

**AIAKOS PROGRAMME****LITHUANIA – NATIONAL COURTS ADMINISTRATION AND  
PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE****Description and objectives of the AIAKOS Programme**

The EJTN AIAKOS 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.

The AIAKOS Programme's objectives are:

- 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 Lithuania, two different institutions are in charge of the training of judges and prosecutors: the National Courts Administration of the Republic of Lithuania for trainee judges and the Prosecutor General's Office of the Republic of Lithuania for trainee prosecutors.

**NATIONAL COURTS ADMINISTRATION  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA****Key points for the host institution's programme**

The aim of the programme is to provide the participants of AIAKOS with deeper knowledge of Lithuanian judicial system through the interaction with various Lithuanian judicial professionals.

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

During the exchange week participants visit various institutions of Lithuanian judicial system (National Courts Administration, General Prosecutor's Office, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance Courts etc.\*).



Meetings and discussions with various judicial professionals are organised.

\*The institutions mentioned here might change. Final list of institutions to be visited during this exchange programme will be updated and sent approximately 1 month prior to the start of AIAKOS Programme.

## PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA



The Prosecutor General's Office of the Republic of Lithuania (hereafter the Prosecutor's Office) is a state institution performing the functions specified in the Constitution, the Law on the Prosecutor's Office and other legal acts. Its main mission is to ensure legality and assist the court in administering justice.

### Main Areas of Activity of the Prosecutor's Office

The main activities of the Prosecutor's Office include organising and directing pre-trial investigations, supporting the state prosecution, protecting the public interest and participating in law enforcement and legislative processes. The Prosecutor's Office organises and leads pre-trial investigations, conducts pre-trial investigations or individual investigative actions and controls the activities of pre-trial investigation officers in criminal proceedings. The Prosecutor's Office supports the state prosecution of criminal cases to ensure fair proceedings and supervises the proper enforcement of judgements. The Prosecutor's Office also coordinates the actions of various pre-trial investigation institutions, the whistleblower protection process, defends the public interest and ensures public safety, examines petitions, applications and complaints of individuals, participates in the development of national and international crime prevention programs, contributes to the legislative process and performs other functions established by law.

### Key points for the host institution's programme

The AIAKOS programme provides participants with an opportunity to learn about the Lithuanian judicial and prosecution systems, their functions and priority areas of activity. Participants gain practical knowledge about the activities of the Prosecutor's Office in the pre-trial investigation process. The programme also enables participants to communicate directly with experienced prosecutors, discuss pre-trial investigations and cases of different nature.

Visits to the pre-trial investigation institutions and other related institutions provide a better understanding of their functions and role in investigating criminal offences. Participants also get familiar with the specifics of cases under investigation, inter-agency exchange of information and international cooperation.



### **European Judicial Training Network**

Visits to the courts give an opportunity to learn about their activities and functions.

During the programme, participants also share their experiences and examples of best practices with Lithuanian colleagues, and discuss the principles of work organisation, the peculiarities of examination of criminal cases, directions for the modernisation of the judicial process and differences between countries.



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