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Foreword

Judicial training in Europe is in a constant state of evolution, and so too is the role of the European Judicial Training Network. Now more than ever, effective coordination at both European and national levels is essential to ensure coherence, quality and impact of training across different justice systems.

The training offer prepared by EJTN for 2027 reflects this shift in strategic direction. This Catalogue of Training Activities brings together a wide range of activities and initiatives designed to respond to evolving training needs while strengthening connections between national training institutions and fostering a shared European judicial culture. In line with EJTN's broader digital objectives, the 2027 Catalogue adopts an updated format, with greater emphasis on the EJTN Online Training Catalogue as the central point of access to training opportunities.

In addition to more traditional forms of training, 2027 will have a special focus on learning materials and resources that support sustainable and accessible knowledge-sharing across the European judiciary. This includes the continued development of materials such as learning videos and publications, but also the creation of EJTN Blueprints and echo seminars, which provide our members with structured, adaptable frameworks to support training at national level on topics reflecting key European priorities.

At the same time, the 2027 training offer reaffirms EJTN's commitment to supporting and promoting the Rule of Law across Europe. By strengthening coordination, sharing expertise and developing common training approaches, EJTN helps ensure that key European priorities are effectively integrated into national training systems, aligned with the European Judicial Training Strategy for 2025–2030.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to EJTN Members, Associate Members and Observers, as well as the EJTN Activity Coordinators and National Contact Points, for their expertise, dedication and continued engagement. Their contributions are essential to ensuring that judicial training in Europe remains relevant and forward-looking. I am equally grateful to EJTN's valued partners, including the Court of Justice of the European Union, the European Public Prosecutor's Office, Eurojust, the European Court of Human Rights, the European Judicial Networks in Civil and Criminal Matters, and many others, whose longstanding cooperation with EJTN continues to enhance the quality and relevance of judicial training at European level. I want to also thank the European Commission for its continued and valued support, which enables us to advance shared training priorities and strengthen judicial cooperation across Europe.



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Rule of Law and judicial independence

Safeguarding the independence of Europe's justice practitioners

At the core of EJTN's mission lies the support of Europe's justice practitioners in upholding the Rule of Law, a fundamental pillar of democratic societies and a cornerstone of justice systems across Europe. In a rapidly evolving legal landscape, safeguarding judicial independence and accountability remains a shared responsibility at both national and European levels, requiring effective coordination among judicial institutions and other relevant organisations.

Increasing challenges to judicial independence and growing pressures on democratic institutions underline the need for continuous professional training and strong cross-border cooperation, as reflected in key European frameworks, including the European Judicial Training Strategy 2025–2030 and the EU's broader Rule of Law mechanisms.

Through a dedicated training offer focused on the Rule of Law and organised across multiple portfolios, EJTN fosters a common and coordinated understanding of the principles underpinning judicial independence, strengthens professional resilience, and promotes a shared European judicial culture.



Key priorities in 2027

In 2027, EJTN continues to strengthen training on the Rule of Law and judicial independence through dedicated training activities supporting judges, prosecutors, and court staff across Europe. This includes:

- The Judges@Europe Forum, as a platform for structured dialogue among judges on the practical application of Rule of Law principles
- Rule of Law and digitalisation of justice, addressing the impact of technological transformation on judicial independence, accountability and public trust in justice systems
- Artificial Intelligence and the Rule of Law, addressing opportunities and safeguards related to emerging technologies and fundamental rights
- Strengthening knowledge of the preliminary ruling procedure and its role in ensuring the uniform interpretation and application of EU law, drawing on the expertise of the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Commission's Legal Service
- Continued integration of Rule of Law topics into the Exchange Programme, reinforcing mutual trust and a common approach to the application of EU law



