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INTRODUCTION

2018
HIGHLIGHTS

FOREWORD

Trained 6,719 individual judges, prosecutors, trainers and trainees.

Provided 34,289 individual training days.

Opened the participation of the judiciary from the Western Balkans in EJTN's training activities.

Continued EJTN's global outreach activities to share knowledge and discuss perspectives.

NEW HORIZONS.

Established almost 20 years ago, the EJTN has continued to serve the interests of the European judiciary, also through the provision of a wealth of judicial training opportunities and supporting resources. Like previous years, 2018 proved a year of great success in all aspects. But, the past year was especially rewarding as it heralded new opportunities and possibilities on the horizon for the Network.

The EJTN's flagship Exchange Programme for judicial authorities continued to show robust growth in 2018. The global number of participants in the Exchange Programme's activities rose by over 8.5% in 2018 compared to the corresponding figure of the previous year. In total, 2,928 judges, prosecutors and judicial trainers as well as future judges and prosecutors benefited from the Programme in 28 EU Member States.

With a wider perspective on all of EJTN's various training activities, 6,567 judges, prosecutors, trainers and trainees, representing all EU Member States, participated in EJTN's training opportunities. In total, 34,289 individual training days were offered – an increase of over 3,600 compared to the corresponding figure of 2017. Naturally, over the past year, EJTN remained focussed on quality in training through, for example, continuing its novel initiatives in the field of training activity evaluation.

Looking at an important event of the past year, EJTN's *Directors' Conference* in Vienna stood out as a particularly seminal gathering where the draft *EJTN Strategic Plan 2021–2027* was addressed. It is set to be formally adopted at EJTN's upcoming General Assembly in June 2019, and frames the Network's future orientations, goals and relations with its actors as well as outlines its planned activities.

The past year also saw many other key achievements and opened the door to new possibilities. On the basis of an Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) with the Directorate-General Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), the participation of the judiciary from the Western Balkans in EJTN's training activities was opened.

The important *Rule of Law* project was initiated, supporting resources for judicial training were created, webinars on timely topics were produced and administrative efficiencies were bolstered through continued improvements of various platforms.

Continuing its tradition of outreach, EJTN participated in important conferences and seminars around the globe and also welcomed many visiting groups, including from Georgia and Taiwan, to its headquarters to share knowledge and discuss perspectives.

I invite you now to review this Annual Report, which highlights our Network's accomplishments in 2018 and provides a tantalising glimpse of the new opportunities and possibilities on the horizon for our Network.

Judge Wojciech Postulski
EJTN Secretary General

HISTORY

2017

Provided 30,612 individual training days with 6,317 training places for Europe's magistracy.

—
Drafted the *EJTN Strategic Plan 2021-2027* to direct the future efforts of the Network.

2016

Published EJTN's *Judicial Training Principles*, providing a universal framework for judicial training.

2015

Celebrated the 10th anniversaries of the EJTN Exchange Programme and the THEMIS Competition.

2014

Secretary General: Judge W. Postulski (2014-2017 & 2017-2019).

—
EJTN's fundamental importance within the sphere of European judicial training is recognised by the Council of the European Union.*

2013

Regulation (EU) 1382/2013 grants EJTN an operating grant for the period 2014–2020 under the new EU Justice Programme.

—
European Commission lauds EJTN's achievements, confirming its paramount role in judicial training.**

2011

Secretary General: L. Pereira, Senior Public Prosecutor (2011–2014).

—
Linguistics and Civil Law training programmes launched.

2010

Criminal I training and eLearning programmes launched.

2008

Secretary General: Judge V. Hall (2008–2011).

2007

Council's Decision of 12/02/2007 recognises EJTN as pursuing an aim of genuine European interest in the field of training of the EU judiciary.

2006

In 2006, the European Commission entrusted EJTN for the implementation of the exchanges between judicial authorities, which became EJTN's flagship activity.

2005

EJTN establishes a permanent Secretariat in Brussels.

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Secretary General: Judge G. Charbonnier (2005–2008)



EJTN's first home in Brussels in 2005



EJTN's first logo

2003

Secretary General: A. D'Alterio, Prosecutor (2003–2005)

2002

The Catalogue is EJTN's first cross-border training activity.

2001

EJTN's first website launched.

2000

Creation of EJTN – Charter of Bordeaux.

* Council Conclusions 'Training of legal practitioners: an essential tool to consolidate the EU acquis' (2014/C 443/04).

** Mrs. Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the European Commission, EU Justice Commissioner, opening speech, workshop of Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, November 28, 2013.

EJTN IN BRIEF

The European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) is an international non-profit association governed by the provisions of Belgian law relating to such associations.

EJTN is a unique association gathering the 37 Member training institutions for the judiciary from all EU Member States. EJTN promotes training programmes with a genuine European dimension for members of the European judiciary.

While celebrating over a decade of ever-increasing growth based upon solid gains over the past years, EJTN continues to improve and widen its field of work. Indeed, EJTN brings value and innovation to judicial training through its network of Members, Observers and Partners, distinctive training methodologies and steadfast cooperation with the European Commission as well as other EU institutions, judicial networks and associations.

EJTN keeps sight of the objectives of offering 1,200 exchanges in courts per year as well as to enable half of the legal practitioners in the European Union to participate in European judicial training activities by 2020, as set in the Communication “Building trust in EU-wide Justice, a new dimension to European judicial training” (COM (2011) 551).

The capacity of EJTN to play an active role and to coordinate its programme of activities is made possible thanks to several driving forces. Based on a proven and decentralised structure of planning and execution, EJTN can rely on the mobilisation of all of its Members to provide the relevant expertise and active participation necessary to develop its offer of training activities. The financial support of the European Commission is essential to ensure this development in the best possible conditions.

The merger of these factors along with the increasing trust placed in EJTN as a major and entrusted partner of the construction of a European legal area, enables EJTN's target audience, the EU judiciary, to share common values, exchange new experiences and discuss new perspectives in areas of common interest, thus instilling amongst participants the feeling of belonging to a common judicial culture from the very beginning of their careers and helping in the building of the identity of a European judge amongst the future judiciary.

The implementation and results of EJTN's annual programme of training activities have been closely scrutinised, and it is with great pleasure that several key achievements have been obtained, including:

- Further strengthening of the Network, with reference to the objectives set in the 2011 EC Communication and in the EU Justice Agenda for 2020;
- Improving coordination and assistance to national training institutions, Members and Observers, so as to facilitate and enhance their training offers; and,
- Increasing performance across existing financial and methodological means as well providing expertise and know-how through EJTN's networking.



VISION, MISSION AND GOALS

VISION

EJTN is an institution pursuing an aim of general European interest in the field of training of the judiciary.

EJTN is a recognised and respected player operating at the European level.

EJTN is fully autonomous in defining its own priorities and European judiciary training needs, while simultaneously retaining judicial independence, taking into account priorities set by the European institutions.

EJTN respects the different capacities, missions and structures as well as the different needs of individual Member institutions that have an impact on their possible involvement in EJTN's activities.

EJTN's role in European judicial training in the foreseeable future will remain EJTN's *raison d'être*, i.e. the initial and continuous training of EU judges and prosecutors and combining forces to achieve better and stronger results in judicial training in the European area of justice.

EJTN shall continue its drive to offer quality, innovative training activities that give added value to the training offered at the national level, whilst appreciating that the first and main responsibility for the provision of such training activities lies with national training institutes.

EJTN's Members have a legitimate interest in using the Network as their forum for networking. Therefore, it is considered fundamental that EJTN continues to provide the platform and tools adequate to allow an exchange of concepts and best practices, which should have a wider scope than only European law.

MISSION

On 13 October 2000, the first Charter of the European Judicial Training Network was presented to the Network's founding Members. This Charter defined the Network's mission as the promotion of "a training programme with a genuine European dimension for Members of the European judiciary".

GOALS

The European Judicial Training Network Strategic Plan 2014–2020 defines EJTN's strategic goals for this period as the following:

- To continue to foster mutual trust between judges and prosecutors from different European legal systems.
- To increase the level of knowledge of EU law among the European judiciary.
- To assure high standards of quality of European judicial training and promote high standards of quality for national judicial training.
- To foster the early development of a judge's and prosecutor's European profile.
- To strive towards an increased networking function of EJTN.
- To strive towards a more effective external cooperation.
- In the interest of maintaining judicial independence, to reinforce as far as possible, the primacy of the role of EJTN in all areas of judicial training at the EU level.



JUDICIAL TRAINING PRINCIPLES

At EJTN's 2016 General Assembly, a landmark motion was presented and adopted. The General Assembly unanimously approved EJTN's proposed nine judicial training principles.

The judicial training principles were developed within EJTN's Steering Committee, which agreed in principle at its November 2015 meeting to draft a European statement relating to the core principles of judicial training. A process of moving the initiative forward was created and EJTN was named as the key actor in this process.

The principles establish key statements relating to the nature of judicial training, the importance of initial training, the right to regular continuous training and the integral nature of training in daily work. The principles also address the dominion of national training institutions regarding the content and delivery of training, clarify who should deliver training and stress the need for modern training techniques as well as express the need for funding and support commitments from authorities.



A UNIVERSAL TRAINING FRAMEWORK

Intended to provide a universal training framework for Europe's judiciary and judicial training institutions, the principles provide Europe's judiciary a foundation and source of inspiration for managing their own judicial training needs. The principles also provide Europe's judicial training institutions a common foundation from which to plan and deliver judicial training activities.

THE NINE JUDICIAL TRAINING PRINCIPLES

1. Judicial training is a multidisciplinary and practical type of training, essentially intended for the transmission of professional techniques and values complementary to legal education.
2. All judges and prosecutors should receive initial training before or on their appointment.
3. All judges and prosecutors should have the right to regular continuous training after appointment and throughout their careers and it is their responsibility to undertake it. Every Member State should put in place systems that ensure judges and prosecutors are able to exercise this right and responsibility.
4. Training is part of the normal working life of a judge and a prosecutor. All judges and prosecutors should have time to undertake training as part of the normal working time, unless it exceptionally jeopardises the service of justice.
5. In accordance with the principles of judicial independence the design, content and delivery of judicial training are exclusively for national institutions responsible for judicial training to determine.
6. Training should primarily be delivered by judges and prosecutors who have been previously trained for this purpose.
7. Active and modern educational techniques should be given primacy in judicial training.
8. Member States should provide national institutions responsible for judicial training with sufficient funding and other resources to achieve their aims and objectives.
9. The highest judicial authorities should support judicial training.

The judicial training principles, available in Europe's official languages, may be found from EJTN's website.



ACTORS

EJTN MEMBERS



Federal Ministry of
Constitutional Affairs, Reforms,
Deregulation and Justice

INDEPENDENT | TRANSPARENT | CITIZEN-ORIENTED

AUSTRIA
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF CONSTITUTIONAL
AFFAIRS, REFORMS, DEREGULATION AND
JUSTICE



BELGIUM
BELGIAN JUDICIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE



BULGARIA
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE



CROATIA
JUDICIAL ACADEMY



CYPRUS
SUPREME COURT OF CYPRUS



CZECH REPUBLIC
THE CZECH JUDICIAL ACADEMY



DENMARK
THE DANISH COURT ADMINISTRATION



ACADEMY OF EUROPEAN LAW (ERA)



ESTONIA
OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL



ESTONIA
SUPREME COURT OF ESTONIA



FINLAND
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE



FRANCE
THE FRENCH NATIONAL SCHOOL FOR THE
JUDICIARY (ENM)



GERMANY
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND
CONSUMER PROTECTION



GREECE
NATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE JUDICIARY



HUNGARY
NATIONAL OFFICE FOR THE JUDICIARY



HUNGARY
OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL



IRELAND
COMMITTEE FOR JUDICIAL STUDIES



ITALY
HIGH COUNCIL FOR THE JUDICIARY



ITALY
THE SCHOOL FOR THE JUDICIARY



LATVIA
LATVIAN JUDICIAL TRAINING CENTRE



LATVIA
OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL



LITHUANIA
NATIONAL COURTS ADMINISTRATION



LITHUANIA
PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE



LUXEMBOURG
PARQUET GÉNÉRAL



MALTA
JUDICIAL STUDIES COMMITTEE



THE NETHERLANDS TRAINING AND STUDY CENTRE FOR THE JUDICIARY



POLAND THE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC PROSECUTION



PORTUGAL CENTRE FOR JUDICIAL STUDIES



ROMANIA ROMANIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MAGISTRACY



SLOVAK REPUBLIC JUDICIAL ACADEMY OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC



SLOVENIA THE JUDICIAL TRAINING CENTRE



SPAIN CENTRE FOR LEGAL STUDIES



SPAIN THE SPANISH JUDICIAL SCHOOL



SWEDEN COURTS OF SWEDEN JUDICIAL TRAINING ACADEMY



SWEDISH PROSECUTION AUTHORITY



UK ENGLAND AND WALES – THE JUDICIAL COLLEGE



UK NORTHERN IRELAND – JUDICIAL STUDIES BOARD



UK SCOTLAND – JUDICIAL INSTITUTE FOR SCOTLAND

EJTN OBSERVERS



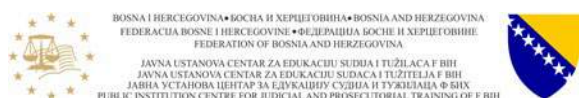
MOLDOVA
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE



ALBANIA
ALBANIA MAGISTRATES SCHOOL



MONTENEGRO
JUDICIAL TRAINING CENTRE / CENTRE
FOR TRAINING IN JUDICIARY AND STATE
PROSECUTION SERVICE



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
PUBLIC INSTITUTION CENTRE FOR JUDICIAL
AND PROSECUTORIAL TRAINING OF THE
FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



NORWAY
NORWEGIAN COURTS ADMINISTRATION



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
CENTRE FOR JUDICIAL AND
PROSECUTORIAL TRAINING OF REPUBLIKA
SRPSKA



SERBIA
JUDICIAL ACADEMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SERBIA



GEORGIA
THE HIGH SCHOOL OF JUSTICE



SWITZERLAND
FOUNDATION FOR THE CONTINUOUS
TRAINING OF SWISS JUDGES



ACADEMY FOR JUDGES AND PUBLIC PROSECUTORS PAVEL SHATEV

NORTH MACEDONIA
ACADEMY FOR JUDGES AND PUBLIC
PROSECUTORS



UKRAINE
NATIONAL SCHOOL OF UKRAINE JUDGES

EJTN PARTNERS

TRUSTED PARTNERSHIPS AND TOPIC EXPERTS

Absolutely vital to EJTN's training offering is having a close cooperation with partners. EJTN will continue its time-honoured tradition of collaboration with its trusted partners to provide expertise in designing and cross-promoting training programmes. EJTN is proud to continue its long legacy of collaboration with its partners in order to deliver top-quality judicial training to Europe's judges and prosecutors.



