

AIAKOS PROGRAMME

ESCUELA JUDICIAL – SPANISH JUDICIAL SCHOOL



- **Brief description of the AIAKOS Programme (current description in EJTN brochure):**

The programme is addressed specifically to future and early-career judges/ prosecutors, giving them the opportunity to learn about other judicial systems and training curricula, enhance their knowledge of EU law and judicial cooperation instruments as well as meet with their counterparts and develop useful contacts for their future professional life.

- **General objectives of the AIAKOS programme:**

- To bring together future or newly-appointed judges and prosecutors from different EU Member States;
- To foster mutual understanding of different European judicial cultures and systems;
- To raise awareness of the European dimension of their (future work);

- **Specificity of the host institution**

The Spanish Judicial School is the primary institution responsible for the training of judges and prosecutors in Spain. Located in Barcelona, it provides rigorous academic and practical education to ensure high professional standards. The school also promotes international cooperation and exchange programs, fostering collaboration within the European judicial framework. Its curriculum combines legal theory, case analysis, and hands-on experience in courts.

- **Key points for the host institution's programme**

- How do you become a judge in your country?
- Civil/criminal cooperation across Europe. Digital tools.
- Judges, social networks and ethics.
- Shadowing a Spanish judge.
- Jury trials in Spain.

- **Content of the host institution's programme**

- Getting to know each other: ice-breaking session.
- Exchange: How do you become a judge in your country?
- Workshop and debate on the use of social networks by judges and the impact on judicial ethics.
- Workshops on civil and/or criminal cooperation across Europe, focusing on digital tools.
- The daily work of judges in Spain: stay in the Courts.
- Visit to the Court of Appeal: attend a jury trial (if available) or, alternatively, participation in a mock jury trial.
- Possible visit to other institutions (police, bar association...) and/or social programme. To be confirmed.

- **Additional information**

During the first two days of each AIAKOS week, our international visitors will mix with Spanish trainee judges and take part in workshops on various topics such as the use of social networks by judges and civil/criminal cooperation in Europe. A total of 120 trainee judges from all over Europe will work together in three or four large groups (30/40 people per group). Within these large groups, participants will be divided into sub-groups of five. Practical cases will be discussed in the sub-working groups and then their conclusion shared in the large group plenary.

During the rest of the AIAKOS week, our international visitors will have the opportunity to spend a day in a Spanish court. In groups of four/five, AIAKOS participants will shadow a judge to get a first-hand insight into the daily work of a Spanish judge. Additionally, participants may attend a jury trial (when available) or, alternatively, engage in a mock jury trial.

The programme may also include visits to other institutions, such as the police or the bar association, along with optional social activities to foster networking and cultural exchange (to be confirmed).