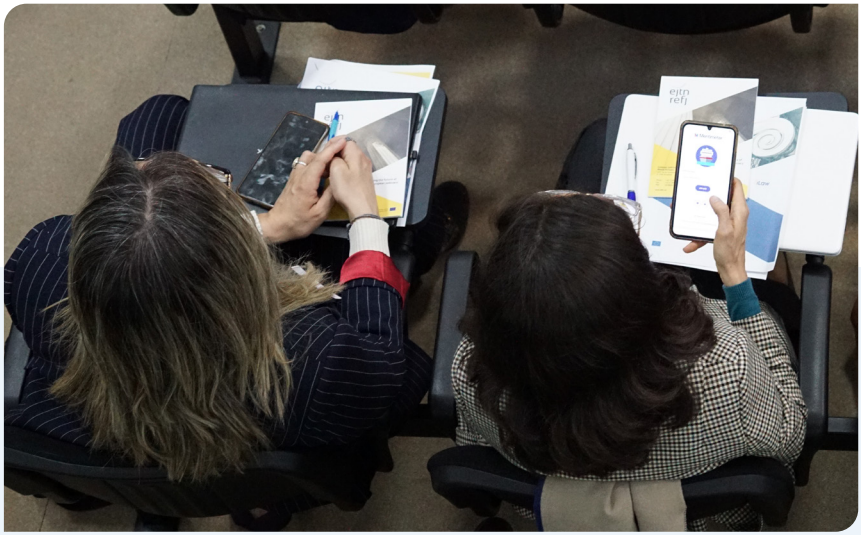
Digital justice and Artificial Intelligence

Preparing the judiciary for technological transformation

As digital technologies and Artificial Intelligence rapidly reshape justice systems across Europe, EJTN is committed to supporting justice practitioners in managing the digital transformation of justice. From case management tools to AI-assisted decision-making, these developments offer new opportunities to improve the efficiency, accessibility and quality of justice. However, they also raise important questions around data security, transparency, accountability, and fundamental rights.

EJTN's work in this area is closely aligned with the EU's strategic framework for judicial training, including the European Judicial Training Strategy 2025–2030 and the objectives of DigitalJustice@2030, which emphasise the need to equip justice practitioners with digital competences. It also reflects broader EU initiatives shaping the digital landscape, such as the Artificial Intelligence Act and the European e-Justice Strategy.

Through a range of innovative training activities and initiatives, led in particular by the Digitalisation Working Group, EJTN equips judges, prosecutors and court staff with the knowledge and skills needed to confidently engage with digital tools while upholding the Rule of Law.



Key priorities in 2027

In 2027, EJTN supports the digital transformation of justice across Europe by strengthening the digital competences of judges, prosecutors, and court staff in the use of digital tools and Artificial Intelligence. This includes:

- The AI and Digital Justice Summit, focusing on the use of Artificial Intelligence in judicial practice, including AI literacy, and its practical implications for courts and justice practitioners
- The Digital Ambassadors Programme, fostering a network of justice practitioners promoting digital literacy skills and innovation, with a multiplier effect through knowledge-sharing at national level
- Consumers' rights in the digital market, addressing legal challenges related to online platforms, digital transactions and evolving forms of consumer protection
- Digital competences and emerging technologies, including training on cybercrime in the digital era, data protection, digital evidence, developments related to the Digital Markets Act and the Digital Services Act, as well as the use of AI tools in judicial training and practice
- Digital justice and procedural cooperation, including digital hearings and the use of digital tools in cross-border proceedings



Cross-border justice in Europe

Strengthening judicial cooperation across Europe

EJTN plays a central role in strengthening judicial cooperation across Europe, which is essential for the effective functioning of justice within the European Union. As legal issues increasingly extend beyond national borders, judges, prosecutors and court staff must be equipped to apply EU law and cooperate efficiently with their counterparts in other EU Member States.

Through training activities organised across its portfolios, EJTN strengthens justice practitioners' ability to apply EU instruments underpinning cross-border judicial cooperation. This includes dedicated training on tools such as the European Arrest Warrant, the European Investigation Order, the European Criminal Records Information System, the Joint Investigation Teams Collaboration Platform, and the mutual recognition of judicial decisions in civil and criminal matters, organised by the Criminal Justice and Civil Law Sub-Working Groups. In parallel, EJTN's legal language training activities, together with the EJTN Exchange Programme and initial training activities – including the AIAKOS Programme and the THEMIS Competition – play an important role in fostering mutual trust, professional exchange and effective cooperation across borders.