Genocide Network - European Network for investigation and prosecution of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes

- Seminar entitled *Prosecuting and judging core international crimes within the EU. Combating impunity.*



Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4



Association of the Councils of State and Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions of the European Union (ACA-Europe)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4



Regional Cooperation Council

- Cooperation with judiciary of Western Balkans countries



United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

- Global Judicial Integrity Network
- Study Visits



Eurojust

- Long Term Exchanges
- Study Visits
- International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters in Practice: EAW and MLA simulations project



European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial matters (EJN-Civil)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4



European Judicial Network

- International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters in Practice: EAW and MLA simulations project
- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4
- Cooperation on linguistic training for EJN contact points

Network of Public Prosecutors or equivalent institutions at the Supreme Judicial Courts of the Member States of the European Union (NADAL)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4



European Judicial Cybercrime Network

- Combatting cybercrime through training



European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ)
Réseau européen des Conseils de la Justice (RECJ)

Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4
- Conference on Leadership



Joint Investigation Teams (JIT) Network

- EJTN-CEPOL-JIT Network Secretariat Cooperation on Joint Investigation Team Seminars



Court of Justice of the European Union

- Long Term Exchanges
- Study Visits



European Commission

- Implementation of Operating Grant
- Needs analysis
- Study Visits (Brussels)



European Asylum Support Office (EASO)

- Cooperation within Court and Tribunal Network
- Mapping training needs



The European Association of Labour Court Judges

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4



International Association of Refugee Law Judges (IARLJ)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4
- Seminar on EU Asylum Law
- Specialised judicial exchanges



EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

- JHA meeting of the training coordinators
- Study Visits



Council of Europe

- Study Visits
- Help in 28
- Cooperation on the Rule of Law project
- Cooperation with the European Commission for the efficiency of justice (CEPEJ)
- Cooperation with the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE)
- Cooperation with the Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE)



European Court of Human Rights

- Long Term Exchanges
- Study Visits
- Seminar on Human Rights



European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training

- EJTN-CEPOL-JIT Network Secretariat Cooperation on Joint Investigation Team Seminars
- Joint seminars and webinars
- Training analyses



European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment (ENPE)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4
- Specialised judicial exchanges



European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment (EUFJE)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4
- Specialised judicial exchanges



Association of European Competition Law Judges (AECJL)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4



Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4
- Cooperation on Judicial Training on Alternative Dispute Resolution in Administrative Law
- Cooperation on Judicial Training in Conflicts of Norms in the Application of Fundamental Rights
- Specialised judicial exchanges



Max Planck Institute
for Social Anthropology

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology on Cultural Diversity and Judiciary Practice in Europe

- Cooperation on a study on Cultural Diversity and Judiciary Practice in Europe
- Survey on National Training Courses for Judges on Cultural Diversity
- Collaboration on seminars in administrative law and human and fundamental rights



European Association of Judges for the Mediation (GEMME)

- Cooperation within Partnership based on MoU following EP Pilot Project Lot 4
- Cooperation on seminar on mediation in administrative law
- Specialised judicial exchanges



The Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)

- Study Visits

EJTN IS ALSO ENGAGED IN OTHER COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS WITH THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS:

- e-Justice Communication via Online Data Exchange
- Ecole Nationale des Greffes
- European Institute of Public Administration
- European Lawyers' Foundation
- European Network of Forensic Science Institutes
- European Patent Office
- European Union Intellectual Property Office
- European University Institute
- International Association for European Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs
- International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates
- International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law
- International Organization for Judicial Training
- Judicial Network of the European Union
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- Panel of Recognized International Market Experts in Finance
- Pharma crime
- Robert Schuman Foundation
- South East European Judicial Training Network
- The Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe

EJTN GOVERNANCE

DECENTRALISED PLANNING AND EXECUTION PRINCIPLES

Based on a decentralised planning and execution of its activities, EJTN relies on its Members, Observers and Partners to facilitate and enhance its training offering.

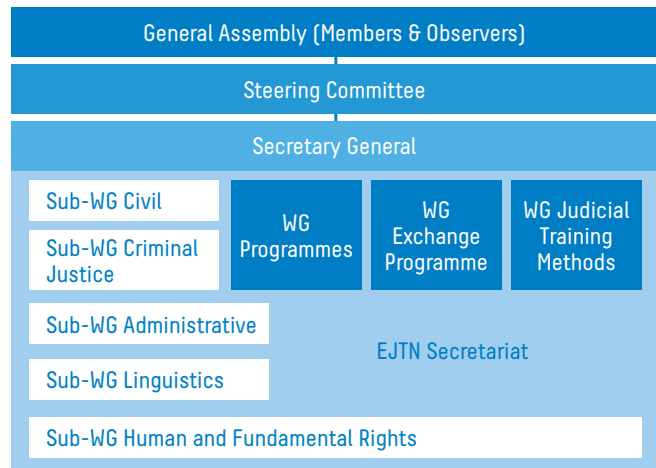
The decentralised planning concept means that every activity to be carried out within the EJTN annual training programme should firstly be identified as corresponding to an actual training need of the European judiciary by EJTN Members of the appropriate Working Group or Sub-Working Group. In addition, it also signifies that the activity in question will be soundly designed and structured, relying on the expertise provided by several EJTN Members.

The decentralised execution concept envisages ensuring that every EJTN Member is entitled to present its candidacy to host any of the training activities or any other EJTN event included in its programme, if it so wishes. This concept encourages a favourable, widespread distribution of training within the EJTN framework among all EU countries.

EJTN'S STATUTORY BODIES AND GOVERNANCE

EJTN's statutory bodies and governance promote internal democracy and stimulate cooperation.

- The General Assembly comprises representatives from all Member institutions, and meets annually
- The Steering Committee comprises 8 elected Members and meets five times annually
- The Secretary General, a seconded judge or prosecutor, directs daily operations
- The Working Groups (WG) and Sub Working-Groups (Sub-WG) plan and implement programmes within their fields
- EJTN works with 38 Member institutions from the 28 EU Member States as well as numerous Observer and Partner institutions



Elected in 2016 and with their mandates beginning in March 2017, EJTN's Steering Committee, Working Groups and Sub-Working Groups are made up of the below EJTN Members.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The French National School for the Judiciary (ENM) (France) – Chair



Members:

- Belgian Judicial Training Institute (Belgium)
- Academy of European Law (ERA)
- Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany)
- High School for the Judiciary (Italy)
- Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary (The Netherlands)
- Centre For Judicial Studies (Portugal)
- Romanian National Institute of Magistracy (Romania)
- The Spanish Judicial School (Spain)

WORKING GROUP JUDICIAL TRAINING METHODS

The School for the Judiciary (Italy)



Members:

- Belgian Judicial Training Institute (Belgium)
- National Institute of Justice (Bulgaria)
- Judicial Academy (Croatia)
- The Czech Judicial Academy (Czech Republic)
- The Danish Court Administration (Denmark)
- Academy of European Law (ERA)
- The French National School for the Judiciary (ENM) (France)
- Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany)
- National School of Judges (Greece)
- High Council for the Judiciary (Italy)
- Latvian Judicial Training Centre (Latvia)
- Norwegian Courts Administration (Norway) - Observer
- National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (Poland)
- Centre for Judicial Studies (Portugal)
- Romanian National Institute of Magistracy (Romania)
- The Judicial Training Centre (Slovenia)
- Centre for Legal Studies (Spain)
- The Spanish Judicial School (Spain)
- Courts of Sweden Judicial Training Academy (Sweden)
- Swedish Prosecution Authority (Sweden)
- The Judicial College (UK – England & Wales)

WORKING GROUP EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Belgian Judicial Training Institute (Belgium) – Convener



Members:

- Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice (Austria)
- National Institute of Justice (Bulgaria)
- Judicial Academy (Croatia)
- The Czech Judicial Academy (Czech Republic)
- Supreme Court (Estonia)
- The French National School for the Judiciary (ENM) (France)
- Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany)
- National School of Judges (Greece)
- The School for the Judiciary (Italy)
- National Courts Administration (Lithuania)
- Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary (The Netherlands)
- The National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (Poland)
- Centre for Judicial Studies (Portugal)
- Romanian National Institute of Magistracy (Romania)
- The Judicial Training Centre (Slovenia)
- Centre for Legal Studies (Spain)
- The Spanish Judicial School (Spain)

WORKING GROUP PROGRAMMES

Academy of European Law (ERA) – Convener



Members:

- Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice (Austria)
- Belgian Judicial Training Institute (Belgium)
- National Institute of Justice (Bulgaria)
- Judicial Academy (Croatia)
- The Czech Judicial Academy (Czech Republic)
- Ministry of Justice (Finland)
- The French National School for the Judiciary (ENM) (France)
- Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany)
- National School of Judges (Greece)
- The School for the Judiciary (Italy)
- Latvian Judicial Training Centre (Latvia)
- National Courts Administration (Lithuania)
- National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (Poland)
- Centre for Judicial Studies (Portugal)
- Romanian National Institute of Magistracy (Romania)
- The Judicial Training Centre (Slovenia)
- Centre for Legal Studies (Spain)
- The Spanish Judicial School (Spain)

SUB-WORKING GROUP CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Centre for Legal Studies (Spain) – Convener



Members:

- Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice (Austria)
- Belgian Judicial Training Institute (Belgium)
- Judicial Academy (Croatia)
- The French National School for the Judiciary (ENM) (France)
- Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection in coordination with the Bavarian Ministry of Justice (Germany)
- National School of Judges (Greece)
- The School for the Judiciary (Italy)
- The National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (Poland)
- Centre for Judicial Studies (Portugal)

SUB-WORKING GROUP CIVIL

The Spanish Judicial School (Spain) – Convener



Members:

- Belgian Judicial Training Institute (Belgium)
- Judicial Academy (Croatia)
- The Czech Judicial Academy (Czech Republic)
- Academy of European Law (ERA)
- Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany)
- National School of Judges (Greece)
- The School for the Judiciary (Italy)
- Centre for Judicial Studies (Portugal)
- The Judicial Training Centre (Slovenia)

SUB-WORKING GROUP LINGUISTICS

The Czech Judicial Academy (Czech Republic) – Convener



Members:

- National Institute of Justice (Bulgaria)
- Judicial Academy (Croatia)
- The French National School for the Judiciary (ENM) (France)
- Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany)
- The School for the Judiciary (Italy)
- Latvian Judicial Training Centre (Latvia)
- National Courts Administration (Lithuania)
- Centre for Judicial Studies (Portugal)
- Centre for Legal Studies (Spain)
- The Spanish Judicial School (Spain)

SUB-WORKING GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE

Romanian Institute of Magistracy (Romania) – Convener



Members:

- Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice (Austria)
- Judicial Academy (Croatia)
- Academy of European Law (ERA)
- Ministry of Justice (Finland)
- The School for the Judiciary (Italy)
- National Courts Administration (Lithuania)
- The Judicial Training Centre (Slovenia)

SUB-WORKING GROUP HUMAN AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany) – Convener

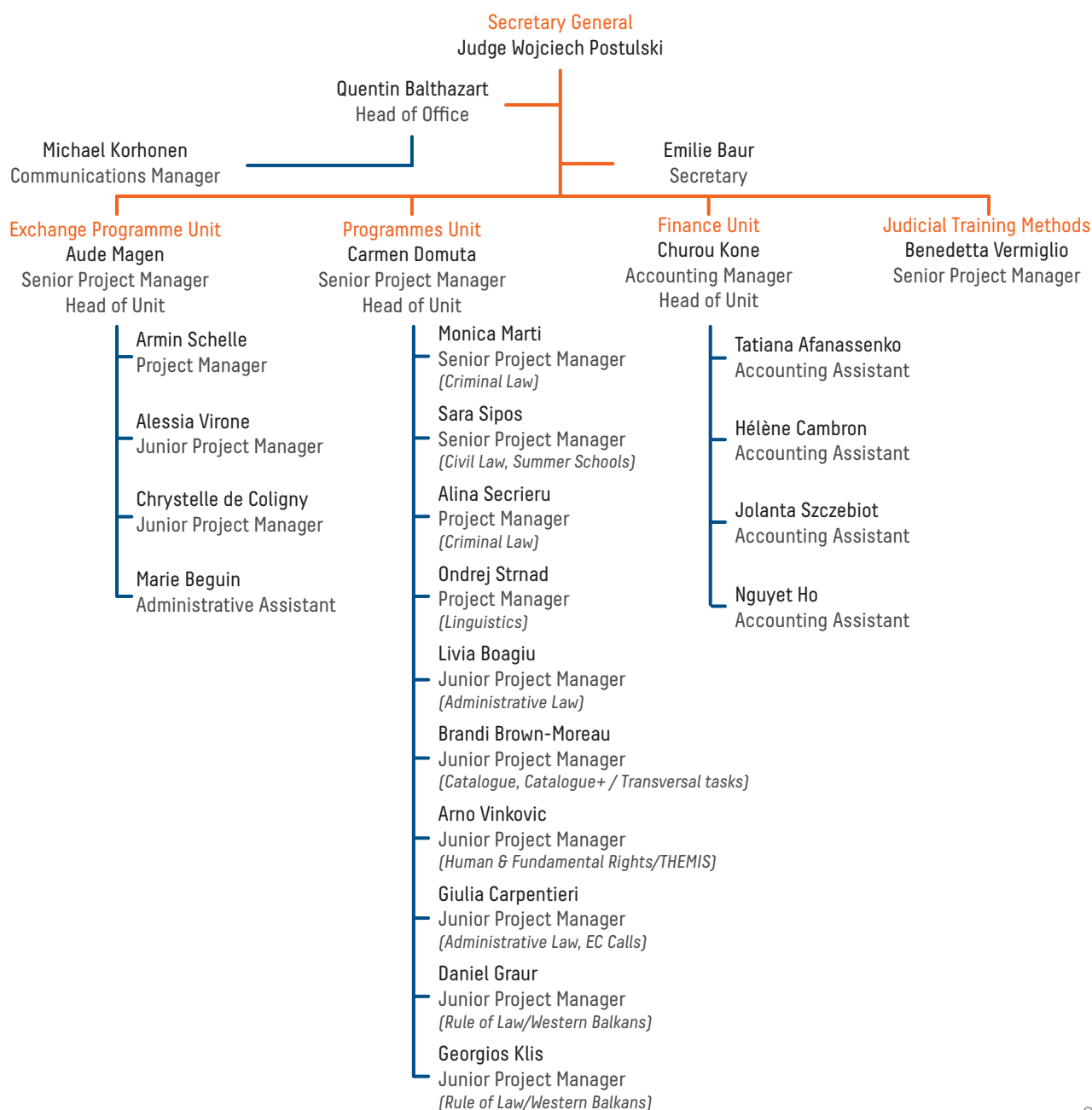
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- Ministry of Justice (Finland)
- National School of Judges (Greece)
- The School for the Judiciary (Italy)
- The National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (Poland)
- Centre for Judicial Studies (Portugal)
- Romanian National Institute for the Magistracy (Romania)
- The Judicial Training Centre (Slovenia)
- Centre for Legal Studies (Spain)

EJTN TEAM



EJTN Team Building Day, Saint-Hubert, Belgium



EJTN TEAM

DIRECTION



Judge Wojciech Postulski
Secretary General



Quentin Balthazart
Head of Office



Emilie Baur
Secretary

COMMUNICATIONS



Michael Korhonen
Communications Manager

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME UNIT



Aude Magen
Senior Project Manager
Head of Unit



Armin Schelle
Project Manager



Alessia Virone
Junior Project
Manager



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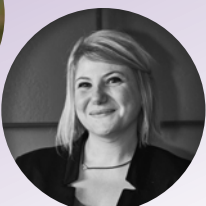
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ACTIVITIES

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME FOR JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES

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OVERVIEW

As the further integration of the European judiciary changes, so does the need for exchange and mutual cooperation. EJTN's Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities aims at encouraging an ever-closer cooperation among the European judiciaries and contributing to a genuine European judicial culture based on mutual trust and a multilateral approach in the EU Member States. A great outreach and a continuously large variety of events proved the positive development of the previous years and made 2018 a successful year for the EJTN Exchange Programme again.

