

AIAKOS PROGRAMME - DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic



- **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 basic role of the Judicial Academy of the Slovak republic is to ensure, organize and perform the education of judges, prosecutors and court officials. In addition to organizing lifelong training the Academy prepares and subsequently verifies the professional knowledge and assumptions of future prosecutors and higher court officials necessary for the exercise of the position of a judge or a prosecutor by organizing an expert judicial exam. The external relations of the Academy are built on the intensive cooperation with both national and foreign partners in the specific field of training of judges and prosecutors as well as project activities related to the development of the Judicial Academy.

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

The programme has a theoretical part (meetings in courts) and a practical part (participation in hearings) and also contains presentations of national and foreign participants as well as familiarization with the activities and competences of judicial authorities. During the preparation of the programme we take into account the interest of participants and possibilities of host institutions.

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

- Judicial Academy of the Slovak
- Specialized Criminal Court
- Regional Courts, District Courts – participation in hearings
- Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic
- Judicial Council of the Slovak Republic
- Correctional facility
- Prosecutor's Offices

Depending on the possibilities of the host institutions to receive the AIAKOS delegation, not all of the institutions mentioned may be part of the program.

- **Additional information**

The group size in Slovakia tends to be smaller 10-15 participants with several additional national participants. Every year we organize a social programme as well, most often a tour through the historical centre of Bratislava.