Anchored in the European Judicial Training Strategy 2025–2030 and contributing to the objectives of the European Area of Justice, EJTN promotes a common judicial culture, strengthens knowledge of EU law and equips justice practitioners with the practical skills needed to apply cross-border procedures effectively in daily judicial practice.



Key priorities in 2027

In 2027, EJTN contributes to judicial cooperation across Europe by supporting justice practitioners in the application of EU judicial cooperation instruments and fostering mutual trust between national justice systems. This includes:

- Cross-border family and succession law, including issues related to the application of Brussels Ia, Brussels II, Rome I and Rome II in a digital context
- European Investigation Order and e-evidence, addressing procedural cooperation and the collection of digital evidence across jurisdictions
- Asset recovery and transfer of proceedings, supporting effective cross-border cooperation in criminal justice matters
- Judicial cooperation in criminal and civil matters, focusing on the practical application of EU instruments in cross-border proceedings
- Cooperation with key EJTN partners, including study visits and training activities with the Court of Justice of the European Union, Eurojust, the EPPO, the European Court of Human Rights and EU institutions



Protecting fundamental rights

Ensuring justice systems safeguard individual rights

EJTN is committed to supporting Europe's justice practitioners in safeguarding fundamental rights in judicial practice, which is a core responsibility of justice systems and a central pillar of the Rule of Law. Justice practitioners play a key role in ensuring that individual rights are effectively upheld in practice, in line with the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, the European Convention on Human Rights, and the evolving case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights, with which EJTN cooperates closely.

To strengthen competences in this area, EJTN delivers a comprehensive training offer, notably through the Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms Sub-Working Group. Training activities address a wide range of topics, including the protection of vulnerable groups, non-discrimination and victims' rights. This offer is complemented by long-term training periods at the CJEU and ECtHR, providing participants with in-depth insight into their procedures and jurisprudence, including the preliminary ruling procedure, addressed in particular through training materials under the Administrative Law Sub-Working Group.

Through this approach, EJTN contributes to the effective and consistent protection of fundamental rights across Europe, supporting the uniform application of EU law within the European Area of Justice.



Key priorities in 2027

In 2027, EJTN continues to support justice practitioners in safeguarding fundamental rights and ensuring equal access to justice through training activities addressing emerging human rights challenges across Europe. This includes:

- The EU Charter and the interplay between CJEU and ECtHR case law, strengthening the consistent protection of fundamental rights across European jurisdictions
- Access to justice for vulnerable groups, with a special focus on victims
- Protection of victims and minorities, including training on hate crime and cybercrime-related victimisation
- Artificial Intelligence and non-discrimination, addressing bias in algorithms and the impact of emerging technologies on equality and fairness
- Procedural rights, supporting effective judicial safeguards and accountability mechanisms



Responding to emerging challenges

Helping justice practitioners address new and complex legal issues

EJTN supports justice practitioners in responding to emerging challenges that raise new and increasingly complex legal questions. Issues such as environment and climate litigation, migration and asylum, financial and economic crime, and broader social change place growing demands on justice systems and require practitioners to operate within fast-developing legal, social and technological frameworks.

EJTN addresses these evolving needs through training activities developed across a range of portfolios and formats, including the popular Lunchtime Webinars, which offer open and easily accessible training opportunities on topical and emerging issues.

By linking these activities to relevant EU policy priorities, EJTN helps justice practitioners understand the legal implications of societal change, while also promoting the exchange of experiences and practical solutions to challenges that increasingly cross-national borders.



Key priorities in 2027

In 2027, EJTN continues to support justice practitioners in addressing evolving societal, environmental and economic challenges affecting justice systems across Europe. This includes:

- Environmental law and environmental crime, including judicial responses to environmental offences and implementation of the Environmental Crime Directive
- Migration and asylum law, supporting practitioners in addressing complex legal and procedural challenges linked to migration flows and international protection from a human rights perspective
- Economic and financial crime, including asset recovery, confiscation, tax law, state aid and public procurement
- Misinformation and democratic resilience, examining the impact of disinformation and digital environments on democratic institutions and the Rule of Law
- Societal change and access to justice, including emerging challenges linked to vulnerable groups, cultural diversity and evolving social realities across Europe
- Information on new legislation entering into force at EU level, delivered in national languages through the EJTN Legal Updates Series



Judicial skills and professional development

Supporting justice practitioners in their daily work

EJTN supports justice practitioners in developing the practical, methodological and professional skills required for their daily work. In an evolving legal and institutional landscape, effective justice depends not only on legal knowledge but also on strong training methods, communication and digital skills and the ability to operate confidently in diverse professional contexts.

