributing expert speakers.

## RESULTS

The HFR SWG seminars are an effective way of training EU magistrates and also provide an excellent platform and opportunity for knowledge exchange.

# of participants



# of events



# of Member States



## DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

In 2017, three one-and-a-half-day judicial training sessions were organised within the Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms Seminars project.

Participants to each training session were provided with a full set of relevant training materials (including a list of case law, relevant legislation and speakers' presentations) as well as participants' and speakers' contact details. The aim of the trainings was to increase participants' knowledge on EU law in the related field and help them to apply such knowledge in their day to day professional lives.

The seminars were divided into theoretical sessions, which were then subsequently combined with workshop sessions based on real-life examples and case studies.

The trainings implemented in 2017 were as follows:

- Training in partnership with the Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ) entitled *Conflicts of Norms in the Application of Fundamental Rights*, which attracted 41 participants and 5 expert speakers.

- Seminar entitled *Human Rights and Access to Justice in the EU*, which involved 49 participants and 6 expert speakers.
- Training in partnership with the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) entitled *Human Rights for EU judicial trainers*, which attracted 40 participants and 6 expert speakers.

Of special note was the adoption of e-learning courses (HELP's e-learning course on article 6 ECtHR and ECtHR case law), which were suggested as preparatory tools prior to the trainings. The aim of these suggested preparatory materials was to ensure participant preparation prior to the training event, familiarisation with these learning resources and possible further dissemination of the materials to fellow colleagues.

The dissemination of FRA's European Law relating to Access to Justice Handbook prior to the trainings, in electronic format as well as in paper copies, was also conducted at the venue of the trainings to all participants.

Due to the high interest for these Human And Fundamental Rights training sessions, the total number of events will increase from three in 2017 to six in 2018.

## TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
Conflict of Norms in the Application of Fundamental Rights	High Council for the Judiciary, Italy	2-3 March 2017	Susanna Gamauf-Boigner
Human Rights and Access to Justice in the EU	Judicial Studies Committee, Malta	24-25 April 2017	Grzegorz Borkowski
ECtHR training on Human Rights for EU judicial trainers	ECtHR, France	12-13 June 2017	Grzegorz Borkowski



# LINGUISTICS PROGRAMME

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## OVERVIEW

The EJTN Linguistics Programme focuses on the training of the EU judiciary in legal English, legal French and, newly, also in legal German. EU judges and prosecutors benefit from EJTN's high-quality training programmes, which are supported by the European Commission and the various European national training institutions.

The Linguistic Programme was begun in 2011 and since then, many legal language seminars have been organised in various judicial organisations of the EU Member States.

The courses aim at developing both the legal and linguistics skills of the participants by combining legal knowledge and language exercises in a practical and dynamic way.

They aim also at bringing the EU legal practitioners together and encouraging the mutual sharing of experiences and creating the conditions for establishing direct contacts among the judiciary of the different EU Member States in order to promote a common European legal culture.

### DEVELOPMENTS FROM 2017: NEW SEMINARS, TRAINING RESOURCES AND LEARNING METHODS

As in previous years, EJTN's 2017 Linguistics Programme offered a rich array of training opportunities for Europe's judiciary. The participants were able to choose from 10 different trainings.

The offer included 6 week-long trainings on judicial cooperation in criminal, civil and human rights matters and 3 specialised seminars on topics of cybercrime, data protection and competition law. A new seminar in the field of asylum and refugees has been developed and implemented with great success. This seminar followed the same training structure and methodology of the other highly acclaimed specialised seminars.

As in previous years many seminars included a 'blended' learning approach that supplemented the face-to-face trainings with pre-classroom learning activities available on the EJTN's online platform. In 2017, the EJTN's experts developed brand new eLearning modules in the field of human rights EU law. The modules offered participants a genuinely interactive learning experience with creative learning activities in both English and French languages.

For the first time, EJTN offered training also in the German language. The new German-language seminar was developed in the field of human rights and implemented with great success at the German Judicial Academy in Wustrau, Germany where participants could practice their language skills not only in the classroom, but also during their visits to the local town.

In addition to the seminars, the Linguistics Programme published several handbooks addressing legal vocabulary associated with human rights, competition law and cybercrime. The Handbook on Competition Law was developed both in English and French, while the other two handbooks focussed on the English language. All three handbooks, produced under the auspices of foremost law experts and linguists, give a comprehensive look at language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation. Definitions and exercises make the handbooks

## RESULTS

In total, 450 European legal practitioners from 23 EU Member States and ERA received training in 2016 under the auspices of EJTN's Linguistics Programme within different areas of law.

# of participants



# of events



# of Member States



an invaluable, hands-on resource for any judge, prosecutor or trainer involved within linguistics endeavours. While the handbooks on competition law and cybercrime focus purely on the legal language, the handbook on human rights includes also examinations of real cases and, thus, provides the readers with up-to-date legal knowledge in addition to the language training.

## DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

**EJTN's linguistics portfolio is constantly growing and widens its training opportunities to provide the best resources and learning methods for the benefit of the European judiciary.**

A record number of 10 face-to-face linguistics seminars of a duration of either 4.5 days or 3 days (for specialised trainings), have been implemented by EJTN in 2017.

Around 50 participants attended each of the one-week-long trainings. They were divided in four small groups. Three were conducted in English, and one was carried out in French. Apart from the seminar in human rights in Wustrau, Germany, where three different languages were taught, there were two groups in English, one group in German and one group in French.

In the shorter seminars, approximately 35 participants took part in each event, with the participants subsequently forming three groups at each occasion. At the Vienna, Austria and Scandicci, Italy, events, two groups in English and one group in French were formed. At the event in Omsenie, Slovak Republic, three English groups were formed.

Each group was trained for the entire seminar by a team composed of a linguistics expert and a legal expert acting simultaneously.

The objectives of the seminars have been established as follows:

- To improve participants' linguistic skills (oral and written) in order to facilitate direct contacts and communication between judicial authorities and to enhance mutual trust;
- To master the specialised vocabulary related to the field addressed;
- To familiarise participants with the various legal instruments in the field of the training offered, as well as to provide familiarisation with the online tools available on the Internet; and,
- To develop the general knowledge of legal systems in the EU Member States.

The courses combined theoretical and practical sessions of the four basic language skills: reading; writing; speaking; and, listening – all within legal terminology.

In terms of content, the following legal topics constituted the basis of the discussion and training of the two face-to-face seminars entitled *Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in civil matters*:

- Jurisdiction, recognition and execution of judgments in civil and commercial matters and the Judicial Atlas

- The European order for payment procedure
- Service of documents and the taking of evidence
- Legal aid and family law and minors

The two face-to-face seminars entitled *“Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in criminal matters”* focused on:

- Mutual legal assistance on the gathering of evidence and the seizing of the assets of the crime
- The European Arrest Warrant
- Freezing of assets and evidence
- Execution of judicial sentences

During the two face-to-face seminars entitled *Vocabulary of Human Rights' EU Law*, the discussions revolved specifically around:

- Recent relevant jurisprudence on Article 6 of ECHR
- Right to a fair trial in the European Convention of Human Rights and in the EU
- Conflicting rights: freedom of expression, private life, freedom of religion and hate speech
- Conflicting rights in the specific context of the Internet
- Current challenges of immigration and asylum, the scope of protection provided by EU law and the ECHR, migratory flows, the Dublin regulation and detention conditions

The pre-face-to-face “blended” learning modules were prepared by linguistics experts for the participants in the six face-to-face seminars on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in criminal and civil matters and human rights. These modules were developed to allow participants to prepare for the face-to-face seminars by becoming familiar, in an interactive way, with the level of the course and relevant elements of its content.