From the development of a variety of short-term exchanges in the courts, prosecution offices and judicial training institutions of EU Member States to study visits and long-term training periods in the European courts, European institutions and agencies, the Exchange Programme continued to contribute to EJTN's traditional effort to foster cooperation and exchanges between European judicial authorities and a better understanding of their counterparts.

CONTINUOUS ENHANCEMENTS IN THE TRAINING PORTFOLIO

Various innovations in the past years developed into continuously successful parts of the Exchange Programme portfolio throughout the last year.

The big success of bilateral exchanges and their good reputation, especially in former hosting countries, lead to tremendous growth in the number of participants to these exchanges. Recently introduced exchange types (specialised exchanges, including exchanges for judicial leaders, and bilateral exchanges) were significantly enhanced with an extended offer across the EU Member States.

In 2018, EJTN also launched a new study visit at the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) targeted towards European family judges dealing with cases on an international basis. The successful study visit to the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna was continued and established as a well-assessed part of the Exchange Programme's portfolio.

Meanwhile, EJTN continued to focus on the training of the future and early-career judiciary through the development of the AIAKOS Programme, which recorded a surge in the number of participants for another year in a row and involved as many as 21 EU Member States plus participants from Montenegro as the first Western Balkan country to contribute participants to the AIAKOS exchanges.

RESULTS

The global number of participants in the Exchange Programme activities rose by over 8.5% in 2018 compared to the corresponding figure of the previous year. Nearly 3,000 judges, prosecutors and judicial trainers as well as future judges and prosecutors benefited from the Programme in 27 EU Member States.

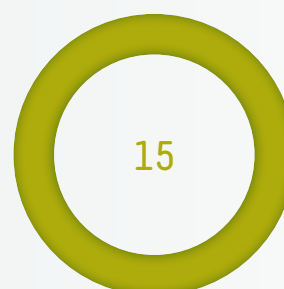
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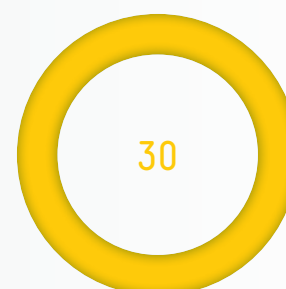
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DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

In 2018, more than 2,900 judges, prosecutors, judicial trainers and future members of the judiciary took part in the wide array of training activities offered in the framework of the EJTN Exchange Programme.

The number of **short-term exchanges** organised in the framework of the EJTN Exchange Programme in courts, prosecution offices and training institutions of the EU Member States continued to rise in 2018 and reached a record-breaking number of more than 1,400 participants.

The following types of short-term exchanges took place in 2018:

- **General exchanges in the courts/prosecution offices of the EU Member States.** These were organised either as individual or group exchanges, on a one- or two-week basis, and provided European judges/prosecutors with valuable insight into the judicial daily practice of their counterparts in other EU Member States.
- **Exchanges for judicial trainers.** These allow judicial trainers to exchange best practices and receive judicial training. The exchanges for trainers were also among the first exchanges to include participants from the Western Balkan countries, notably from Montenegro and North Macedonia.
- **Specialised exchanges.** These are organised in cooperation with EJTN members as well as with several partner networks and associations of judges/prosecutors. In 2018, specialised exchanges were offered across a wide range of differing fields, such as asylum law, banking law, competition law, contract law, economic crimes and financial delinquencies, environmental law, family law, insolvency proceedings, labour law, mediation, organised crime, counter-terrorism, refugee law, tax law and intellectual property law, which allowed for a continuous growth of the number of participants compared to the previous year.
- **Bilateral exchanges.** Allowing judges/prosecutors from one court or prosecution office to visit another court or prosecution office in a different EU Member State, for a period of one week, bilateral exchanges proved their popularity with an intense growth of the number of allocated projects in 2018. With 53 bilateral exchanges, participant numbers doubled in 2018 compared to the previous year, showing an ever-growing interest, especially in the number of participating Member States.
- **Exchanges for court presidents and chief prosecutors.** These tailored exchanges give judicial leaders the possibility to meet with their European counterparts and to exchange best practices and experience in issues such as leadership and court management.

Last year's record participation in **long-term training periods** at the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) and Eurojust was again surpassed in 2018 with a total of 50 beneficiaries from 17 EU Member States. Long-term training periods (3 to 12 months) allow an in-depth insight to the work and daily business of the hosting institutions.



EJTN observed a stable number of participants in the 15 **study visits**, conducted in both English and French, within the framework of the Exchange Programme. Study visits aim at providing an insight on the procedures and functioning of institutions on a European level. Alongside the well-established and highly acclaimed study visits at the CJEU and the ECtHR with their well-appreciated opportunity to attend a court hearing, Eurojust and various EU institutions in Brussels, EJTN organised, for the second time in a row, a visit to the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna.

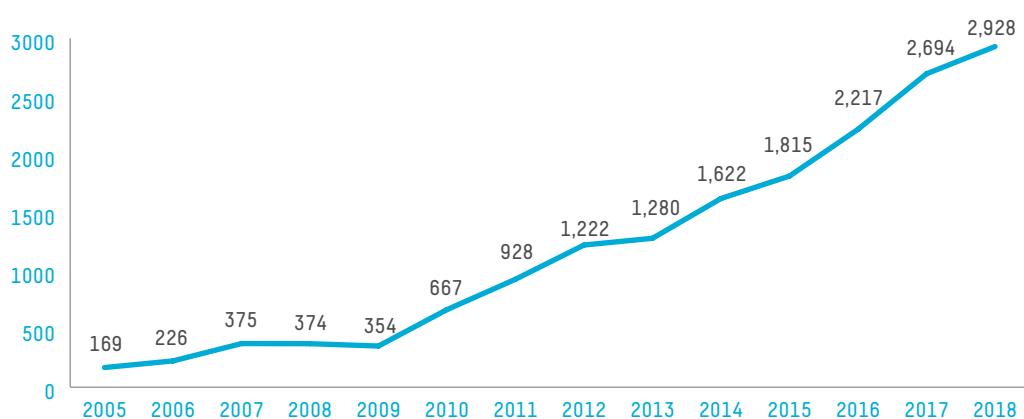
A new pilot-project introduced a 15th study visit to the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH), targeting family judges from the EU Member States. The visit provided an insight to the main instruments of the HCCH in the field of international family law. This visit also took an EU law perspective, focusing on the relations between the EU law system and The Hague Conventional system.

Finally, EJTN continued to strengthen and to further develop the successful **AIAKOS Programme**. The specific programme dedicated to the future European judiciary and early-career judges and prosecutors allows for an experience of judicial work and culture in a different country as well as for the hosting of EU counterparts in their home country.

Participation numbers in the AIAKOS exchanges to 21 different countries again surpassed last year's record and lead to 953 participants taking part in an AIAKOS exchange. The AIAKOS exchange 2018 was – alongside exchanges for judicial trainers – one of the first exchanges with participants from the Western Balkan countries, attracting three participants from Montenegro. Amongst the topics tackled in 2018 were judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, the fight against terrorism, asylum matters, judicial skills and ethics.

ACTIVITY TYPE	PARTICIPANTS
General exchanges in courts, prosecution offices and judicial training institutions of the EU MS	949
Specialised exchanges	142
Bilateral exchanges	254
Exchanges for court presidents and chief prosecutors	66
Study visits at the ECtHR, the CJEU, Eurojust, EU institutions, FRA/UNODC and the HCCH	514
Long-term training periods at the ECtHR, the CJEU and Eurojust.	50
AIAKOS Programme	953
TOTAL	2,928

EVOLUTION OF YEARLY ATTENDANCE TO EJTN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES.



ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SEMINARS

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OVERVIEW

The variety and vastity of fields touching the sector of administrative law, defined the uniquely diverse and dynamic training offer of the EJTN's Administrative Law Seminars in 2018. Since its creation in 2011, this ambitious project expanded its curriculum to include a rich set of high-quality training for the EU judiciary in an array of 9 different areas.

VARIETY OF TOPICS AND TRAINING METHODOLOGIES IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW TRAINING OFFER

Under the management of the EJTN Administrative Law Sub-Working Group (SWG), the Administrative Law seminars design and implement half-day seminars targeting administrative law judges, prosecutors, trainers and judicial professionals in Europe. EJTN's Administrative Law trainings seek to bring together and provide participants a unique opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices with their counterparts across Europe, as well as to discuss the most recent developments in their fields of professional interest with leading experts and practitioners. Different methodologies are applied to the different seminars treating different topics: Asylum Law; Mediation and Conciliation; Administrative Law and Procedure; Preliminary Ruling Procedure; EU Environmental Law; EU Antitrust Law; EU Taxation Law; EU Competition Law; and, Data Protection & Privacy Rights. Such trainings include a set of framework

lectures and interactive workshops where participants discuss practical cases and exchange views on their domestic legislation and the application of the relevant EU legal instruments.

JOINING FORCES WITH KEY PARTNERS FOR GREAT QUALITY RESOURCES

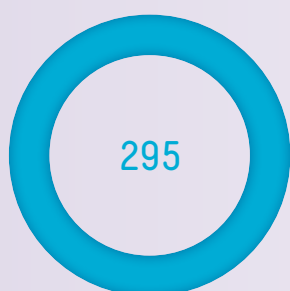
In 2018, the Administrative Law SWG implemented its own following activities with the support of key partners to enrich the high quality of its trainings, introduce new training methodologies and enhance the resources available to practitioners:

- The EU Asylum Law event, organised in cooperation with the Max Planck Institutes on the 8-9 March 2018 in Helsinki, Finland (AD/2018/01).
- The training on Mediation and Conciliation held in Brussels, Belgium between 23-24 April 2018 (AD/2018/02), and organised in partnership with the Association for European Judges for Mediation (GEMME).
- A training event in partnership with the Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ) on EU Environmental Law, held at the Academy of European Law 9-10 July 2018 in Trier, Germany (AD/2018/05).
- E-learning tools proposed to participants as preparation background materials for the seminars on EU Environmental Law and EU Preliminary Ruling Procedure.

RESULTS

The Administrative Law Sub-Working Group seminars are an effective way of training EU magistrates, but also providing an excellent platform and opportunity for knowledge exchange.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

The first seminar of 2018 covered the topic of 'EU Asylum Law' and took place 8-9 March 2018 in Helsinki, Finland. This training, organised in collaboration with the Max Plank Institute's project on the role of cultural diversity in judicial practice, combined practical workshops with framework lectures focused on central issues arising from the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights, the assessment of country of origin information (COI), and the standards for the assessment of the credibility of asylum claims. A total of 36 participants from 15 EU MS participated at the event. The training was led by a panel of 7 expert-speakers.

The training on 'Conciliation and Mediation' held 23-24 April 2018 in Brussels, Belgium, introduced participants to the principles and the practical implementation of conciliation in the daily work of administrative judges. The training was organised in partnership with the Association for European Judges for Mediation (GEMME). A total of 34 participants from 18 EU MS and 1 from the Western Balkans (Bosnia and Herzegovina) participated at the event. The training was led by a panel of 7 expert speakers.

The 'Administrative Law and Procedure' seminar, took place 14-15 May 2018 in Bucharest, Romania. This training comprised of lectures and discussions on the basic principles and case law concerning administrative judicial procedures including practical cases. A total of 33 participants from 15 EU MS and one non-EU MS (Georgia) participated at the event. The training was led by a panel of 5 expert speakers.

The fourth training of the year, held in Luxembourg 19-20 June 2018, treated the important topic of 'EU Preliminary Ruling Procedure'. This training based on practical workshops and framework lectures addressing the instances warranting referral of questions to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), the practical

drafting and formulation of questions, the interpretation and implementation of CJEU's judgments, and the latter's views on the best practices in this field. A total of 40 participants from 19 EU MS participated at the event. The training was led by a panel of 5 expert speakers.

The seminar 'EU Environmental Law' was organised in partnership with the Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ) and comprised of 3 consecutive half-day workshop sessions on the principles and sources of European environmental law, including discussions of practical cases. It took place 9-10 July 2018 at the Academy of European Law (ERA) in Trier, Germany. A total of 23 participants from 9 EU MS and 3 participants from 3 Western Balkan states (North Macedonia, Serbia and Kosovo) participated at the event. The training was led by a panel of 5 expert speakers.

27-28 September 2018, the first edition of the basic knowledge seminar 'EU Antitrust' Law took place in Zadar, Croatia. This day-and-a-half seminar provided judges from the EU MS with a basic training course on the application of Articles 101 and 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and enabled them to understand the concepts of antitrust provisions and to get the knowledge needed for a proper use of the basic EU legal provisions of antitrust. A total of 22 participants from 11 EU MS and 1 Western Balkan state participated at the event. The training was led by a panel of 6 expert speakers.

The 'EU Taxation Law' training, held in Barcelona, Spain 23-24 October 2018, was the seventh of the year. This training covered the issues ranging from the national courts dealing with EU law, Value Added Tax (VAT) to recent EU tax problems and challenges. The training also included practical workshops on individual tax law cases. 35 participants from 18 EU MS and 1 Western Balkan state participated at the event. The training was led by a panel of 4 expert speakers.