EJTN advances this objective through a range of training activities designed to strengthen core judicial skills across Europe. With its Judicial Training Methods Working Group, EJTN promotes innovative and practice-oriented approaches to judicial training, supporting both judicial trainers and practitioners in the design and delivery of high-quality learning activities.

The popular Online Conversation Classes, offered in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish and organised through the Linguistics Working Group, further enable justice practitioners to work effectively in multilingual and cross-border environments, enhancing professional communication and mutual understanding. These efforts are complemented by specialised training for judicial leaders as well as activities related to gender equality and gender balance in justice in accordance with the Gender Mainstreaming Toolkit.

Together, these activities reinforce continuous professional development across the judiciary and underline EJTN's role in supporting competent, resilient and inclusive justice systems across the European Union.



Key priorities in 2027

In 2027, EJTN continues to strengthen the professional and personal competences of justice practitioners through practical training activities supporting leadership, communication, well-being and resilience. This includes:

- Training methodologies and trainer development, including workshops on innovative training methods, public speaking and accessible learning as well as the EJTN Training of Trainers Programme on legal content
- Leadership development for judges, prosecutors and court staff, including personal leadership and change management in the digital era
- Judicial resilience and well-being, addressing stress management, trauma and memory in judicial practice
- Artificial Intelligence and innovative tools for trainers, supporting the responsible integration of new technologies into judicial training practices
- Legal language training



Building the European judicial community

Connecting justice practitioners across borders

EJTN serves as a key platform for bringing together justice practitioners from across Europe. Building a strong and cohesive European judicial community is essential to the effective functioning of justice systems.

While developing professional skills and legal knowledge is crucial, effective justice also depends on mutual trust, shared values and continuous dialogue among practitioners from different legal systems.

By creating opportunities for exchange and cooperation, EJTN directly contributes to the development of a common European judicial culture, in line with the objectives of the European Judicial Training Strategy 2025–2030.

EJTN supports this ambition through initiatives that connect justice practitioners at different stages of their careers. The THEMIS Competition and the AIAKOS Programme introduce early-career judges and prosecutors to the European dimension of justice, while the EJTN Exchange Programme enables judges, prosecutors and court staff to engage with their peers across borders through general, specialised or project-based exchanges, study visits and long-term training periods.

In parallel, the Catalogue of Members' Activities and Catalogue Plus open national training offers to a wider European audience. Both initiatives promote openness, peer learning and cooperation, allowing EJTN to serve as a central platform for connection and coordination in Europe.



Key priorities in 2027

In 2027, EJTN continues to connect justice practitioners across borders by fostering exchanges, peer learning and cooperation. This includes:

- Judicial exchange activities, supporting professional mobility, mutual trust and practical cooperation among judges, prosecutors and court staff
- Long-term training periods and study visits, including with the Court of Justice of the European Union, the European Court of Human Rights, Eurojust, the EPPO and EU institutions
- The THEMIS Competition and the AIAKOS Programme, promoting European judicial cooperation among both future and early-career judges and prosecutors
- Specialised exchanges and peer-learning activities for judicial trainers, court staff and judicial leaders



EJTN resources and learning materials

In addition to its in-person and online training activities, EJTN develops a growing range of resources and learning materials designed to support high-quality judicial training across Europe.

These materials include publications, learning videos and podcasts, practical learning simulations, toolkits and other digital tools, which complement training activities and promote knowledge-sharing within the Network. The materials are developed to extend the impact of EJTN training beyond individual activities or initiatives, and to support continuous learning in diverse national contexts. Moreover, relevant learning materials developed by EJTN's partners, such as e-learning courses, are regularly integrated into training activities.