With regard to the short seminars, the following topics constituted the basis of the discussions:

*Language training on the vocabulary of Competition Law:*

- General introduction to Competition Law: concepts and definitions; introduction to key terminology
- The concept of an undertaking
- Investigation and enforcement of competition law
- Sanctions and judicial review
- Private enforcement, criminalisation of competition law

*“Language training on the vocabulary of Cybercrime”:*

- General introduction to cybercrime; concepts and definitions; introduction to key terminology
- Digital investigations and the transborder component
- Developments and new challenges
- Capacity-building, collaboration and engagement

*Language training on the vocabulary of Asylum and Refugees:*

- General introduction to asylum law; concept of refugee and different categories of migrants; introduction to key terminology
- Common European Asylum System; practical cases
- The “Dublin” Regulation and the relocation of migrants
- The European Convention of human rights and the right to asylum: the developing case law in the ECtHR.
- Migratory flows and countering migrant smuggling

### *Language training on the vocabulary of Data Protection:*

- General introduction to Data Protection; concepts and definitions; Introduction to key terminology
- International transfer of personal data
- Privacy in Electronic communication (E-privacy)
- Protection of personal data in the law enforcement sector
- The right to be forgotten

### PRACTICAL, USEFUL TOOLS

The Linguistics Programme’s linguistics and legal experts working within different areas and preparing the face-to-face linguistics seminars as well as the “blended” learning modules, prepared three new linguistics handbooks in 2017.

These handbooks are a compilation of the most relevant training materials, in English and in case of competition

law also in French. Used in EJTN’s training courses, these handbooks are addressed to both participants of EJTN’s seminars and to all European judges and public prosecutors interested in developing their linguistic skills. These practical, useful tools are available in pdf format from EJTN’s website, within the EJTN Methodologies & Resources Database at: <http://www.ejtn.eu/Methodologies-Resources/>.

### METHODOLOGIES & RESOURCES DATABASE



Furthermore, printed versions of the new handbooks have been posted to each of EJTN’s Members.



*Language Training on the Vocabulary of Data Protection, Omsenie, Slovak Republic*

## TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in criminal matters</i>	Centre for Legal Studies, Spain	13-17 March 2017	Carmen Domuta
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in civil matters</i>	The Spanish Judicial School, Spain	24-28 April 2017	
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in criminal matters</i>	Belgian Institute for Judicial Studies, Belgium	8-12 May 2017	
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in civil matters</i>	National Institute of Magistracy (NIM), Romania	12-16 June 2017	
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of cybercrime</i>	National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution, Poland	5-7 July 2017	
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of competition law</i>	Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice, Austria	11-13 September 2017	
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in human rights</i>	The Latvian Judicial Centre, Latvia	9-13 October 2017	
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of data protection</i>	The Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic, Slovak Republic	18-20 October 2017	
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in human rights</i>	German Judicial Academy, Germany	13-17 November 2017	
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of asylum &amp; refugees</i>	The School for the Judiciary, Italy	29 November – 1 December 2017	



# JUDICIAL TRAINING METHODS

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## OVERVIEW

During 12-13 June 2014, the EJTN Members, at the General Assembly in Thessaloniki, Greece, agreed to give life to a new Working Group (WG) devoted to “Judicial Training Methods” (JTM). The opportunities leading to its creation replied to the following requirements:

- The necessity to share good judicial training practices among justice professionals and set up a new approach towards the delivery of training and knowledge to EU judges and prosecutors, according to changing needs and priorities;
- The need to combine judicial training with the quality of justice.

Officially inaugurated in 2015, the WG JTM is now at its second mandate and it is composed of 21 EJTN Members and one Observer. Its actions are implemented according to three main *Topical Teams* concerning the key areas of *Judgecraft*, *Leadership* and *Methodologies and Evaluation*.

The peculiarity of the WG JTM lies in the creation of a proper environment for identification, research and dissemination of best practices in judicial training and tools: its aim consists in proposing the most efficient training methodologies, applicable in all contexts and representing a concrete added value at the EU level.

Therefore, its contributions are polyhedric and transversal for any purposes of training tools development, by offering an actual reply to “training needs”, also through a wider recourse to eTools.

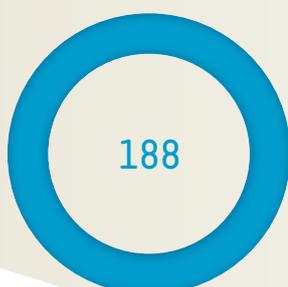
The works of the WG JTM are then very much entwined with the mandates of EJTN's other Working Groups, which also seek to serve and improve judicial training across Europe. A hallmark of this common theme is offered by EJTN's Exchange Programme, in the form of judicial exchanges tailored for court presidents and chief prosecutors. JTM also collaborates with the WG Programmes in the long-term evaluation process of the Criminal Justice Seminars.

## RESULTS

In 2017, 188 participants took part in the events organised by JTM in three areas. Firstly, in *Judgecraft*, focussing on soft skills, it developed training on judicial conduct and ethics, judicial resilience and unconscious bias. Secondly, *Leadership*, it promoted best practices in the framework of courts leaders' training needs. Thirdly, *Methodologies and Evaluation*, it developed targeted training programmes and supported the conception of tools aiming to assess the learning impact. Aside from JTM actions, a special meeting on projects with external funding, organised annually, was also held.



# of participants



# of events



# of Member States



## DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

The WG JTM may be viewed as a common thread serving the aims of EJTN's three Working Groups alike. The primary aim of the WG JTM is to seek and propose the most efficient judicial training methodologies and tools, which are applicable in all contexts and for any training development purposes.

In 2017, WG JTM implemented the following actions in each of its three *Topical Teams*.

- **Judgecraft.** Three seminars on Judgecraft have been implemented based on the same agenda, contents and speakers; the works have been addressed to a diversified EU audience as the distribution of places among MMMS for each seminar reflected national judicial systems similarities and geographical areas. During this cycle, very good practices have been debated (in workshops) and observed (by using videos showing mock trials and simulations) aiming to offer an in-depth training on the topics of judicial resilience, ethics, conduct, unconscious bias and evaluation of testimony. The three seminars followed the related works started in EJTN in 2015 through a first pilot action implemented in this subject matter. It raised a great interest among members and participants for the innovative approach in soft skills training.

Hence, in 2016, this training was inaugurated as a cycle of 4 training events. The first event was organised in November 2016. The second seminar was organised 13-14 March 2017 at the Supreme Court in Nicosia, Cyprus, which attracted 14 participants representing 7 EU Member States. The third event was implemented 19-20 June 2017 at the Latvian Judicial Training Centre in Riga, Latvia, and attracted 15 participants from 8 EU Member States. The fourth and last event was organised 25-26 September 2017 at the Judicial Training Institute in Brussels, Belgium, which saw the participation of 13 attendees representing 11 EU Member States.