The advanced-level seminar 'EU Competition Law', held 8-9 November 2018, in Rome, Italy, comprised of three half-day sessions. One session saw a working group workshop on the specific topics of collective dominance, innovation and inequalities and sector-specific regulation. The training aimed at providing judges already dealing with competition cases with a deeper knowledge of the following topics: judicial review on antitrust decisions; the relationship between competition law and sector-specific regulation; digital economy, competition, innovation and inequalities; public and private antitrust enforcement; and, state aid. A total of 40 participants from 16 EU Member States and 4 Western Balkan states attended. The training was led by a panel of 9 expert speakers.

The last training of the year 2018 was 'Data Protection and Privacy Right'. It took place 12-13 December 2018 in Thessaloniki, Greece. This training based on practical workshops and framework lectures focused on the most relevant legal and jurisprudential developments in the field of data protection and the protection of the right to private life, as enshrined in Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights. A total of 33 participants from 18 EU Member States and 2 Western Balkan states attended. The training was led by a panel of 8 expert speakers.



TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
EU Asylum Law Seminar	Ministry of Justice of Finland, Finland	8-9 March 2018	Emil Waris
Conciliation and Mediation Seminar	Belgian Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	23-24 April 2018	Susanna Gamauf-Boigner
Administrative Law and Procedure Seminar	National Institute of Magistracy, Romania	14-15 May 2018	Maria Laura Maddalena Susanna Gamauf-Boigner
EU Preliminary Ruling Procedure Seminar	Parquet général, Luxembourg	19-20 June 2018	Diana Mihaila
EU Environmental Law Seminar	Academy of European Law, Germany	9-10 July 2018	Jean-Philippe Rageade
EU Antitrust Law Seminar	University of Zadar, Croatia	26-27 September 2018	Senka Orlić Zaninović
EU Taxation Law Seminar	Spanish Judicial School, Spain	23-24 October 2018	Arunas Sutkevicius
EU Competition Law Seminar	Regional Administrative Court of Lazio, Italy	8-9 November 2018	Rosa Perna Maria Laura Maddalena
EU Data Protection and Privacy Right Seminar	The National School of the Judiciary, Greece	12-13 December 2018	Ana Maria Telbis

CIVIL LAW SEMINARS

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OVERVIEW

The EJTN Civil Law Seminars aim to strengthen judicial training in civil justice cooperation among EU professionals. The Civil Law Project, launched in 2011, covers a wide range of targeted trainings in a variety of legal fields in civil justice matters. It aims to improve judicial cooperation in civil law matters and focuses on the development of the participating countries' legal systems and judicial culture as well as the main aspects of EU law.

THE CIVIL LAW SUB-WORKING GROUP SEMINARS – GROWING NUMBER OF TRAINING EVENTS

The Civil Law Sub-Working Group (SWG) trainings are the result of the expertise and commitment of EJTN Member institutions to the development of judicial training in Civil Law matters across the EU Member States.

Since its creation seven years ago, the group extended its training offer to provide up to 9 seminars per annum in key topics ranging from European family law and labor law to European procedural law and commercial law.

The Civil Law SWG is comprised of representatives from 9 EJTN Member institutions: the Academy of European Law (ERA); the Belgian Judicial Training Institute (Belgium); the Judicial Academy (Croatia); the Judicial Academy (Czech Republic); the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer

Protection (Germany); the National School of the Judiciary (Greece); the School for the Judiciary (Italy); the Centre for Judiciary Studies (Portugal); and, the Judicial Training Centre (Slovenia).

The convener of the Civil Law SWG is the Spanish Judicial School (Spain).

The Civil Law project offers two-day long training activities aimed at judges and prosecutors and judicial trainers across the EU Member States. The trainings combine a theoretical lecture-based approach with the analyses of real cases in the framework of interactive workshops.

RESULTS

The Civil Law SWG seminars are an effective way of training EU magistrates and providing an excellent platform and opportunity for the exchange of knowledge.

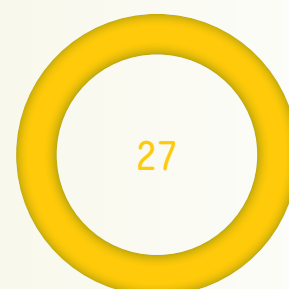
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DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

NINE JUDICIAL TRAINING EVENTS IN 2019

In 2018, the Civil Law SWG (Sub-Working Group) organised a total of 7 seminars, each of two days length. The group identified key areas as requiring judicial training at the EU level. The trainings were open to magistrates from all EU Member States.

A total of 323 EU justice professionals attended the training events. In addition, 37 expert speakers were invited based on their expertise in the subject matter.

The first civil law seminar of 2018 was held in February at the German Judicial School in Recklingshausen, which was a repetition of the previous successfully implemented initial civil law seminar 'Service of documents & Taking of Evidence Abroad'. The event saw the participation a total of 40 judges and prosecutors, representing 10 EU Member States. The training was led by a panel of five expert speakers, including the secretary of the European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial Matters.

The second event of 2018, 'Civil Law Seminar on Cross-border Insolvency in the EU', was held in April at the Spanish Judicial School in Barcelona, which was implemented for the first time. The event saw the participation of a total of 45 judges and prosecutors, representing 18 EU Member States. The training was led by a panel of six expert speakers, including the secretary of the European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial Matters. In addition, this training was made available online in podcast format, for direct access for all interested EU magistrates.

The third training event of 2018, dealing with the Brussels I regulation – jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgements in civil matters, was successfully repeated for the fifth time and held in May in

Zagreb and organised by the Croatian Judicial Academy. The training was led by a panel of six expert speakers and saw the participation of 46 judges and prosecutors from 19 different EU Member States. This training introduced a mock trial session to provide participants with a widened knowledge on EU legislation and case law.

The fourth seminar of 2018 focused on European civil procedure in family law matters, which was held at the National School of the Judiciary of Greece in Thessaloniki, and offered a total of 59 magistrates representing 21 EU countries, along with Bosnia Herzegovina and Kosovo, the possibility to attend the training session. This event had been implemented for the fourth time by the Civil Law SWG.

The fifth 'Civil Law Seminar in Cross-border Labor Cases at European Level' held in September at the Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ) in Lisbon is a repeated training event and was implemented already the previous years as well. The seminar counted with the presence of a total of 47 participants originating from 17 different EU Member States. The training was led by a panel of four expert-speakers. The event's sessions were podcasted and are freely available on EJTN's website.

The sixth seminar concerned, for the first time, the topic on the European Account Preservation Order. The training was held at The School for the Judiciary (SSM) in Florence for a total of 48 participants, representing 18 EU Member States. The training was led by a panel of four expert speakers.

Finally, the last event of 2018, 'Consumer Protection within Europe', was held at the European Academy of Law (ERA) in Trier and offered a total of 38 magistrates, representing 14 EU countries and Bosnia Herzegovina and Kosovo, the possibility to attend the training session. This event has been implemented for the first time by the Civil Law SWG. In addition, this training was made available online in podcast format for all interested EU magistrates.



All of the above referenced training events included active panel discussions combined with practical work in small-group workshops. At the trainings, participants had the opportunity to learn more about and exchange ideas with their European counterparts in different EU Member States as well as discuss emerging legal topics with leading expert speakers.

WEBINARS AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

In 2018, the Civil Law SWG implemented two webinars 'Brussels I & Recast: Recent developments and case law' and

'Matrimonial property regimes and property consequences of registered partnerships'.

Within the scope of the Civil Law Seminars, future actions will involve pursuing a broader spectrum of fields, to give a more complete offering for the training needs of EU justice professionals. Further webinars will be implemented and cooperative arrangements with institutional partners will continue.

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Service of documents & taking of evidence abroad	Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany	8-9 February 2018	Leoni Maass
Cross-border Insolvency in the EU	Spanish Judicial School, Spain	12-13 April 2018	Cristina G. Beilfuss
Brussels I regulation – jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgements in civil matters	Judicial Academy, Croatia	16-17 May 2018	Zinka Bulka
European Civil Procedure in Family Law matters	The National School of the Judiciary, Greece	11-12 July 2018	Alexandra-Eleni Stavropoulou
Cross border Labor Cases at European Level	Centre for Judicial Studies, Portugal	24-25 September 2018	Diogo Ravara Carlos Marinho
European Account Preservation Order	The School for the Judiciary, Italy	24-25 October 2018	Luca Perilli
Consumer protection within Europe	Academy of European Law, Germany	28-29 November 2018	Anastasia Patta



CRIMINAL JUSTICE SEMINARS

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OVERVIEW

The EU justice policy is a fast-developing and challenging area of EU law that requires training of judicial practitioners to ensure and fully trust judicial decisions irrespective of the EU Member State where they have been taken.

Judicial training in EU criminal justice in 2018 allowed practitioners to acquire and share knowledge and best practices not only to better cooperate beyond the borders, but also to reinforce their learning for an effective application of EU law.

Under the monitoring of the Criminal Justice Sub-Working Group (CJSWG), the Criminal Justice programmes continued delivering a series of trainings aiming at offering practitioners a platform to stimulate legal discussions on practical matters linked to the use of mutual recognition instruments, directives on procedural safeguards or the European Investigation Order (EIO).

Methods of active participation and case-based scenarios (learn-by-doing) implemented in different trainings contributed to ensure that practitioners from EU Member States may be aware of different instruments when dealing with investigations and prosecutions in cross-border cases.

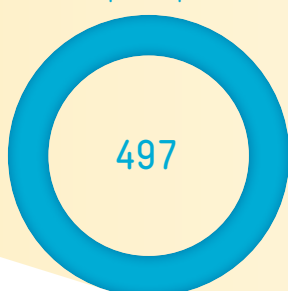
In 2018, the interest of practitioners were focused on several specialised trainings such as cybercrime, protection of the financial interest of the EU and asset recovery and confiscation.

Finally, the cooperation with the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL) was enhanced through the collaboration in 10 activities on crucial and timely topics such as the fight against migrant smuggling, financial investigations and in Trafficking in Human Beings (THB) cases and counter-terrorism matters or forensic evidence.

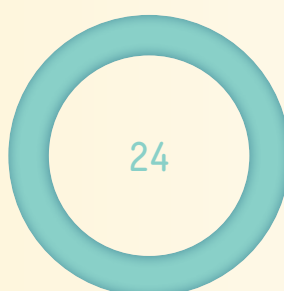
RESULTS

Due to high interest and demand, the Criminal Justice portfolio increased in 2018 the number of training events organised for criminal judges and prosecutors. The trends in number of practitioners attending the events reflected a growing interest of practitioners in key topics in the different areas of EU criminal law addressed by the seminars. While judicial cooperation in criminal matters (with focus on the European Investigation Order) continues being an area of great awareness for practitioners willing to enhance knowledge through an interactive approach, other key topics as cybercrime, counter-terrorism, asset recovery and confiscation as well as migrant smuggling became very much requested.

of participants



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DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

Flagships seminars in EU Criminal Law: Series of seminars on International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters, EU cross border evidence and Procedural rights in criminal proceedings in the EU.

In 2018, the classical series of seminars based upon interactive approaches and simulations were implemented by EJTN with the organisation of 4 training events. Each of the different seminars recreated a real scenario of cooperation requests dealing with a practical case on migrant smuggling, protection of the financial interests of the EU, the fight against terrorism and, the fight against drugs and weapons trafficking.

The two seminars entitled 'EU cross-border evidence in practice' were aimed at making participants aware of the current legal landscape of EU cross-border evidence and different regimes for the obtaining of evidence

The key learning objective was to provide knowledge on the Directive on the EIO as well as to stress the legal and practical challenges for practitioners when applying the EIO.

EJTN provided two training events entitled 'Procedural safeguards in criminal proceedings' that aimed at offering a platform for practical discussions for a better overview of criminal defense rights under a set of Directives designed to reinforce procedural safeguards in criminal proceedings. The two seminars focused on procedural safeguards for children who are suspects or accused persons in criminal proceedings as well as on the presumption of innocence.

SPECIALIZED SEMINARS IN EU CRIMINAL LAW

In 2018, EJTN organised specialised seminars targeted at different key topics and audiences.

'Gathering and admissibility of evidence in Counter-terrorism: challenges and best practices'

The training activity was focused on analysing practical aspects of gathering evidence, challenges encountered during investigation and trial phases. This training gathered

judges and prosecutors from different EU Member States who had the chance to exchange their views and experience in handling terrorism cases and use of evidence from third states and conflict zones, the use of intelligence as evidence, and the use of evidence from social media and other online platforms. The interactive workshops and case scenarios provided the needed platform for active discussions.

'E-Evidence and Cybercrime' was very much a demanded topic and two trainings were organised in the spring and autumn, gathering judges and prosecutors from all the EU Member States to discuss the challenges encountered in handling electronic evidence and investigation of cybercrime. The training addressed such topics as cryptocurrencies, the role of private companies like Facebook in providing necessary data during investigations, the use of online platforms for secure exchange of evidence and the new legislation developed in the field.

'Economic crimes: asset recovery and confiscation in the EU'. The overall aim of the two seminars was to increase understanding and common approaches on financial investigations, confiscation and criminal assets recovery; to discuss practical use of legal instruments in this area, exchange knowledge and facilitate cooperation between the judicial authorities of the Member States as well as with international organizations and EU agencies

The role of different agencies such as the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (EUROPOL), Eurojust and the Asset Recovery Office (ARO) were key issues debated among practitioners and experts. The emphasis was placed on mutual recognition of non-convictions-based confiscation orders. Practitioners were also aware about the new Regulation on confiscation.

'The Protection of the Financial Interests of the EU.'

For the first time, EJTN organised a seminar to make judges and prosecutors aware on how to counter all forms of illegal activity affecting the EU financial interests and to detect the misuse of the EU budget.

Practitioners received information on the participants in the international legal framework about the protection of EU financial interests and measures taken at the EU level to



protect the EU's financial interests. The role of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) especially in those cases with a cross-border dimension and the new Regulation setting up a European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) were examined in the seminar. The training combined lectures, presentations and workshops with study cases to enhance practical knowledge of practitioners in order to achieve effective investigations and prosecutions of offences affecting the EU's financial interests.

CEPOL-EJTN JOINT TRAINING EVENTS

The cooperation between EJTN and CEPOL was reinforced with an increased number of seminars in relation to the previous years.

The cooperative seminars on Joint Investigation Teams (Implementation, Leadership and Western Balkans) with the assistance of the Joint Investigation Teams (JITs) Network, EUROJUST and EUROPOL enabled judicial and

law enforcement communities to improve cross-border cooperation in complex investigations through a unique training format.

