

AIAKOS PROGRAMME - DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY
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- **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 Prosecution Service of Hungary primarily deals with criminal cases. The Prosecution Service is the only authority that partakes in the criminal procedure from the start of the investigation until the delivery of the final verdict. Although in most criminal cases the police is the investigative authority, the Prosecution Service also has the right to investigate.

In case of certain crimes (for example official bribery) or in criminal offenses committed by public officials (for example by Members of Parliament, judges, prosecutors, policemen, military personnel etc.), only the Prosecution Service is entitled to investigate.

Special prosecution offices, the Central Chief Office of Investigation and its regional offices carry out prosecutorial investigations.

Besides duties and activities related to criminal law, the Prosecution Service also deals with cases outside the criminal law field.

The Prosecution Service has duties and responsibilities in protecting the public interest and in supervising the legality of the execution of punishments.

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

- Strengthen the sense of common judicial culture and mutual trust in the participants.
- To familiarize the institutions, organization, law, procedures or training system of the host country / institution.

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

- A brief introduction to the Hungarian legal system and the organization of the Prosecution Service of Hungary
- Workshop and discussion: the participants introduce their national system
- Consultation about the Hungarian criminal procedure and the main criminal law regulations of Hungary
- Attendance at a criminal trial
- Presentation about the Hungarian punishment and penitentiary system

- **Additional information**

In the Office of the Prosecutor General of Hungary, the AIAKOS Programme is led by the Hungarian trainee prosecutors involved in it.

During the programme held at the Office of the Prosecutor General, the Hungarian trainee prosecutors participating in the AIAKOS are also present and actively involved in the workshop and the discussions in order to facilitate cooperation and to reach the objectives of the AIAKOS programme