- **Leadership.** The commitment to invest in this topic was taken in 2015, at a conference held in Thessaloniki, Greece, which evoked, for the first time within EJTN, the importance of training in leadership and the lack of related existing judicial training practices. In 2016, EJTN organised a conference and a seminar aiming to further invest on leadership's training practices and in 2017 the *Topical Team* implemented the following two seminars:

- *Training to leadership: leaders' training needs*, held May 15-16, 2017 at the High Council for the Judiciary of Italy in Rome, which attracted 23 participants representing 18 EU Member States. The seminar was addressed to a European audience of leaders and it offered an in-depth analysis on training methodologies and tools currently of application to courts' leaders, aiming also to assess their needs;
- *Training to leadership: training methods*, held 8-9 November 2017 at the Judicial Academy in Prague, Czech Republic. This event was conceived for an audience of trainers because its objective aimed to set up targeted training programmes for training in leadership. The seminar was attended by 26 participants representing 20 EU Member States.

- Evaluation and Methodologies. The *Topical Team* devoted one training event to training methodologies and one conference to training design:

- The seminar *On Job training: tutoring, coaching and mentoring*, held 11-12 April 2017 at the Judicial Academy of Brandenburg, Berlin, Germany, was organised as a continuation of the seminar on new methodologies, implemented in 2016, which aimed to extend understanding on the ways of developing personal learning agility through mentoring, supervision, coaching and co-vision groups. The training also concerned practices of video-based feedback for better performance and eCoaching. The seminar saw the attendance of 29 participants representing 17 EU Member States as well as Serbia and Norway;
- The conference "*Training design*", held 14-15 December 2017 at the National Institute of Magistracy in Bucharest, Romania, was organised based on a specific concept. Course managers and speakers conceiving judicial training often focus on topics and their legal aspects, but they neglect to also pay attention to its educational design in order to meet the needs of adult learning. Hence, this conference looked at the following questions by providing the audience a deeper insight into the different steps to take when designing a training activity and the related use of training methods to make learning more effective. The conference saw the attendance of 36 participants representing 17 EU Member States as well as Georgia.

Finally, EJTN organised its annual meeting entitled *Exchange of EJTN members practices on organising training projects with the external funding*, on 29 and 30 May 2017 at EJTN in Brussels, Belgium. This event saw the attendance of 32 participants. 4 Officials representing the European Commission took part in the works as experts. The meeting's attendees represented 16 EU Member States along with participants from the Academy of European Law (ERA).

## TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
Seminar on Judgecraft	Supreme Court of Nicosia, Cyprus	13-14 March 2017	Jeremy Cooper
On job training, tutoring, coaching, mentoring seminar	Judicial Academy of Brandenburg, Germany	11-12 April 2017	Otilia Pacurari
Training to leadership: leaders' training needs seminar	High Council for the Judiciary, Italy	15-16 May 2017	Luca Perilli
Exchange of EJTN members practices on organising training projects with the external funding meeting	EJTN, Belgium	29-30 May 2017	
Seminar on Judgecraft	Latvian Judicial Training Centre, Latvia	19-20 June 2017	Jeremy Cooper
Seminar on Judgecraft	The Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	25-26 September 2017	Jeremy Cooper
Training to leadership: Training methods seminar	Judicial Academy, Czech Republic	8- 9 November 2017	(Acting) Luca Perilli
Training design conference	National Institute of Magistracy, Romania	14-15 December 2017	Cornelia Riehle

*A Working Group Judicial Training Methods meeting, Scandicci, Italy*



# THEMIS COMPETITION

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## OVERVIEW

The highly acclaimed THEMIS Competition, open to future EU magistrates undergoing entry-level training, presents an event for debating EU topics, developing soft skills and learning and development judicial skills.

The 2017 THEMIS Competition, was open to judicial trainees from all Member and Observer training institutions of EJTN. Teams of three judicial trainees, accompanied by one teacher/tutor, are enrolled in the Competition. Throughout the year, four semi-final rounds and a grand final round were held. The official language of the competition is English.

The maximum number of teams participating in a semi-final is 11. The winner and runner up of each semi-final will enter the grand final; consequently, there are 8 teams in the grand final. The prize for the winning team at the grand final is a one-week study visit, organised and financed by EJTN, in any European judicial institution.

In 2017, the topics addressed at THEMIS' semi-final and final rounds were the following:

- International Cooperation in Criminal Matters
- International Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters – European Family law
- International Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters – European Civil procedure
- Judicial Ethics and Professional Conduct
- Right to a Fair Trial (Art. 47 EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and Art. 6 ECHR)

## RESULTS

In 2017, 44 teams from the EU Member States entered the THEMIS Competition, with 36 teams taking part in the four semi-final rounds and 8 teams in the grand final round.

# of participants



# of events



# of Member States



## DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

**The EJTN THEMIS Competition is a unique contest format, open to judicial trainees from across Europe. It provides a platform for exchanging views and developing new approaches on topics related to international civil and criminal cooperation, human rights and judicial deontology.**

The THEMIS Competition is designed to develop the critical thinking and communication skills of future magistrates from different European countries. The competition is a forum of discussion on different European law topics, including international judicial cooperation in criminal and civil matters, judicial deontology and human rights.

A genuine enthusiasm exists for the THEMIS Competition. In 2017, 36 teams competed in the year's four semi-finals. Each semi-final had three stages: a written paper on a topic relevant for the subject of the semi-final; an oral presentation of that paper; and, a discussion with the jury. The winner and the runner up from each semi-final entered the grand final, resulting in 8 teams in total (2 teams from France, 2 teams from Poland, 2 teams from Italy, 1 team from the Czech Republic and 1 team from Greece).

common topics of actuality, EJTN's THEMIS Competition created an opportunity to allow participants to share best practices and common views, develop new approaches, and also quite importantly to build trust in Europe's national legal systems. Through this end, the experienced and highly professional jury panel provided a fundamental contribution to the European area of justice.

As an added value to the alumni of the THEMIS Competition, a virtual *THEMIS Generations* platform has been successfully established. A platform registration form has been created and participants of the previous editions have been invited to take part in the *THEMIS Generations platform*.

EJTN proudly supports the decade-old and highly acclaimed THEMIS Competition, which continues to provide a genuine skills-enhancing experience for future EU magistrates.

### THE GRAND FINAL!

The grand final of the THEMIS 2017 Competition was organised in Romania, at the National Institute of Magistracy (NIM) in Bucharest. The winner of the competition was a team from France. The prize for winning the competition was a one-week study visit financed by EJTN. Also, the winning team's country was offered the opportunity to host the THEMIS grand final in the following year. Accordingly, the grand final of the 2018 THEMIS Competition will be hosted by The French National School for the Judiciary (ENM) in Paris.

The dedicated jury members at the grand final were Professor Françoise Tulkens, former Vice-President and former Judge elected in respect of Belgium to the European Court of Human Rights, Antonio Zárate Conde, Public Prosecutor at the Ministerio Publico in Madrid, Ana Medarska-Lazova, HELP Project Officer at the Human Rights National Implementation Division, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe, and Dr. Corneliu Birsan, Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest. By bringing together judicial trainees from different European legal systems and giving them the opportunity to debate



THEMIS 2017 – Grand Finals,  
Bucharest, Romania



## THEMIS 2017 RESULTS

SEMI-FINAL A – INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS	JURY MEMBERS
1st place – Team Poland 2nd place – Team Czech Republic	Ana Bučar Brglez, John Hardy Maria del Mar Ramos Lopez-Herrero
SEMI-FINAL B – INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN CIVIL MATTERS	JURY MEMBERS
1st place – Team Italy 2nd place – Team France	Mathew Thorpe, Hans Van Bossuyt, Gloria Esteban
SEMI-FINAL C – EUROPEAN CIVIL PROCEDURE	JURY MEMBERS
1st place – Team France 2nd place – Team Italy	Verena Cap, Goda Ambrasaitė-Balynienė, Irena Kucina
SEMI-FINAL D – JUDICIAL ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	JURY MEMBERS
1st place – Team Greece 2nd place – Team Poland	Markus Thoma, Lauris Liepa
GRAND FINAL – RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL (ART 47 EU CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND ART 6 ECHR)	JURY MEMBERS
Winner – Team France 2, Constance Marecheau, Michael Da Lozzo, Guillaume Ghislain, accompanied by team coach Sylvie de Framond Second place – Team Poland Third place – Team Czech Republic	Antonio Zárate Conde, Françoise Tulkens, Ana Medarska-Lazova, Corneliu Birsan

## TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE
Semi-Final A, International Cooperation in Criminal Matters	National Institute of Justice, Bulgaria	13-14 April 2017
Semi-Final B, International Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters – European Family law	Belgian Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	15-18 May 2017
Semi-Final C, International Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters – European Civil Procedure	National Courts Administration, Lithuania	5-8 June 2017
Semi-Final D, Judicial Ethics and Professional Conduct	Hungarian Academy of Justice, Hungary	3-6 July 2017
Grand Final, Right to a Fair Trial (Art 47 EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and Art 6 ECHR)	National Institute of Magistracy (NIM), Romania	13-16 November 2017

# CATALOGUE+

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## OVERVIEW

Thanks to the Catalogue+ seminars, European magistrates have the great opportunity to attend different training courses organised by the EJTN Member judicial training institutions.

In 2017, 14 Member institutions of EJTN participated in the Catalogue+ seminars, with each of them organising a seminar on a topic of law. In total, 280 training places were offered in the 28 initial Catalogue+ seminars.

As a measure of success of the programme, a total of 232 of the total 280 places were occupied by foreign participants. Additionally, 1,211 national participants took part in the Catalogue+ seminars offered by their respective national training institutions. A total of 1,443 magistrates received training over 2017.

Each Member was entitled to upgrade a national training activity or activities. Through this upgrade, the national training activity became an international one and attracted the presence of 10 (or more) foreign magistrates.

## RESULTS

EJTN's Catalogue+ seminars offered 232 European legal practitioners, from over 14 EU Member States, training within different areas of law.

# of participants



# of events



# of Member States



## DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

The purpose of EJTN's Catalogue+ seminars is to give European magistrates the opportunity to attend a training course organised by the judicial training institutions that are Members of EJTN.

EJTN's Catalogue+ seminars upgrades existing training courses of EJTN's Members and finances international participation in these. The courses are available for Europe's judiciary, and cover various fields of law, such as criminal law and civil law and human rights.

Through this project, the national training activity in question becomes an international one and subsequently attracts at least 10 foreign magistrates. The judicial institutions participating in this project and receiving foreign training participants have the possibility of sending an equal number of participants to the seminars organised by other Members of EJTN within the Catalogue+ context.

Participants to the Catalogue+ events are highly enthusiastic of the organisation of the seminars, the quality of speakers and the rich information provided during the seminars. Just like previous years, EJTN is always looking forward to additional seminars being added to the programme.



## TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE
Européanisation du droit social - bases et perspectives	Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany	20-24 March 2017
Saisies et confiscations	Belgian Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	27-28 March 2017
Handling terrorism	The French National School for the Judiciary, France	27-31 March 2017
Judicial Psychology	Centre for Judicial Studies, Portugal	30-31 March 2017
In the Name of a Child	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Slovenia Judicial Training Centre	6-7 April 2017
Old and new concepts of crime in the legislative action countering terrorism and subversion of democracy	The School for the Judiciary, Italy	19-21 April 2017
Right to asylum and to international protection	The School for the Judiciary, Italy	19-21 April 2017
International Legal Cooperation in Criminal Matters. European arrest warrant	National Institute of Justice, Bulgaria	24-26 April 2017
The fight against IP infringing goods	The Academy of European Law (ERA), Germany	18-19 May 2017
Applicable law to contractual obligations	The National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution, Poland	5-7 June 2017
Judging in Europe - A comparison of professional practices	The French National School for the Judiciary, France	6-9 June 2017
Asylum law	Office of the Prosecutor General, Estonia	16-Jun-17
International Family law	The Centre for Legal Studies, Spain	19-21 June 2017
Direct application of European Convention of Human Rights by domestic courts in cases brought before them	National Institute of Magistracy, Romania	29-30 June 2017
European procedures in cross-border cases	National Courts Administration, Lithuania	4-5 September 2017
Conference with ILO	Centre for Judicial Studies, Portugal	21-22 September 2017
Forfeiture of Property	The Judicial Academy, Czech Republic	26-27 September 2017
Unaccompanied foreign minors. Protection of fundamental rights: a comparison of Issues and practices	The School for the Judiciary, Italy	27 – 29 September 2017
Consumer protection. Case law of court of justice	The National Institute of Justice, Bulgaria	2-4 October 2017
International Cooperation in Criminal Matters	Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany	8-13 October 2017
Communication in the court room	National Institute of Magistracy, Romania	9-10 October 2017
Rights of Persons with Disabilities and EU Law	The Spanish Judicial School, Spain	16-18 October 2017
New instruments of mutual recognition, consequences of the EU membership for the judicial practice of judges and public prosecutors	The National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution, Poland	18-20 October 2017
The popular action (“actio popularis”) and the private prosecution. Constitutional review, applicative experience and possible reforms	The Spanish Judicial School, Spain	30-31 October 2017
Parental responsibility matters in the EU	National Institute of Magistracy, Romania	27-28 November 2017
Migrant Smuggling	The Academy of European Law (ERA), Germany	29 November - 1 December 2017
Echange d'expériences professionnelles en matière de cybercriminalité	Belgian Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	30 November - 1 December 2017
Public procurement	Latvian Judicial Training Centre, Latvia	1 December 2017

# CATALOGUE OF MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

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## OVERVIEW

Created in 2003, the EJTN Catalogue of Members' Activities is a broad collection of training activities organised and selected by EJTN's Members and offered to the entire judiciary of the EU Member States.

In 2017, 143 seminars were offered within the EJTN Catalogue of Members' Activities by 11 EJTN Member institutions. Various topics were covered, including professional practices, societal issues, linguistics, judicial skills, human rights, forensics, European international law, criminal law, civil law and administrative law.

The 2017 Catalogue of Members' Activities received a total of 1,143 foreign participants.

Europeans judges and prosecutors highly appreciate the valuable seminars, adding significant value to their professional life.

## DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

EJTN offers its Catalogue of Members' Activities to Europe's judiciary. This essential engine promotes various judicial training opportunities within the European Union Member States, integrating the activities organised by EJTN's judicial institution members.

Aimed at European judges and prosecutors, there were over well 100 seminars held in 2017 in a broad range of topics, including administrative law, civil law, criminal law, human rights issues and European and international law. These seminars were offered by the judicial institutions, and some seminars were co-financed by the European Union.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A unique scholarship fund was created in 2015, aiming to allow EU judges and prosecutors to participate in trainings abroad. Such participation would allow the European judiciary to improve its knowledge of EU law, command of foreign languages and acquire knowledge of national law useful to perform professional tasks.

Applications are always handled via the candidates' national EJTN Member institutions, which manage their own internal national selection. All sending institutions address the hosts of events to check availability and acceptance.

Since its inception, the scholarship programme has received very positive feedback from institutions and participants alike. Each year, EJTN accepts 7 participants from each EU Member State and ERA.