In relation to migrant smuggling, the joint events focused on practical cases and judicial cooperating in the fight against migrant smuggling and organised crime of the Balkans and Mediterranean origins.

The topic of foreign fighters was addressed in a joint seminar, which tried to assess current challenges of terrorism threats through a series of presentations and workshops. The participants had the unique chance to work in small teams, assess case scenarios and work together on finding solutions. The seminar also addressed the question of de-radicalisation.

Finally, the cooperation was enhanced by the attendance of judicial practitioners to joint events in financial investigations as well as for THB investigations and forensic evidence.



Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters: Fight against Drug Trafficking and Weapons seminar, Slovak Republic

TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters: Practical Case-Based Simulation on Fight against Migrant Smuggling	The Centre for Legal Studies, Spain	26-28 February	Katarzyna Krysiak
EU Cross-border evidence in practice	Spanish Judicial School, Spain	20-21 March	Gerd Hermann
Cybercrime	Centre for Judicial Studies, Portugal	5-6 March	Alexandre Oliveira
Gathering and Admissibility of Evidence in Counter-Terrorism: Challenges and Best Practices	The National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution, Poland	28-29 May	Karin Carlens
Procedural safeguards in criminal proceedings in the EU in practice	National Courts Administration, Lithuania	16-17 April	Marie Compere
Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters: Practical Case Based Simulation in the Protection of the Financial Interests of the EU	Office of the Prosecutor General, Lithuania	6-8 June	Katarzyna Krysiak

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
Economic Crimes: Asset Recovery and Confiscation in the EU	Judicial Studies Committee, Malta	11-12 June	Ioannis Angelis
The Protection of the Financial Interest of the EU	Latvian Judicial Training Centre, Latvia	18-19 June	Katarzyna Krysiak
Procedural safeguards in criminal proceedings in the EU in practice	The French National School for the Judiciary, France	17-18 September	Marie Compere
Cybercrime: Evidence in the Cloud	The School for the Judiciary, Italy	27-28 September	Nicola Russo
Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters in Counter-terrorism: Practical Case Based Simulation	The School for the Judiciary, Italy	1-3 October	Katarzyna Krysiak
EU Cross-border evidence in practice	Belgian Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	22-23 October	Gerd Hermann
Economic Crimes: Asset Recovery and Confiscation in the EU	The Centre for Legal Studies, Spain	26-27 November	Thomas Fürsich
Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters: Practical Case Based Simulation in the Protection of the Financial Interests of the EU	Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic, Slovak Republic	14-16 November	Katarzyna Krysiak
CEPOL-EJTN Training on Joint Investigation Teams - Western Balkans	Croatian Police Academy, Croatia	26-29 March	EJTN Secretariat
CEPOL-EJTN-EUROJUST Training on Joint Investigation Teams: Implementation	Academy of European Law, Germany	17-20 April	EJTN Secretariat
CEPOL-EJTN Training on Joint Investigation Teams - Western Balkans	Academy of European Law, Germany	23-25 May	EJTN Secretariat
CEPOL-EJTN Foreign fighters, radicalisation and violent extremism - common risk indicators	Ecole Nationale Supérieure de la Police, France	23-27 April	EJTN Secretariat
CEPOL-EJTN Migrations flows - Western Balkans focus	European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training, Hungary	12-14 June	EJTN Secretariat
CEPOL-EJTN Financial Investigations related to trafficked of Human Beings (THB)	The Police Academy of the Netherlands, The Netherlands	1-5 October	EJTN Secretariat
CEPOL-EJTN Migration flows/Mediterranean focus	European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training, Hungary	16-18 October	EJTN Secretariat
CEPOL-EJTN Forensics	The Finnish Police Academy, Finland	16-19 October	EJTN Secretariat
CEPOL-EJTN-EUROJUST Training on Joint Investigation Teams: Leadership	Ecole Nationale Supérieure de la Police, France	5-9 November	EJTN Secretariat
CEPOL-EJTN Financial Investigations	Rome	6-9 November	EJTN Secretariat

HUMAN AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS SEMINARS

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OVERVIEW

The Working Group Programmes in November 2016 created a new Sub-Working Group, the Human and Fundamental Rights Sub-Working Group (HFR SWG), which was exclusively devoted to activities in the field of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (HR&FF).

The HFR SWG was mandated to:

- Develop training activities in the area of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- Liaise directly with EJTN's external partners for development of joint seminars and trainings, namely
 - European Union Agency for fundamental Rights (FRA)
 - Council of Europe: Court of Human Rights (CoE) and The European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals Project (HELP)
 - Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ)
 - Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
- Liaise with all other EJTN SWGs when the latter develop trainings with HR&FF elements.

This proposal was justified by the significance of the topic, its broad scope as well as the need for EJTN to have a capacity to keep an efficient cooperation with the HELP

of CoE and FRA. Cooperation with other significant stakeholders presents an opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices with their counterparts across Europe as well as to discuss the most recent developments in their field of professional interest with leading experts and practitioners.

All trainings include a set of framework lectures and multiple workshops where participants discuss practical cases and exchange views on their domestic legislation and the application of the relevant EU legal instruments.

In 2018, a total of 6 trainings were implemented, which trained 229 participants altogether. This number comprises of 200 judges, 12 prosecutors, 7 judicial advisors and 10 participants categorised as others. The participants came from 22 different states, including 21 EU Member States and 4 Western Balkan states (Kosovo, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia). The project involved 54 experts through the organisation of the HFR SWG.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

Six judicial training events in 2018

Over 2018, 4 judicial training events of 1.5 days in duration and 2 judicial training events of 2.5 days in duration was accomplished. Participants to each training were provided with a full set of relevant training materials (such as a list of case law, legislation and speakers' presentations). The aim of the trainings was to increase participants' knowledge on EU law in the related field and to help them to apply such knowledge in their day-to-day professional lives.

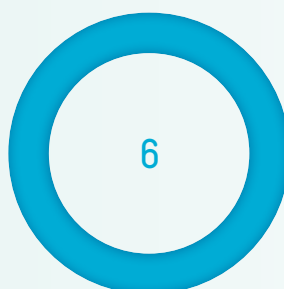
RESULTS

The Human and Fundamental Rights Sub-Working Group seminars are an effective way of training EU magistrates and also providing and excellent platform and opportunity for the exchange of knowledge.

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The seminars were arranged by theoretical sessions and combined with workshop sessions based on real-life examples and case studies.

The trainings implemented in 2018 were as follows:

1. Training '*Conflicts of Norms in the Application of Fundamental Rights*' (HFR/2018/03), in partnership with the Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ), 15-16 March, in Thessaloniki, Greece, attracting 49 participants and 6 expert speakers.
2. Training '*EJTN-FRA Applicability and Effect of the EU Charter on Fundamental Rights In National Proceedings*' (HFR/2018/02), in partnership with FRA, 19-20 April, in Vienna, Austria, bringing together 39 participants and 8 expert speakers.
3. Seminar '*Human Rights and Access to Justice in the EU*' (HFR/2018/01), 26-27 June, in Bucharest, Romania, which attracted 38 participants and 8 expert speakers.
4. Seminar '*Human Rights for EU Judicial Trainers*' in partnership with the ECtHR, 24-26 September, in Strasbourg, France, which attracted 32 participants and 8 expert speakers.

5. Seminar '*Human Rights and Access to Justice in the EU*' (HFR/2018/05), in partnership with CoE, 26-28 September, in Strasbourg, France, which attracted 30 participants and 10 expert speakers.

6. Seminar '*Cultural Diversity in the Courtroom - judges in Europe facing new challenges*', in partnership with the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, 12-13 November, Wiesbaden, Germany, which brought together 41 participants and 14 expert speakers.

Seminars used e-learning courses as suggested preparatory tools in advance of the trainings (HELP e-learning course on Article 6 ECtHR and ECtHR case law). The aim of these suggested preparatory materials was to ensure participant preparation prior the training event, familiarisation with these learning resources and also possible further dissemination from participants to their colleagues.

Dissemination of FRA Handbook on 'European Law relating to Access to Justice' prior to the trainings in electronic form, as well as in paper copies at the venue of the trainings, was also completed for all participants.

TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
Human Rights and Access to Justice in the EU - 1	National Institute of Magistracy, Romania	26-27 June 2018	Grzegorz Borkowski Morana Briski
Conflicts of Norms/Multi-level protection in the Application of Fundamental Rights	The National School of the Judiciary, Greece	15-16 March 2018	Petros Alikakos
Applicability and effect of the EU Charter on Fundamental Rights in National Proceedings	European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, Austria	19-20 April 2018	Luca Perilli Andrea Del Re Diogo Ravara
EJTN-ECtHR Training on Human Rights for EU Judicial Trainers	European Court of Human Rights, France	24-26 September 2018	Roxana Rizoio
Human Rights and Access to Justice in the EU - 2	European Court of Human Rights, The European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals Project, France	26-28 September 2018	Morana Briski
Cultural diversity in the courtroom - judges in Europe facing new challenges	Hessian Ministry of Justice, Germany	12-13 November 2018	Bojana Jovin-Hrastnik



LINGUISTICS PROGRAMME

OVERVIEW

EJTN Linguistics programme focuses on the training of the EU judiciary in legal English, legal French and in legal German. EU judges and prosecutors benefit from EJTN's high-quality training programmes, which are supported by the European Commission and the various European national training institutions.

The project was begun in 2011 and since then many legal language seminars have been organised on various topics in various judicial academies of EU Member States.

The courses aim at developing both the legal and linguistics skills of the participants by combining legal knowledge and language exercises in a practical and dynamic way.

Furthermore, they aim at bringing the EU legal practitioners together and foster the mutual sharing of experiences and creating the conditions for establishing direct contacts among the judiciary of the different EU Member States in order to promote a common European legal culture and bring the EU closer together.

LATEST NEWS IN 2018: NEW SEMINARS, TRAINING RESOURCES AND LEARNING METHODS

As in previous years, EJTN's 2018 Linguistics Programme offered a wide range of training opportunities for the judges and prosecutors from all over Europe and newly, in some seminars, also for judges and prosecutors from the Western Balkan states and Georgia. The participants were able to choose from 11 different trainings and linguistics and, for the first time, trainings in legal language to trainee judges and prosecutors or judges and prosecutors holding under 3 years of career experience were made available.

RESULTS

A record number of 550 European legal practitioners from 24 EU Member States and two participants from Kosovo and Bosnia and Herzegovina received training in 2018 under the auspices of EJTN's Linguistics Programme within different areas of law.

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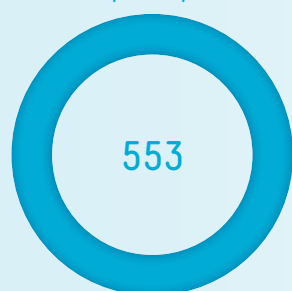
The offer included 7 week-long trainings on judicial cooperation in criminal, civil, family law and human rights matters and 4 specialised seminars on topics of cybercrime, data protection, competition law and asylum and refugees. A new week-long seminar in the field of family law has been developed and implemented with great success. This seminar followed the same training structure and methodology of the other highly acclaimed seminars with the focus on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in family law.

As in previous years, several seminars included a 'blended' learning approach that supplemented the face-to-face trainings with pre-classroom learning activities made available on the EJTN's online platform. Currently these modules are developed in civil, criminal and human rights laws. The modules offer participants a genuinely interactive learning experience with creative learning activities in both English and French languages and, thus, prepare participants for the hands-on practice in the classroom during the seminar.

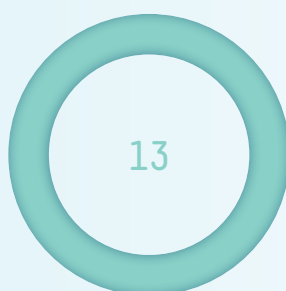
FOR NEWLY APPOINTED JUDICIARY – SUMMER SCHOOLS

For the first time, EJTN offered a training also to trainee judges and prosecutors, the so-called Summer Schools. These seminars are designated for the professional younger generation of the European judiciary. The Summer Schools follow the same methodology and training structure as the usual linguistics seminars, and offer trainings both in legal English and legal French. The Summer Schools, which took place in Brussels and Krakow, were very well received by the participants who could benefit from networking with their colleagues from other EU countries while learning and practicing their legal language skills. The seminars offered trainings in B1 and B2 language levels.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

EJTN's linguistics portfolio has grown in 2018 and widened its training opportunities to provide the best resources and learning methods for the benefit of the European judiciary.

A record number of 11 face-to-face linguistics seminars, with a duration of either 4.5 days or 3 days (for specialised trainings), have been implemented by EJTN in 2018. Furthermore, two Summer Schools in linguistics of 4.5 days in duration were introduced.

Around 50 participants attended each of the one-week-long trainings. They were divided in four small groups. Three were conducted in English, and one was carried out in French. Apart from the seminar in human rights in Barcelona where, following the successful seminar in Wustrau, the German language was included among the choice of languages.

In the shorter seminars, approximately 35 participants took part in each event and three groups were formed (two groups in English and one in French in Vienna and Scandicci, and three in English in Madrid and Kroměříž).

Each group was trained for the entire seminar by a team composed of a linguistics expert and a legal expert acting simultaneously.

The objectives of the seminars were established as follows:

- To improve participants' linguistic skills (oral and written) in order to facilitate direct contacts and communication between judicial authorities and to enhance mutual trust;
- To master the specialised vocabulary related to the field addressed;
- To familiarise participants with the various legal instruments in the field of the training offered, as well as to provide familiarisation with the online tools available on the Internet;
- To develop the general knowledge of legal systems in the EU Member States.

The courses combined theoretical and practical sessions of the four basic language skills: reading; writing; speaking; and, listening – all within legal terminology.

In terms of content, the following legal topics constituted the basis of the discussion and language training of the two face-to-face seminars 'Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in civil matters':

- Jurisdiction, recognition and execution of judgments in civil and commercial matters and the Judicial Atlas;
- The European order for payment procedure;
- Service of documents and the taking of evidence;
- Legal aid and family law and minors.

The two face-to-face seminars 'Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in criminal matters' focused, for their part, on:

- Mutual legal assistance on the gathering of evidence and the seizing of the assets of the crime;
- The European Arrest Warrant;
- Freezing of Assets and evidence;
- Execution of judicial sentences.

During the two face-to-face seminars "*Vocabulary of Human Rights' EU Law*", the discussions revolved specifically around:

- Recent relevant jurisprudence on Article 6 of ECHR;
- Right to a fair trial in the European Convention of Human Rights and in the EU;
- Conflicting rights: freedom of expression, private life, freedom of religion. Hate speech;
- Conflicting rights in the specific context of the Internet;
- Current challenges of immigration and asylum. Scope of protection provided by EU law and ECHR. Migratory flows, Dublin regulation and detention conditions.

