

AIAKOS PROGRAMME
FINLAND – THE NATIONAL COURTS ADMINISTRATION
COMMON DESCRIPTION OUTLINE

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

The programme is addressed specifically to future and early-career judges, 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 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**

In Finland, currently, only judges are taking part to the AIAKOS exchange. The exchange is coordinated by the National Courts Administration, and the hosting is done jointly by few courts and The National Court Administration.

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

The program is strongly built on the discussion between participants and hosts. Main focus in AIAKOS is to give to the participants the general picture about the Finnish judicial system. It also gives a possibility to participants to meet and discuss with judges, especially with judges who are taking part to our initial training programme.

- **Content of the host institution's programme**
 - Introduction of the Finnish judicial system
 - Discussions about the judicial systems of the participants' countries
 - Visits in different government agencies or courts (these differ each year but could be e.g. Ministry of Justice, Parliament of Finland, Supreme or Supreme Administrative court, Court of Appeal, District court, Police, Prison).
- **Additional information**

As the AIAKOS Programme is organized only for a small group of participants, 6 in total, it feels more like peer-to-peer exchange, even if it is a group exchange. Don't forget the Finnish specialties for the free time: sauna and winter swimming at the sea.