In 2017, 79 magistrates from 12 EU Member States were funded under the Catalogue of Members' Activities scholarship fund. Overall, the 79 magistrates participated in 38 different seminars.

## RESULTS

A total of 1,143 foreign participants took part in the activities of the EJTN Catalogue of Members' Activities.

# of participants



# of events



# of Member States



# eTOOLS

## OVERVIEW

EJTN's eTools are sophisticated IT platforms, databases, interaction channels and processing systems all designed to increase the dissemination of knowledge and information, increase engagement and improve administrative efficiencies.

EJTN's eTools may be grouped into learning tools, searching tools, social media tools and application and project management tools. Investments in such eTools allows EJTN to meet several key aims. Knowledge and information can be disseminated across a wider reach, networking and engagement can be improved and greater administrative efficiencies may be obtained.

## DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

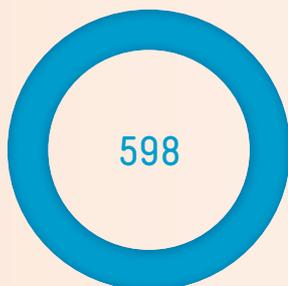
EJTN's eTools serve the interests of all who interact with EJTN or otherwise participate in its training programmes.

EJTN's learning tools such as its collection of podcasts and webinars widen access to judicial training. Searching tools such as the new Methodologies & Resources Database (MRD) ensure that supporting resources for judicial training are always at hand. Social media channels engage the wider community and help drive judicial discourse. Application and project management tools allow participants to efficiently lodge and manage their applications for training and, furthermore, ensure that EJTN's projects are managed more cost effectively.

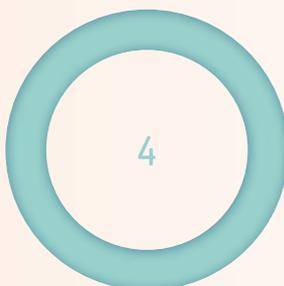
## RESULTS

EJTN's various eTools are accessible to Europe's judiciary on demand from anywhere.

# of blended learning participants



# of eLearning courses



# of blended learning modules



## LEARNING TOOLS

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### PODCASTS AND WEBINARS

#### Podcasts

One of EJTN's primary objectives is to facilitate the widest possible dissemination of knowledge and information. For that reason, EJTN continues to invest in the production of podcasts and webinars. To date, EJTN has produced 10 podcast sets, based on judicial training seminars held across Europe, involving 63 renowned speakers.

EJTN's podcasts cover a wide breadth of timely judicial topics. These include European employment law, sports law, EU direct taxation, language training, EU asylum law, European company law, EU institutional law and environmental law matters.



Welcome words - Tom O'Shea



National Courts Dealing with EU Law - Timothy Lyons



Inheritance Tax Cases and EU Law - Nathalie Weber-Frisch

### WEBINARS

Like podcasts, webinars are efficient tools for training. In 2017, EJTN's first two pilot webinars were developed with the assistance of CEPOL (European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training). The *European Investigation Order: perspectives and challenges for practitioners* webinar, held

on April 19, in English, saw 210 attendees. *The Wrongful removal or retention of the child - the Brussels II bis Regulation*, webinar, also held on April 20, in English, saw 139 attendees. EJTN aims to pursue a larger webinar programme over 2018.

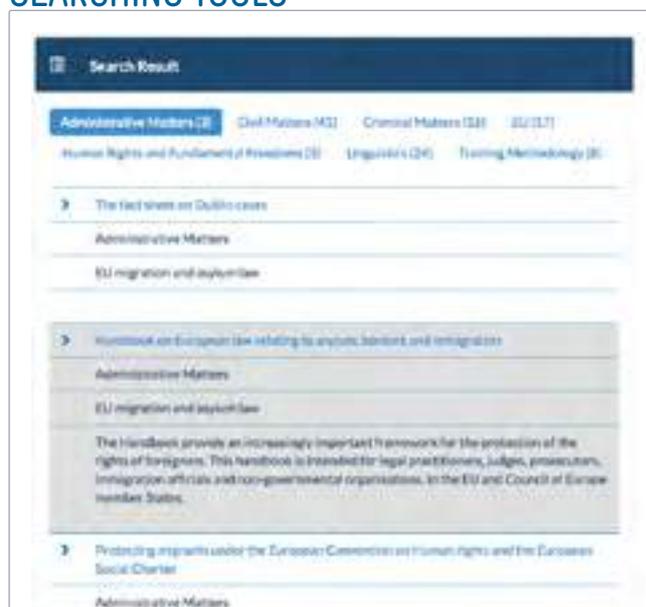
### BLENDED AND EARNING MODULES

EJTN's blended learning modules successfully combine the best elements of virtual and traditional classroom-based learning. Several of EJTN's training seminars feature pre-classroom self-study components, which are to be completed by participants online before the classroom study commences. In 2017, 4 such blended modules were run:

- *Introductory Course on EU Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters*. 280 participants.
- *Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in criminal matters / Formation linguistique consacrée à la terminologie de la coopération judiciaire en matière pénale* (run twice in English and twice in French). 108 participants.
- *Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in civil matters / Formation linguistique consacrée à la terminologie de la coopération judiciaire en matière civile* (run twice in English and twice in French). 110 participants.
- *Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in human rights and EU law / Formation linguistique consacrée à la terminologie de la coopération judiciaire en matière des droits de l'homme et la loi d'UE* (run twice in English and twice in French). 100 participants.

As a stand-alone eLearning experience, EJTN's *Understanding References for a Preliminary Ruling of the Court of Justice of the EU* eLearning course is freely open to all.

## SEARCHING TOOLS



Methodologies & Resources Database (MRD) search results.

**METHODOLOGIES & RESOURCES DATABASE (MRD)**

As one of EJTN's recent innovations, the new Methodologies & Resources Database (MRD) brings together the very best of judicial training resources from across Europe. MRD is a centralised collection of searchable judicial training-related resources, which are sourced from EJTN, its Members and other stakeholders. The format of the resources incorporate links to e-Learning opportunities, training materials, reports, case studies, podcasts, bibliographies as well as handbooks and guidelines.

**SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLS**



*EJTN's social media channels contribute to European judicial discourse.*

In keeping with modern communication and networking practices, EJTN's engagement with social media continues to grow. EJTN maintains Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, Flickr and Vimeo platforms, and EJTN staff are actively engaged with these tools. EJTN's social media policy as well as instructional guides for staff ensure the smooth usage of these social media channels.

**APPLICATION AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT TOOLS**

In order to increase administrative efficiencies and drive engagement in EJTN's projects, EJTN has invested considerably in IT systems for processing and managing training applicants as well as for managing its own

projects. While EJTN's Exchange Programme has been utilising such a tool for processing and managing its participants for several years, two new such platforms were initiated in 2017 and slated for full operation in 2018.

**ONLINE SYSTEM FOR PARTICIPANTS (OSP)**



*The Online System for Participants (OSP).*

The Online System for Applicants (OSP) is a state-of-the-art system for use by EJTN as well as EJTN's partner organisations across Europe for managing the many thousands of EJTN seminar candidates and participants. Participants to seminars will use the system for registration of personal details and preferences as well as for completing post-event travel reimbursement claims, quality surveys and completion certification. The system is expected to be in full operation in spring 2018 and will process some 3,600 participants and experts to nearly 270 EJTN events in 2018.