The new seminar '*Vocabulary of Family Law*' focused on:

- Divorce - Jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement;
- Parental responsibility - Jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement;
- Child abduction - Interface between the Brussels II regulation and The Hague;
- Convention of 25th October 1980;
- Maintenance - Jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement;
- Jurisdiction, applicable law and the recognition and enforcement of decisions in matters of matrimonial property regimes and the property consequences of registered partnerships;
- Jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and acceptance and enforcement of authentic instruments in matters of succession and on the creation of a European Certificate of Succession.

The pre-face-to-face "blended" learning modules were prepared by linguistics experts for the participants in the six face-to-face seminars on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in criminal and civil matters and human rights. These modules were developed to allow participants to prepare for the face-to-face seminars by becoming familiar, in an interactive way, with the level of the course and relevant elements of its content and by enhancing their language skills before the participation in the face-to-face part.



With regard to the 4 below-listed short seminars, the following topics constituted the basis of the discussions.

'Language training on the vocabulary of Competition Law':

- General introduction to Competition Law: concepts and definitions; introduction to key terminology;
- The concept of an undertaking;
- Investigation and enforcement of competition law;
- Sanctions and judicial review;
- Private enforcement, criminalisation of competition law.

'Language training on the vocabulary of Cybercrime':

- General introduction to cybercrime; concepts and definitions; introduction to key terminology;
- Digital investigations and transborder component;
- Developments and new challenges;
- Capacity-building, collaboration and engagement.

'Language training on the vocabulary of Asylum and Refugees':

- General introduction to Asylum law; concept of refugee and different categories of migrants; Introduction to key terminology;
- Common European Asylum System; practical cases;
- The "Dublin" Regulation and the relocation of migrants;
- The European Convention of human rights and the right to asylum: the developing caselaw in the ECtHR;
- Migratory flows and countering migrant smuggling.

'Language training on the vocabulary of Data Protection':

- General introduction to Data Protection; concepts and definitions; Introduction to key terminology;
- International transfer of personal data;
- Privacy in Electronic communication (E-privacy);
- Protection of personal data in the law enforcement sector;
- The right to be forgotten.

TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in civil matters</i>	National Institute of Magistracy, Romania	5-9 March 2018	N/A
Linguistics seminar <i>Summer School in linguistics criminal matters</i>	Belgian Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	12-16 March 2018	N/A
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in criminal matters</i>	The French National School for the Judiciary, France	12-16 March 2018	N/A
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of cybercrime</i>	Centre for Judicial Studies, Spain	23-25 April 2018	Maria de las Heras, Rosario Ortega
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in criminal matters</i>	Studiecentrum Rechtspleging, The Netherlands	30 April–4 May 2018	N/A
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in civil matters</i>	National Institute of Justice, Bulgaria	4-8 June 2018	NIJ, Bulgaria
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in human rights</i>	Centre for Judicial Studies, Portugal	2-6 July 2018	Margarida Valadas
Linguistics Seminar <i>Summer School in linguistics civil matter</i>	The National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution, Poland	27-31 August 2018	Leonie Maaß
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of data protection</i>	Judicial Academy, Czech Republic	12-14 September 2018	Renata Vystrčilová
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in human rights</i>	Spanish Judicial School, Spain	1-5 October 2018	Miriam de Rosa Palacio
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of competition law</i>	Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice, Austria	17-19 October 2018	Donata Viršilaite
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in family law</i>	National Institute of Justice, Bulgaria	5-9 November 2018	NIJ, Bulgaria
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of asylum & refugees</i>	The School for the Judiciary, Italy	26-28 November 2018	Nella Popović

JUDICIAL TRAINING METHODS

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OVERVIEW

The Working Group Judicial Training Methods (WG JTM) was officially inaugurated in 2015 and is now at its second mandate.

The creation of WG JTM replied to the following requirements:

- The necessity to share good judicial training practices among justice professionals and set up a new approach towards the delivery of training and knowledge to EU judges and prosecutors, according to changing needs and priorities;
- The need to combine judicial training with the quality of justice and the European added value in training practices.

The WG JTM is composed of 21 EJTN Members and one Observer. Its actions are implemented according to three main *'Topical Teams'* reflecting the key areas of *'Judgecraft'*, *'Leadership'* and *'Methodologies and Evaluation'*.

The peculiarity of the WG JTM lies in the creation of a proper environment for identification, research and dissemination of best practices in judicial training and tools: its aim consists in proposing the most efficient training methodologies, applicable in all contexts and representing a concrete added value at the EU level.

Therefore, its contributions are polyhedric and transversal for any purposes of training tools development, by offering an actual reply to training needs, also through a wider recourse to e-Tools.

The works of the WG JTM are then very much entwined with the mandates of EJTN's other Working Groups, which also seek to serve and improve judicial training across Europe.

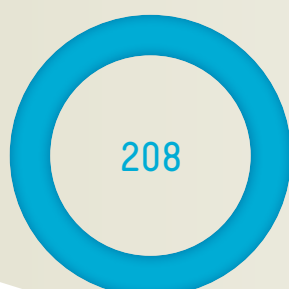


Conference
on leadership, Cyprus

RESULTS

In 2018, 208 participants took part in the events organised by WG JTM in three areas. Firstly, in *'Judgecraft'*, focussing on soft skills, it developed training on judicial conduct and ethics, judicial resilience, unconscious bias and critical situations in court. Secondly, *'Leadership'*, promoting best practices in the framework of courts leaders' training needs. Thirdly, methodologies and evaluation, developing targeted training programmes and supporting the conception of tools aiming to assess the learning impact. Moreover, a new evaluation template has been elaborated by the JTM experts: it is now in use to strengthen the assessment of the learning outcomes of each implemented EJTN event. Aside from WG JTM actions, a special meeting on projects with external funding, organised annually, was also held.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

The WG JTM may be viewed as a common thread serving the aims of EJTN's three Working Groups alike. The primary aim of the WG JTM is represented by the learning impact on the quality of justice and its added value at EU level. That implies the necessity to develop and share efficient training practices and methodologies among justice professionals and set up new approaches towards the delivery of training and knowledge to EU judges and prosecutors.

In 2018, WG JTM implemented the following actions in each of its three 'Topical Teams'.

- **Judgecraft.** Three 'Judgecraft' seminars as follows have been implemented based on the same agenda, contents and speakers:

- The first seminar was organised 18-19 April 2018, at the Exhibition and Convention Centre in Ljubljana, Slovenia. It saw the participation of 18 participants, representing 12 EU Member States and 2 non-EU states of Bosnia Herzegovina and Norway.
- The second seminar was held in London, United Kingdom, at the Judicial College, 26-27 June 2018. It saw the participation of 30 participants, representing 15 EU Member States and 2 non-EU states of Georgia and Norway.
- The last seminar was held in Stockholm, Sweden, at the National Courts Administration, 13-14 December 2018. It saw the participation of 23 participants, representing 20 EU Member States and 2 non-EU states Bosnia-Herzegovina and Norway.

'Judgecraft' seminars have been addressed to a diversified EU audience based on the selection procedure at the national level, which took into account the same structure of this cycle of seminars. During this cycle, very good practices have been debated (in workshops) and observed (by using videos showing mock trials and simulations)

aiming to offer an in-depth training on the topics of judicial resilience, ethics, conduct, unconscious bias, evaluation of testimony and critical situations in court. These seminars followed coherently the works started in EJTN in 2015, with the first event devoted to 'Judgecraft'. This action raised a great interest and commitment, hence in 2016 it was inaugurated in a cycle of 4 training events, developed between 2016 and 2017. It raised a great interest among members and participants for the innovative approach in soft skills training.

- **'Leadership'.** The commitment to invest in this topic was taken in 2015, at a conference held in Thessaloniki, Greece, which evoked, for the first time within EJTN, the importance of training in leadership and the lack of related existing judicial training practices. In 2016, EJTN organised a conference and a seminar aiming to further invest on leadership's training practices and in 2017 the 'Topical Team' implemented the following training events:
 - The 'Training to leadership: a hands-on workshop to design the future leadership training programme' seminar, held 3-4 May 2018 at the Ministry of Justice of Estonia in Tallinn. It saw the participation of 19 participants, representing 14 EU Member States and 2 non-EU states of Georgia and Israel. This seminar was addressed to European trainers' experts in training on leadership. A concept paper was realised by the seminars' experts and disseminated prior to the event to the audience to favour the debate. A deep analysis was carried out through workshops and works in groups on detection of training methodologies for leaders and in view of developing a European model course on training to leadership;
 - The Conference on 'Leadership', held 8-9 November in Nicosia, Cyprus at the Supreme Court. It saw the participation of 33 participants (31 EU Member State and 2 Georgian participants), representing 17 EU Member States and Georgia. The conference gathered directors and representatives of judicial training providers to discuss the outcomes of the

TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
<i>Novelties in training methodologies</i>	Judicial Academy in Königs Wusterhausen, Germany	27-28 March	Otilia Pacurari
Seminar on 'Judgecraft'	Ljubljana, Slovenia	18-19 April	Andrew Hatton Maria Perquilhas
<i>Training to leadership: a hands-on workshop to design the future leadership training programme</i>	Ministry of Justice, Estonia	3-4 May 2018	Luca Perilli
Seminar on 'Judgecraft'	Judicial College, England and Wales, United Kingdom	26-27 June 2018	Andrew Hatton Maria Perquilhas
<i>How to apply for EU funding? Exchange of experiences among EJTN Members</i>	EJTN, Belgium	28 - 29 May 2018	ERA
<i>Best practices in interactive teaching and learning</i>	Hungarian Academy of Justice, Hungary	12-13 September 2018	Ivanka Kirilova
<i>Conference on leadership</i>	Supreme Court of Cyprus, Cyprus	8- 9 November	Luca Perilli
Seminar on 'Judgecraft'	National Courts Administration, Sweden	13-14 December 2018	Andrew Hatton Maria Perquilhas

leadership training implemented by EJTN over the previous three years. Moreover, the conference was expected to provide a foundation for the development of the *'EJTN Guidelines on Training to Leadership'* for national training providers. The aim of this training was to identify the learning objectives for training to leadership in the following three fields: "personal leadership"; "change management"; and, "communication". These three subjects represented the key topics to focus on in future leadership trainings.

- **'Evaluation and Methodologies'**. The *'Topical Team'* for this invested in the following trainings:
 - The JTM seminar *'Novelties in training methodologies'*, was held in Königs Wusterhausen in Germany at the Judicial Academy on 27-28 March 2018. It saw the participation of 26 participants representing 14 EU Member States. This event aimed to exchange views on the ways in which professionals learn in the context of the 21st century and to identify ways in which judges and prosecutors strengthen their knowledge in the psychology of learning. Moreover, the training concerned active learning methodologies using modern technologies and participatory approaches to training.
 - The JTM seminar on *'Best practices in interactive teaching and learning'*, held at the Hungarian Academy of Justice in Budapest, Hungary, 12-13 September 2018. The seminar saw the participation of 26 participants, representing 14 EU Member States and 5 non-EU states (Georgia, Ukraine, Serbia, Macedonia and Albania). This event was conceived to meet the following targets: a) deepen participants' knowledge in the application of interactive teaching methods and techniques in the judicial training; b) compare different learning approaches; and, c) use and teach the interactive methods and techniques in the judicial training. The audience was composed of judicial trainers and course managers. The evaluation of the event showed a great satisfaction rate by the audience and the achievement of the expected outcomes.

Finally, EJTN organised its annual meeting entitled *'How to apply for EU funding? Exchange of experiences among EJTN members'*, on 28 and 29 May 2018 at the EJTN premises, in Brussels, Belgium. This event saw the attendance of 33 participants. Additionally, 2 officials representing the European Commission took part in the works as experts. The audience represented 14 EU Member States along with participants from the Academy of European Law (ERA).



THEMIS COMPETITION

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OVERVIEW

The highly acclaimed THEMIS Competition, open to future EU magistrates undergoing entry-level training, presents an event for debating EU topics, soft-skills learning and development of practicing judicial skills.

NEW APPROACHES

The 2018 THEMIS Competition was open to judicial trainees from all training institutions who are Members or Observers of EJTN. Teams of three judicial trainees, accompanied by one teacher/tutor, are enrolled in the competition which consists of four semi-finals and a Grand Final. The official language of the competition is English.

The maximum number of teams participating in a semi-final is 11. The winner and runner up of each semi-final will enter the Grand Final, consequently resulting in 8 teams in the Grand Final. The prize for the winning team at the Grand Final is a one-week study visit, organised and financed by EJTN, in any European judicial institution.

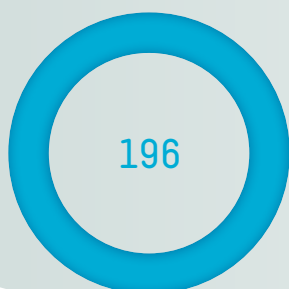
In 2018, the topics addressed were the following:

- International Cooperation in Criminal Matters
- International Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters – European Family law
- International Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters – European Civil procedure
- Judicial Ethics and Professional Conduct
- Right to a Fair Trial (Art. 47 EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and Art. 6 ECHR)

RESULTS

In 2018, the THEMIS project implemented 5 seminars and one study visit, resulting in the training of 196 participants altogether. This number represents 41 teams consisting of 124 judicial trainees and 40 trainers. The participants came from 18 countries, including 16 EU Member States (Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal and Romania) and 2 Western Balkan countries (Albania and Serbia).

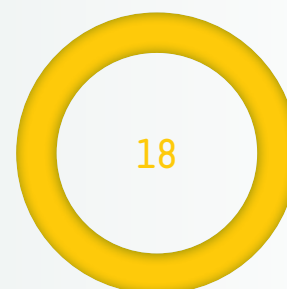
of participants



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DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

The EJTN THEMIS Competition is a unique contest format, open to judicial trainees from across Europe. It provides a platform for exchanging views and developing new approaches on topics related to international civil and criminal cooperation, human rights and judicial deontology.

The THEMIS Competition is designed to develop the critical thinking and communication skills of future magistrates from different European countries. The competition is a forum of discussion on different European law topics, including international judicial cooperation in criminal and civil matters, judicial deontology and human rights.

The jury of the competition, chosen from a pool of experts appointed by EJTN Members, are all well-regarded

professionals in the fields of the given semi-final or Grand Final. As a general rule, experts must not have the same nationalities as the competing team they will have to assess.