From 2027 onwards, this offer is further strengthened through EJTN Blueprints and echo seminars, which are structured, reusable training frameworks developed through collective expertise and made available to EJTN member institutions. Together, these resources enhance the accessibility and sustainability of judicial training, supporting consistent, high-quality learning on EU law topics at national level.



Planned learning resources for 2027

In 2027, EJTN further expands its range of learning resources, publications and training materials, supporting justice practitioners with up-to-date knowledge, practical guidance and innovative digital tools. This will include:

- Digital platforms and tools, including the Digital Ambassadors Platform and the EJTN Digital Judicial Catalogue, enhancing access to online learning and peer exchange across the network
- Resources on digital justice, including digital hearings, the digital market and consumers' rights, addressing evolving legal frameworks and practical challenges in online environments
- Training materials on key EU law developments, including state liability and up-to-date case law on procedural rights from the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights
- Updated knowledge resources, including the Leadership Training Hub, supporting judicial leadership and the management of change within justice systems
- Capacity-building and recognition tools, including the Certification Programme for EJTN Experts, contributing to the quality and consistency of judicial training across the Network
- Publications, including a study on good practices in judicial training and the THEMIS Annual Journal

For more information on the available resources, please visit the EJTN Intranet and the EJTN website.



EJTN Blueprints

From 2027 onwards, EJTN Blueprints provide structured and adaptable training resources covering key EU law topics. They support the integration of these topics into national training curricula.

The EJTN Blueprints will include:

- Cross-border civil and family law, including Brussels Ia, Rome I and Rome II in the digital context, anti-SLAPP, cross-border succession, family law, and labour law aspects of cross-border cooperation
- Fundamental rights and procedural guarantees, including the EU Charter, the interplay between CJEU and ECtHR case law, procedural rights, and access to justice for vulnerable groups
- Digital transformation and emerging challenges, including data protection, digital hearings, the service of documents and taking of evidence in a digital context, the digital market (DMA/DSA), AI-related liability, and the growing impact of misinformation on the Rule of Law
- Judicial practice, digital skills, AI literacy and professional development, including asset recovery and financial investigations, the role of court staff, judgecraft, cultural diversity in the courtroom, and leadership and change management in the digital era
- The preliminary ruling procedure and strengthening judicial dialogue with the CJEU, including referral obligations, admissibility requirements, drafting preliminary references, proceedings before the EU Courts, the application of a preliminary ruling, decisions on whether to refer, jurisdictional questions between the Court of Justice and the General Court, and the protection of effective judicial dialogue

For more information on the Blueprints, please visit the EJTN Intranet.

2027 training activities by portfolio and initiative

This section provides access to the 2027 EJTN training activities by portfolio and initiative. By scanning the QR code, you are directed to the relevant section of the EJTN Online Training Catalogue, where you can explore the full range of training opportunities available in 2027.

- Administrative Law
- Civil Law
- Criminal Justice
- Digitalisation
- Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
- Judicial Training Methods
- Legal Language
- AIAKOS Programme
- Exchanges
- Long-term training periods
- Project-based exchanges
- Study visits
- THEMIS Competition
- Lunchtime Webinars
- Catalogue of Members' Activities
- Catalogue Plus

General conditions and application process

Who can apply

EJTN training activities and initiatives are specifically designed to meet the needs of European justice practitioners.

The key target audience include:

- Future and early-career judges and prosecutors
- Judges and prosecutors
- Court and prosecution staff
- Judicial leaders
- Judicial trainers

Please note that participation in training activities may be subject to eligibility criteria linked to the target audience. The applicable target audience is indicated in the online training catalogue for each activity.

How to apply

Applicants are encouraged to ensure that their profile matches the target audience of the activity they wish to apply for by consulting the EJTN Online Training Catalogue. Please review the description of the selected activity, as application procedures and requirements may vary, including with regard to language skills.

Please note that national judicial training institutions are responsible for launching calls and selecting participants. All selections are handled exclusively by these institutions.

For more detailed application processes for each activity, please scan the QR code or visit the EJTN Online Training Catalogue at catalogue.ejtn.eu

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