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT TOOL (PMT)**

Over late 2017, EJTN began a new and ambitious undertaking to provide a Project Management Tool (PMT) to be used by both its personnel and representatives. It will allow for professional-grade managing of all facets (initiating, managing, reporting and archiving) of EJTN's projects and seminars. The PMT will manage all phases of EJTN's hundreds of projects and seminars, from initial establishment, to daily managing, to reporting and finally to archiving of completed/past projects. It will be ready in spring 2018 and is expected to, in its first year, manage approximately 150 projects.

## KEY PUBLICATIONS

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EJTN's key publications are available on EJTN's new and searchable Methodologies & Resources Database (MRD), which is a centralised collection of searchable judicial training-related resources sourced from EJTN, its Members and other stakeholders! Consult MRD at: <http://www.ejtn.eu/Methodologies--Resources/>

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### JTM GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATION OF JUDICIAL TRAINING PRACTICES

These guidelines aim to support judicial training providers with their work in evaluating training activities. It is designed as short and comprehensive manual highlighting relevant practical examples. Based on Kirkpatrick's four-level training evaluation model, it offers four chapters with each one focusing on one of the levels. It is available as an e-tool, in both English and French, and includes concrete references and samples of evaluation tools and methods such as questionnaires, surveys, peers reviews and action plans.

### 2018 CALENDAR OF TRAINING ACTIVITIES

This publication provides a comprehensive overview of EJTN's and Members' training activities along with a full picture of EJTN's rich collection of podcasts, virtual learning and other training resources. An overview on how to apply for EJTN's training opportunities is also provided.

### HANDBOOK (IN ENGLISH FOR HUMAN RIGHTS)

This handbook provides an overview of legal English in the field of human rights and includes numerous exercises, definitions and examples of real cases.

### HANDBOOK THE LANGUAGE OF COMPETITION LAW / MANUEL LE VOCABULAIRE DU DROIT DE LA CONCURRENCE

This handbook provides an overview of legal English and French in the field of competition law and includes numerous exercises, definitions and examples of real cases.

### HANDBOOK THE LANGUAGE OF CYBERCRIME

This handbook provides an overview of legal English in the field of cybercrime and includes numerous exercises, definitions and examples of real cases.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

### JUDICIAL TRAINING PRINCIPLES

Intended to provide a universal training framework for Europe's judiciary and judicial training institutions, the principles provide Europe's judiciary a foundation and source of inspiration for managing their own judicial training needs. Available in Europe's official languages.

### EJTN CIVIL LINGUISTICS HANDBOOKS

The Handbooks, produced under the auspices of foremost law experts and linguists, take a comprehensive look at language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in civil matters and also in criminal matters. These are a vital resource for any judge, prosecutor or trainer involved within linguistics endeavours. eBook formats are available from EJTN's website.

### EJTN HANDBOOK ON JUDICIAL TRAINING METHODOLOGY IN EUROPE

The Handbook is a unique tool, designed by EJTN judicial experts, that illustrates the role, competencies, training methods as well as the best practices of trainers from across European judiciaries. Available in Europe's official languages.

### GOOD JUDICIAL TRAINING PRACTICES

These good training practices were collected from 23 judicial training organisations across Europe. Each of the resulting 65 good practices, arranged under 5 themes, present the key features of the good practice, highlight the relevant contact persons for the good practice and provide comments and further analysis about the good practice.

### JUDICIAL TRAINING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION MEMBER STATES

This 2011 study describes the state of judicial training in the European Union. It presents the results of a major survey of judges, prosecutors and court staff on their experiences of judicial training. It also profiles EU judicial training actors and contains detailed recommendations on how to overcome obstacles to participation in judicial training and to promote best practices.

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### THE EJTN TRAINING CURRICULA

The EJTN training curricula aim at contributing to the development of a genuine European judicial culture, based on diversity of the legal systems of the Member States and unity through European law in different fields of activity: criminal law; civil law; legal language; and, Trainers/Methodology.

**ERA/EJTN STUDY - JUDICIAL TRAINING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION MEMBER STATES**

This study describes the state of judicial training in the European Union, particularly in EU law. It presents the results of a major survey of judges, prosecutors and court staff on their experiences of judicial training. Profiles of the judicial training actors at EU level and in Member States along with detailed recommendations on how to overcome obstacles to participation in judicial training and to promote best practice across the EU are also addressed.

**EJTN EUROPEAN CIVIL FORUM HANDBOOK**

The Handbook provides authoritative knowledge of pedagogical tools, evaluation and training practices on three EU civil justice cooperation instruments.

**EJTN CRIMINAL GUIDELINES**

Aimed at trainers, these guidelines address topics, documents and case law suitable for training endeavours in this field.

Trainee and trainer profiles are covered and suitable training methods are also assessed.

**EJTN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW TRAINING GUIDELINES**

The aim of these guidelines is to serve as a working tool for the development of quality training in the field of Administrative Law across Europe, highlighting the most seminal legislation, case-law and relevant documentation in this respective field.





The following statistics and charts were compiled to determine how many EU judges and public prosecutors attended the cross-border training activities organised by EJTN in 2017 and to place these achievements within a historical context. Further, these achievements illustrate how EJTN has continued to perform under the efficiency and cost-to-serve ratio.