A genuine enthusiasm exists for the THEMIS Competition. In 2018, 41 teams competed in the year's four semi-finals. Each semi-final had three stages: a written paper on a topic relevant for the subject of the semi-final; an oral presentation of that paper; and, a discussion with the jury. The competition involved 17 jury members, all being acclaimed experts in their respective fields.

The jury members assessed the overall quality and the originality, the critical thinking and the anticipation of future solutions, the reference to relevant case law, and also the communication skills and the consistency.

THEMIS 2018 RESULTS

THEMIS 2018 SEMI-FINAL A	
1 st Place	Team Czech Republic
2 nd Place	Team Bulgaria
3 rd Place	Team Italy
Special Awards	Team Estonia Team Finland Team Albania Team Germany

THEMIS 2018 SEMI-FINAL B	
1 st Place	Team France
2 nd Place	Team Portugal II
3 rd Place	Team Serbia

THEMIS 2018 SEMI-FINAL C	
1 st Place	Team Austria
2 nd Place	Team Romania
3 rd Place	Team Germany
Special Awards	Team Italy I Team Hungary

THEMIS 2018 SEMI-FINAL D	
1 st Place	Team Czech Republic II
2 nd Place	Team France
3 rd Place	Team Hungary
Special Awards	Team Greece Team Lithuania (Awarded by the Hungarian Academy of Justice)

THEMIS 2018 GRAND FINAL	
1 st Place	Team France I Morgane Kleine, Ariane Piat and Victoire De Maillard, accompanied by the tutor Marie Bougnoux.
2 nd Place	Team Romania
3 rd Place	Team Austria

TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE
Themis Semi-Final A: International Cooperation in Criminal Matters	Spanish Judicial School, Spain	24-27 April
Themis Semi-Final B: European Family Law	National Courts Administration, Vilnius, Lithuania	5-7 May
Themis Semi-Final C: International Cooperation in Civil Matters	National School of the Judiciary, Thessaloniki, Greece	4-7 June
Themis Semi-Final D: Judicial Ethics and Professional Conduct	Hungarian Academy of Justice, Hungary	3-6 July
Themis 2018 Grand Final: Right to a fair trial (Art 47 EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and Art 6 ECHR)	The French National School for the Judiciary, France	28-31 October

The winner and the runner up from each semi-final entered the Grand Final, resulting in 8 teams in total (two teams from France, one from Romania, one from Austria, one from Hungary, one from Portugal, one from the Czech Republic and one from Bulgaria).

The Grand Final of the THEMIS 2018 Competition was organised in France, at The French National School for the Judiciary in Paris. The winner of the competition was a team from France. The prize for winning the competition was a one-week study visit financed by EJTN. Also, the winning team's country was offered the opportunity to host the THEMIS grand final in the following year. Accordingly, the Grand Final of the 2019 THEMIS Competition will be hosted by The French National School for the Judiciary (ENM) in Bordeaux.



*THEMIS
Grand-Final Winners,
Team France I*

The dedicated jury members were Mr Ján Šikuta, Judge at the Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic and former judge of the European Court of Human Rights, Ms Rosa Jansen, judge and the President of the Board of Victim Support in The Netherlands, Ms Jana Gajdošová, Head of Sector (Access to Justice), European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), Mr Martin Kuijer, Senior Legal Adviser on Human Rights Law (Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice, member of the Venice Commission) and Mr Nic Madge, writer, former Circuit Judge and member of the Judicial College. By bringing together judicial trainees from different European legal systems and giving them the opportunity to debate common topics of actuality, EJTN creates an opportunity to share best practices and common views and to develop new approaches, but also most importantly to build trust in the national legal systems. Through this end, the experienced and highly professional jury panel provides a fundamental contribution.

EJTN proudly supports the decade-old and highly acclaimed THEMIS Competition, which continues to provide a genuine skills-enhancing experience for future EU magistrates.



*THEMIS
Grand-Final, France*

THEMIS 2018 JUDGES

SEMI-FINAL A: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

David Dickson, Head of Extradition from the Scottish Prosecution Service

Oliver Scheiber, Judge and the Head of the District Court in Meidling, Vienna

José Villodre López, Investigative Judge and a Trainer at the Spanish Judicial School

SEMI-FINAL B: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN CIVIL MATTERS

Danuate Jociene, Judge at the Constitutional Court of Lithuania and former Judge at the ECHR

Zinka Bulka, Judge at the County Court of Velika Gorica

Aleš Galič, Professor of International Private Law and Civil Procedure

SEMI-FINAL C: EUROPEAN CIVIL PROCEDURE

Christian Herrera, Lawyer and Lecturer in International Litigation

Haldi Koit, Advisor at the Ministry of Justice of Estonia, Lecturer in Private International Law

Goran Selanec, Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Croatia

SEMI-FINAL D: JUDICIAL ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Edith Zeller, Judge, Administrative Court of Vienna and the President of the Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ)

Morana Briski, Senior Court Counsellor at the Supreme Court of the Republic of Croatia

Horatius Dumbava, Judge and a full-time trainer in Ethics at the National Institute of Magistracy, Romania

GRAND FINAL: RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL (ART 47 EU CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND ART 6 ECHR)

Rosa H.M. Jansen, Judge, President of the Board of Victim Support, The Netherlands

Ján Šikuta, Judge at the Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic, former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

Jana Gajdosova, Head of Sector - Access to Justice, Freedoms and Justice Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Martin Kuijjer, Senior Legal Adviser on Human Rights Law, Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice, member of Venice Commission

Nic Madge Writer, former Circuit Judge and Member of the Judicial College, London



RULE OF LAW PROJECT



OVERVIEW

EJTN's Rule of Law Project, taking place from 2018 to 2019, is funded by the European Commission (DG Justice and Consumers Directorate General) and consists of a series of six seminars, a Rule of Law webinar, a manual for practitioners and a training guide on the rule of law. The final conference of the project will have as an objective to summarise the activities that took place and ensure that the follow up at the national level will take place over 2019. The project is addressed to judges and prosecutors from the EU Member States and six Western Balkan states (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Kosovo).

The main objective of the project is to make participants reflect on the international, European and national standards of the rule of law and to address aspects of the protection of fundamental rights and the rule of law as reflected in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, the European Convention on Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) case law, by increasing the understanding of what is their role and their daily obligations when performing their professional duties as judges and prosecutors.

Additionally, more specific and targeted objectives of the project include the following:

- To discuss and identify the essential components of the rule of law from the perspective of both judges and prosecutors;
- To collect information and materials that can be of use for drafting a training guide and practitioners manual; and,
- To boost similar training activities on the respective national level across the EU and the Western Balkan states.

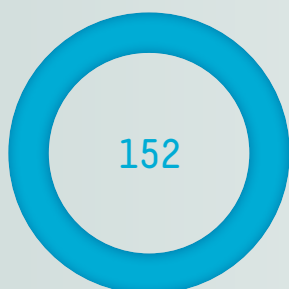
All trainings within the Rule of Law project included a set of framework lectures delivered by both practitioners and members of the academia. The lectures were followed by workshops where participants discussed case studies prepared by the contributing experts.

In 2018, a total of 3 trainings were implemented, attracting 152 judicial professionals (composed of 84 judges, 63 prosecutors and 5 other judicial practitioners) along with 16 contributing expert speakers.

RESULTS

The seminars of the Rule of Law Project are an effective way of training EU judges and prosecutors and also provide an excellent platform and opportunity for knowledge exchange and sharing best practices.

of participants



of events



of states*



*Opened to EU MS + Western Balkan states (AL, BA, ME, MK, RS and XK)

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

In 2018, three one-and-a-half-day judicial training sessions were organised within the framework of the Rule of Law Project.

Participants to each training session were provided with a full set of relevant training materials: speakers' presentations and relevant hard and soft law material from international organisations, bodies and associations *inter alia* the United Nations (UN), the Council of Europe (CoE), European Networks of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ), Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE) and the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE). In addition, landmark cases of the CJEU and the ECtHR were also shared with participants. The aim of the trainings was to increase participants' knowledge on UN, CoE and EU standards in the related field and to help them to apply such knowledge in their day-to-day professional lives.

The seminars were divided into theoretical sessions, which were then subsequently combined with workshops where participants were divided into smaller groups where they had the opportunity to discuss and analyse case studies based on real-life examples.

The trainings implemented in 2018 were as follows:

- The seminar entitled '*Upholding the rule of law in practice, a crucial role for judges and prosecutors*', attracted 56 participants and 6 expert speakers. Among other aspects, the seminar focused on the relationship between judges and prosecutors and between them and other state powers. Selected aspects of independence and judicial and prosecutorial integrity were analysed. Building public trusts and the role of the media and public criticism was also discussed.
- The seminar entitled '*Independent judges as a cornerstone of the rule of law*', involved 51 participants and 5 expert speakers. During this seminar participants had the opportunity to enhance their knowledge on the principles of independence, impartiality, accountability and quality requirements of their work.

The seminar entitled 'The prosecutors and their essential role for the rule of law', attracted 45 participants and 5 expert speakers. In this seminar the importance of the common values of the rule of law principles for prosecutors and prosecution services, despite the variety in prosecution systems throughout Europe, was highlighted. Prosecutors had the opportunity to familiarise themselves on how different systems may prevent, respond, sanction and correct various challenges related to the rule of law.

TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
Upholding the rule of law in practice, a crucial role for judges and prosecutors	EJTN, Brussels	2-3 October 2018	Horatius Dumbrava
Independent judges as a cornerstone of the rule of law	Spanish Judicial School, Spain	29-30 October 2018	Horatius Dumbrava
The prosecutors and their essential role for the rule of law	National Institute for Magistracy, Romania	10-11 December 2018	Horatius Dumbrava



CATALOGUE+

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Catalogue+

OVERVIEW

European magistrates have the great opportunity to attend different training courses organised by the judicial training institutions being Members of EJTN, thanks to the Catalogue+ project.

In total, 19 Members institutions of EJTN participated in the project in 2018. Each of them organising a seminar on a topic of law. A total of 280 places from the 28 Catalogue+ seminars were offered to foreign participants.

As a measure of success of the programme, there was a total 231 foreign participants out of a total 280 places available. Additionally, 863 national participants took part in the Catalogue+ seminars offered by their respective national training institutions, summing up to a total of 1,094 magistrates who received training for 2018 under the project.

RESULTS

A record number of 231 European legal practitioners from over 14 EU Member States received training in 2018 under the auspices of EJTN's Catalogue Plus Programme within different areas of law.

of participants



of events



of states*



*Opened to EU MS + Western Balkan states (AL, BA, ME, MK, RS and XK)

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

Participants to the Catalogue+ events are highly enthusiastic of the organisation of the Catalogue+ seminars, the quality of speakers and the rich information provided during the seminars.

The purpose of Catalogue+ is to give European magistrates the opportunity to attend a training course organised by the judicial training institutions that are Members of the EJTN.

EJTN's Catalogue+ programme upgrades existing training courses of EJTN's Members and finances international participation in these. The courses are available for Europe's judiciary, and cover various fields of law, such as criminal law, civil law and human rights.

Through this project, the national training activity becomes an international one and is opened to attract at least 10 foreign magistrates.

Each institution that organises seminars relating to European law in their own country then has the right to designate one or more seminars in order to host foreign European judges and prosecutors. The judicial institutions participating in this project have the possibility of sending an equal number of participants to the seminars organised by other Members of EJTN within the context of this project.

Just as with previous years, EJTN is always looking forward to new and more seminars being added to the programme to ensure the continual growth of Catalogue+.



*The Future of European
Integration course,
Italy*



*IP Litigation course,
Germany*

TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE
New investigating technologies and protection of fundamental human rights	School for the Judiciary, Italy	26-28 February 2018
Ethics of judges and prosecutors – comparing standards in justice systems	Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany	26 February-2 March 2018
Implementing the principle of promoting the best interests of the child	Centre for Judicial Studies, Portugal	8-9 March 2018
Seizure and forfeiture	Belgian Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	26-27 March 2018
Ethics and prevention of corruption	Latvian Judicial Training Centre, Latvia	5 April 2018
IP litigation course	Academy of European Law, Germany	19-20 April 2018
International legal cooperation in criminal matters. European Arrest Warrant	National Institute of Justice, Bulgaria	23-25 April 2018
Conference with ILO	Centre for Judicial Studies, Portugal	3-4 May 2018
Principes généraux du droit pénal et organisation de la justice pénale en France : atelier linguistique	National Institute of Magistracy, Romania	3-4 May 2018
The future of European integration	School for the Judiciary, Italy	14-16 May 2018
International criminal cooperation. European directives and national level effects	Spanish Judicial School, Spain	21-23 May 2018
Better applying the EU regulations on family and succession law	National Courts Administration, Lithuania	30-31 May 2018
Transnational justice, victims and human rights	Spanish Judicial School, Spain	18-20 June 2018
Extremism, its forms and Islam radicalisation	Judicial Academy, Czech Republic	14-15 August 2018
Trafficking of human beings	Judicial Academy, Czech Republic	6 September 2018
Annual conference on EU border management 2018	Academy of European Law, Germany	17-18 September 2018
Communication in the court room	National Institute of Magistracy, Romania	1-2 October 2018
Parental cases with cross-border elements	National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution, Poland	17-19 October 2018
Data protection in the jurisdiction	Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice, Austria	18-19 October 2018
International cooperation in criminal matters	National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution, Poland	24-26 October 2018
Consumer protection. Case law of court of justice. Class action under the civil procedural code. Unfair terms in contracts	National Institute of Justice, Bulgaria	30-31 October 2018
New perspectives in the protection of people with disabilities	Spanish Judicial School, Spain	5-6 November 2018
European pitfalls in criminal cases	Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany	11-15 November 2018
Financial crime	Ministry of Justice, Slovenia	29-30 November 2018
Trafficking human beings	Studiecentrum Rechtspleging, The Netherlands	19-20 November 2018
Corruption: detection, prevention, suppression	The French National School for the Judiciary, France	26-30 November 2018
Court management	The French National School for the Judiciary, France	10-14 December 2018
An exchange of professional experience on cybercrime	Belgian Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	20-21 December 2018

CATALOGUE OF MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

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catalogue

OVERVIEW

The EJTN Catalogue of Members' Activities, was created in 2003, initially under the name of Catalogue General. Organised and selected by EJTN's Members, this Catalogue offers training to the entire judiciary of the EU Member States.

In 2018, 190 seminars were offered, by 15 Member institutions of the EJTN under the EJTN Catalogue of Members' Activities. Various topics were covered, including professional practices, societal issues, linguistics, judicial skills, human rights, forensics, European international law, criminal law, civil law and administrative law.

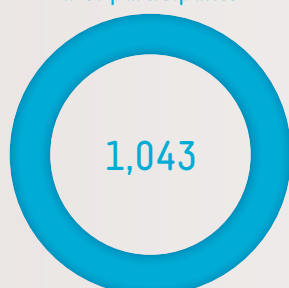
The 2018 EJTN Catalogue of Members' Activities received a total of 1,043 foreign participants.