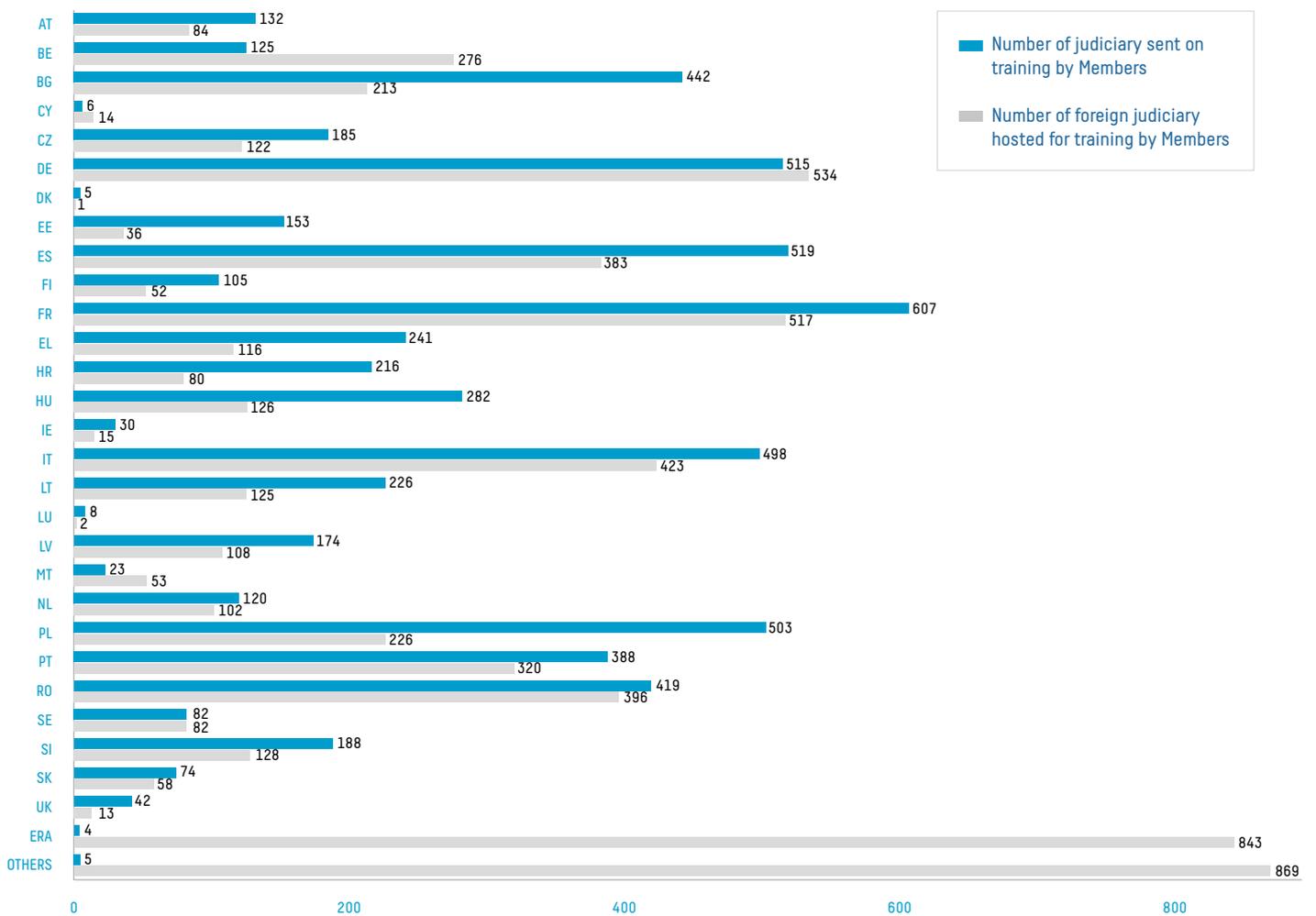
## ACHIEVEMENTS

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Table I illustrates how many EU judges and public prosecutors have attended EJTN's own training activities and the *EJTN Catalogue of Members' Activities* abroad in 2017 (in dark blue), as well as how many foreign judges and

public prosecutors EJTN's Members have hosted in 2017 (in light blue) under the EJTN activities framework.

Table I



\* Others hosting institutions refers to CJEU, ECtHR, Eurojust, CEPOL, FRA and the EU Institutions

Table II – Evolution of yearly attendance  
EJTN's training activities (EJTN Catalogue of Members' Activities included)

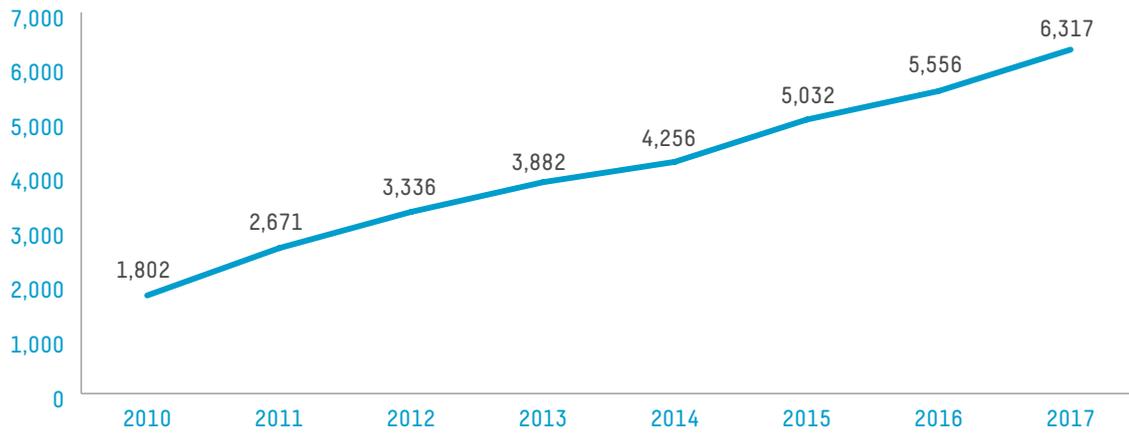


Table III – Evolution of yearly attendance  
EJTN's flagship training activity – the Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities

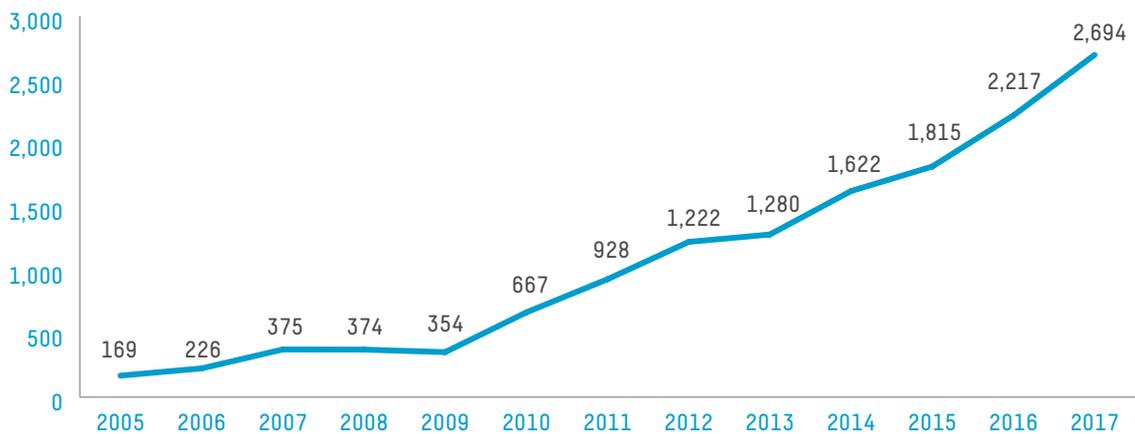
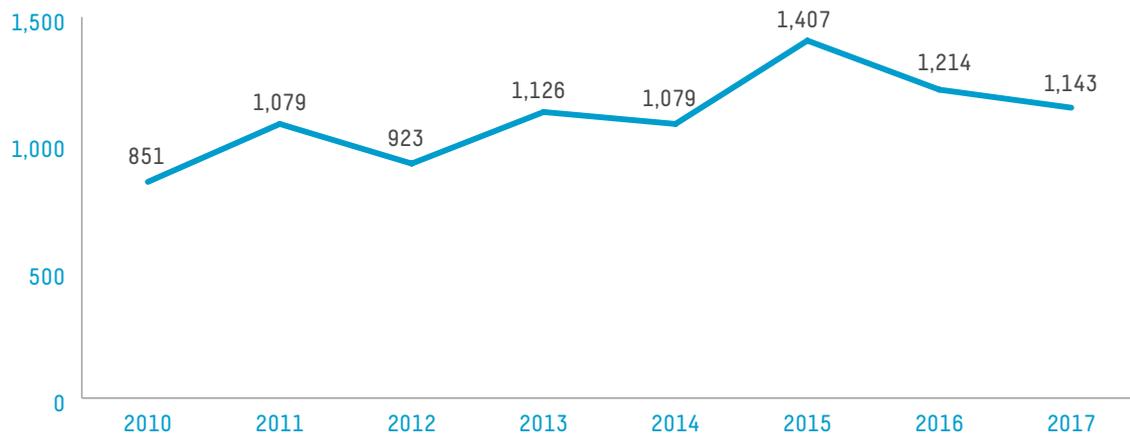


Table IV – Evolution of yearly attendance  
EJTN's own training activities (EJTN Catalogue of Members' Activities excluded)



Table V – Evolution of yearly attendance  
EJTN Catalogue of Members' Activities



\* No data available from the following Member States: BE, FR, LV, NL.

Table VI - EJTN's 2017 wide range of training activities by number of participants

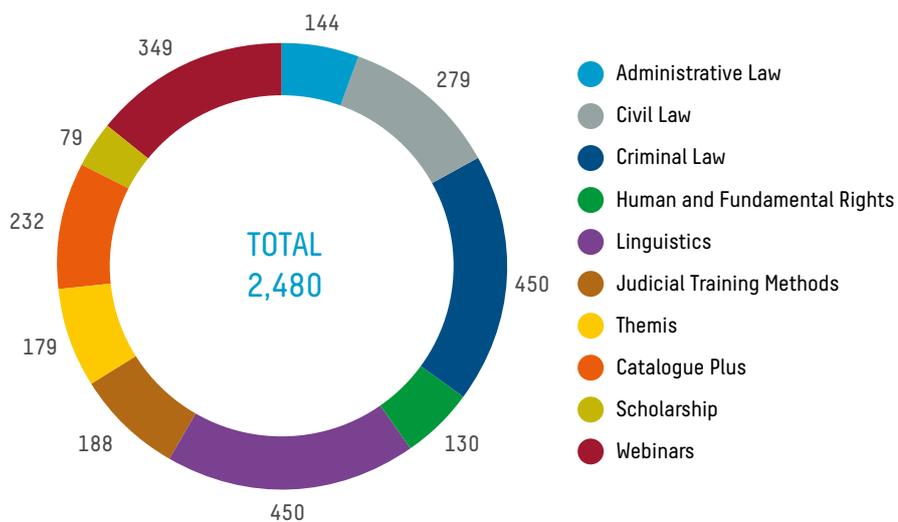
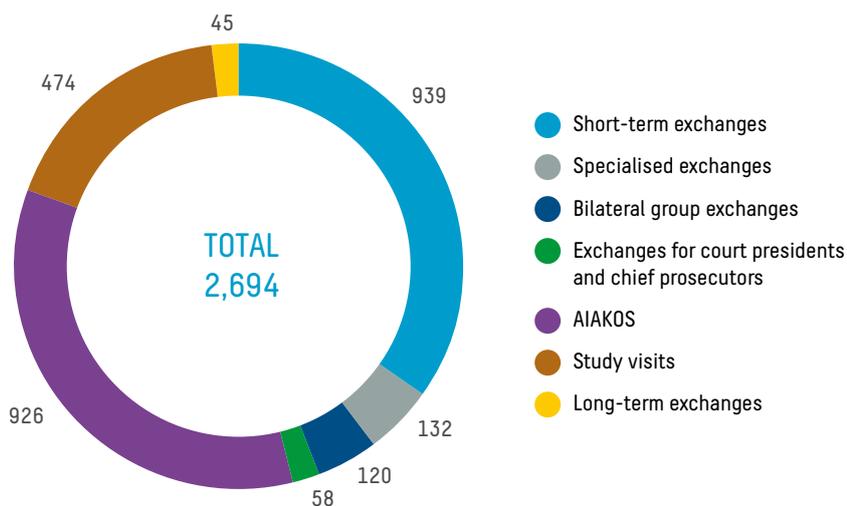


Table VII – Number of effective training days offered

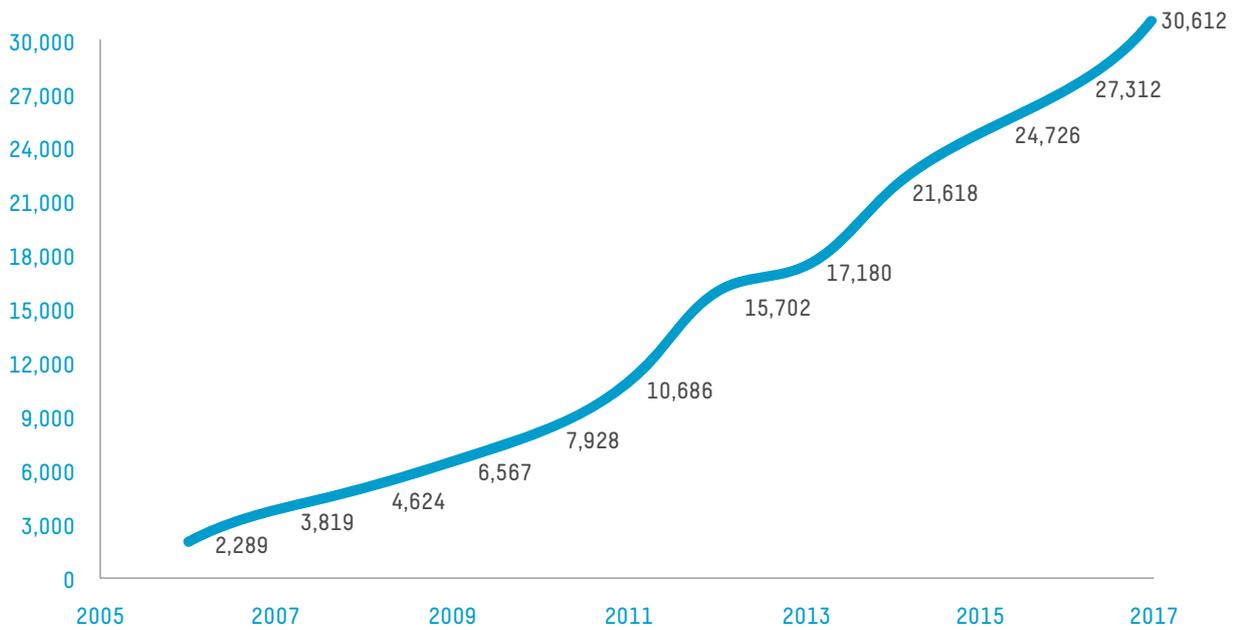
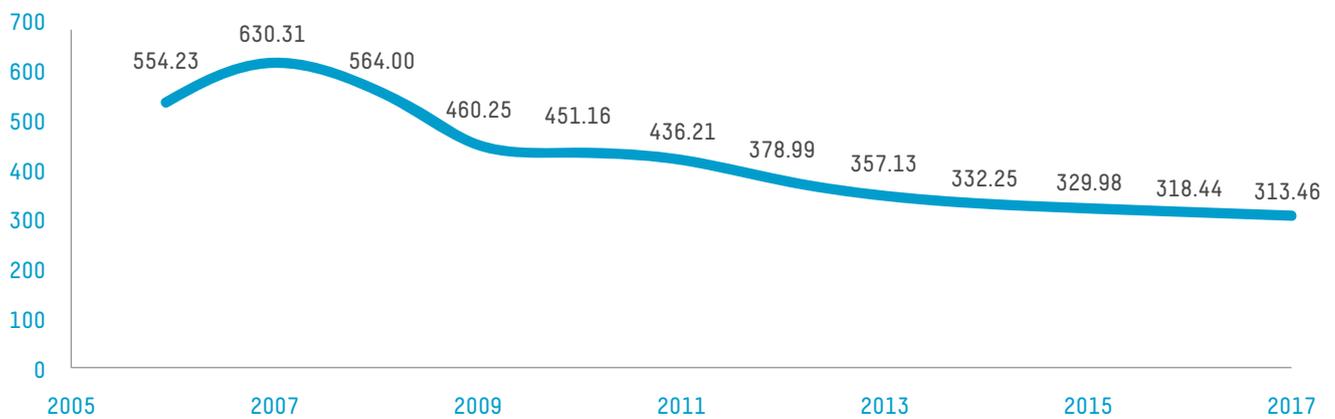


Table VIII – Performance Based on Cost-to-Serve Ratio: Cost/Training Day Offered (EUR)









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