Europeans judges and prosecutors highly appreciate the valuable seminars, adding significant value to their professional life.

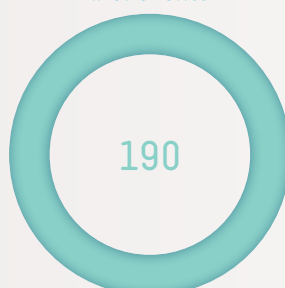
RESULTS

A record number of 1,043 of European legal practitioners from 9 EU Member States received training in 2018 under the auspices of EJTN's Catalogue of Members' Activities within different areas of law.

of participants



of events



of states*



*Opened to EU MS + Western Balkan states (AL, BA, ME, MK, RS and XK)

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

EJTN Catalogue of Members' Activities is an essential engine of training, which promotes various judicial training opportunities within the European Union Member States and supports the integration of the activities organised by EJTN's Member institutions.

Aimed at European judges and prosecutors, in 2018 there were 190 seminars available covering a wide breadth of topics such as administrative, civil, and criminal law, human rights, European and international law along with many other seminars. Seminars co-financed by the European Union were also offered.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Created in 2015 under the portfolio of the Catalogue of Members' Activities, the Scholarship Fund allows EU individual judges and prosecutors to participate in trainings abroad. This is to master their knowledge of EU Law, improve their command of foreign languages and acquire knowledge of national law useful to perform professional tasks.

Applications for scholarships are to be submitted through the candidates' national EJTN Member institutions, which then run internal national selection processes. All sending institutions address the hosts to check availability and acceptance.

Under the framework of the Scholarship Fund, 7 participants per EJTN Member state and ERA may be accommodated by this mechanism.

Over 2018, a record number of 72 European legal practitioners from 11 EU Member States have been supported by the Scholarship Fund. Overall, these 72 magistrates participated in 40 different seminars, which were hosted in 7 different EU Member States.



COUNTRY	# OF SCHOLARSHIPS ISSUED
Austria	6
Bulgaria	9
Croatia	4
Germany	14
Greece	1
Italy	1
Latvia	7
Lithuania	11
The Netherlands	4
Romania	9
Slovenia	6
TOTAL	72

eTOOLS

OVERVIEW

EJTN's eTools are IT platforms, databases, interaction channels and processing systems for increasing the dissemination of knowledge and information, engagement and administrative efficiencies.

With an eye to a classification system, EJTN's eTools may be grouped into learning tools, searching tools, social media tools and application and project management tools. Investments in such eTools allows EJTN to meet several key aims. Knowledge and information can be disseminated across a wider reach, networking and engagement can be improved and greater administrative efficiencies may be obtained.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

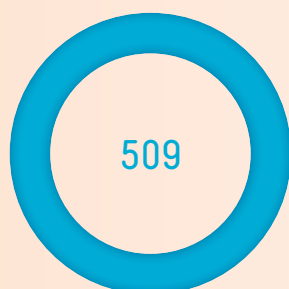
EJTN's eTools serve the interests of Europe's judiciary as well as all those who participate in EJTN's training programmes.

Learning tools such as its collection of podcasts and webinars widen access to judicial training. Searching tools such as the Methodologies & Resources Database (MRD) ensure that supporting resources for judicial training are always at hand. Social media channels engage the wider community and help drive judicial discourse. Application and project management tools allow participants to efficiently manage their applications for training and help ensure that EJTN's projects are managed more cost effectively.

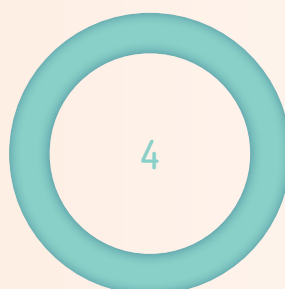
RESULTS

EJTN's various eTools continue to serve Europe's judiciary around the clock.

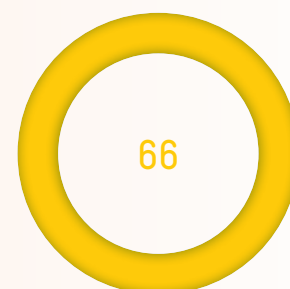
of blended learning participants



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of podcasts



LEARNING TOOLS

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PODCASTS AND WEBINARS

Podcasts

One of EJTN's primary objectives is to facilitate the widest possible dissemination of knowledge and information. Accordingly, EJTN continues to invest in the production of podcasts and webinars. To date, EJTN has produced 11 podcast sets, based on judicial training seminars held across Europe, involving 64 renowned speakers.

WEBINARS

Three webinars were held in December 2018. The "Brussels I & Recast: Recent developments and case law" webinar saw 74 registering, "The European Investigation Order in practice: challenges for practitioners" saw 71 registering and the "Matrimonial property regimes and property consequences of registered partnerships" webinar saw 120 registering. In total, for all 3 webinars, 265 registered.

BLENDED AND E-LEARNING MODULES

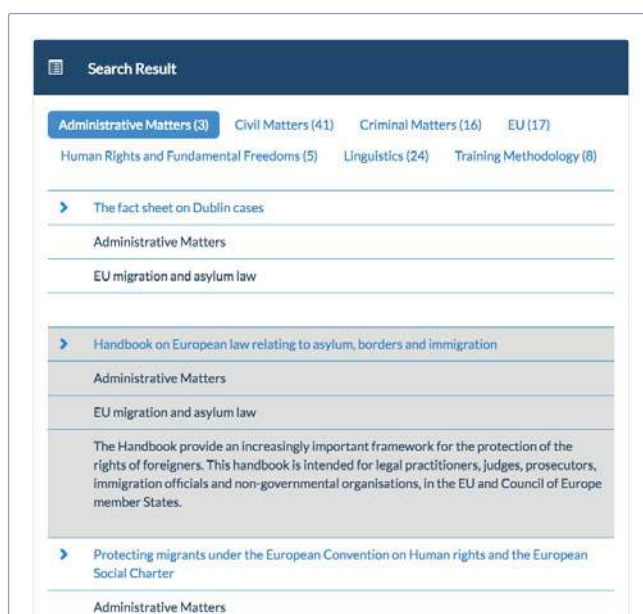
EJTN's existing three blended learning courses were again run throughout the year. From the criminal justice programme domain, blended learning has attracted a total of 128 registrations in 2019. From the linguistics programme domain, the criminal, civil and human rights fields blended learning courses together attracted 286 registrations for the English-language version and 95 registrations for the French-language versions.

As a stand-alone eLearning experience, EJTN's *Understanding References for a Preliminary Ruling of the Court of Justice of the EU* eLearning course is freely open to all.

SEARCHING TOOLS

METHODOLOGIES & RESOURCES DATABASE (MRD)

The Methodologies & Resources Database (MRD) brings together the very best of judicial training resources from across Europe. MRD is a centralised collection of searchable judicial training-related resources, which are sourced from EJTN, its Members and other stakeholders. The format of the resources incorporate links to e-Learning opportunities, training materials, reports, case studies, podcasts, bibliographies as well as handbooks and guidelines.



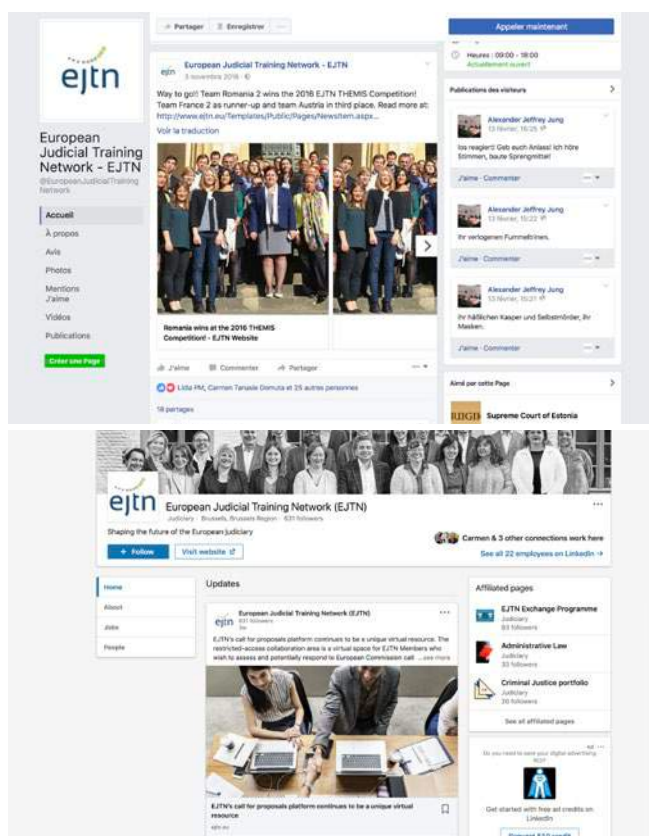
Methodologies & Resources Database (MRD) search results.



Webinars are effective and convenient learning opportunities!

SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLS

EJTN's engagement with social media continues to grow. EJTN maintains Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, Flickr and Vimeo platforms, and EJTN staff are actively engaged with these tools also with 'live' posts from events. EJTN's social media policy as well as instructional guides for staff ensure the smooth usage of these social media channels.



EJTN's social media channels contribute to European judicial discourse.

APPLICATION AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT TOOLS

EJTN continues to invest in IT systems for processing and managing training participants as well as for managing its own projects.

ONLINE SYSTEM FOR PARTICIPANTS (OSP)

The Online System for Applicants (OSP) is a state-of-the-art system for use by EJTN as well as EJTN's partner organisations across Europe for managing the many thousands of EJTN seminar candidates and participants. Participants to seminars use the system for registration of personal details and preferences as well as for completing post-event travel reimbursement claims, quality surveys and completion certification. Some 3,600 participants and experts to nearly 270 EJTN events in 2018 were successfully processed by OSP.

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The Online System for Participants (OSP).

PROJECT MANAGEMENT TOOL (PMT)

EJTN's Project Management Tool (PMT) is used by both EJTN personnel and Activity Coordinators from EJTN Member organisations. PMT allows professional-grade managing of all facets of EJTN's seminars (initiating, managing, reporting and archiving). The PMT manages all phases of EJTN's hundreds of projects and seminars, from initial establishment, to daily managing, to reporting and finally to archiving of completed/past projects.

KEY PUBLICATIONS

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EJTN's key publications are available on EJTN's searchable Methodologies & Resources Database (MRD), which is a centralised collection of searchable judicial training-related resources sourced from EJTN, its Members and other stakeholders! Consult MRD at: <http://www.ejtn.eu/Methodologies--Resources/>

EJTN PUBLICATIONS

2019 CALENDAR OF TRAINING ACTIVITIES

This publication provides a comprehensive overview of EJTN's and Members' training activities along with a full picture of EJTN's rich collection of podcasts, virtual learning and other training resources. An overview on how to apply for EJTN's training opportunities is also provided.

JTM GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATION OF JUDICIAL TRAINING PRACTICES

These guidelines aim to support judicial training providers with their work in evaluating training activities. It is designed as short and comprehensive manual highlighting relevant practical examples. Based on Kirkpatrick's four-level training evaluation model, it offers four chapters with each one focusing on one of the levels. It is available as an e-tool, in both English and French, and includes concrete references and samples of evaluation tools and methods such as questionnaires, surveys, peers reviews and action plans.

Available in English and French.

HANDBOOK (IN ENGLISH FOR HUMAN RIGHTS)

This handbook provides an overview of legal English in the field of human rights and includes numerous exercises, definitions and examples of real cases.

HANDBOOK THE LANGUAGE OF COMPETITION LAW / MANUEL LE VOCABULAIRE DU DROIT DE LA CONCURRENCE

This handbook provides an overview of legal English and French in the field of competition law and includes numerous exercises, definitions and examples of real cases.

HANDBOOK THE LANGUAGE OF CYBERCRIME

This handbook provides an overview of legal English in the field of cybercrime and includes numerous exercises, definitions and examples of real cases.

JUDICIAL TRAINING PRINCIPLES

Intended to provide a universal training framework for Europe's judiciary and judicial training institutions, the principles provide Europe's judiciary a foundation and source of inspiration for managing their own judicial training needs.

Available in 22 languages.

EJTN CIVIL & CRIMINAL LINGUISTICS HANDBOOKS

The Handbooks, produced under the auspices of foremost law experts and linguists, take a comprehensive look at language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in civil matters and also in criminal matters. These are a vital resource for any judge, prosecutor or trainer involved within linguistics endeavours. eBook formats are available from EJTN's website.

EJTN HANDBOOK ON JUDICIAL TRAINING METHODOLOGY IN EUROPE

The Handbook is a unique tool, designed by EJTN judicial experts, that illustrates the role, competencies, training methods as well as the best practices of trainers from across European judiciaries.

Available in 23 languages.

GOOD JUDICIAL TRAINING PRACTICES

These good training practices were collected from 23 judicial training organisations across Europe. Each of the resulting 65 good practices, arranged under 5 themes, present the key features of the good practice, highlight the relevant contact persons for the good practice and provide comments and further analysis about the good practice.

Available in 23 languages.

JUDICIAL TRAINING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION MEMBER STATES

This 2011 study describes the state of judicial training in the European Union. It presents the results of a major survey of judges, prosecutors and court staff on their experiences of judicial training. It also profiles EU judicial training actors and contains detailed recommendations on how to overcome obstacles to participation in judicial training and to promote best practices.

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/etudes/join/2011/453198/IPOL-JURI_ET%282011%29453198_EN.pdf

THE EJTN TRAINING CURRICULA

The EJTN training curricula aim at contributing to the development of a genuine European judicial culture, based on diversity of the legal systems of the Member States and unity through European law in different fields of activity: criminal law; civil law; legal language; and, Trainers/Methodology.

ERA/EJTN STUDY - JUDICIAL TRAINING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION MEMBER STATES

This study describes the state of judicial training in the European Union, particularly in EU law. It presents the results of a major survey of judges, prosecutors and court staff on their experiences of judicial training. Profiles of the judicial training actors at EU level and in Member States along with detailed recommendations on how to overcome obstacles to participation in judicial training and to promote best practice across the EU are also addressed.

EJTN EUROPEAN CIVIL FORUM HANDBOOK

The Handbook provides authoritative knowledge of pedagogical tools, evaluation and training practices on three EU civil justice cooperation instruments.

EJTN CRIMINAL GUIDELINES

Aimed at trainers, these guidelines address topics, documents and case law suitable for training endeavours in this field. Trainee and trainer profiles are covered and suitable training methods are also assessed.

EJTN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW TRAINING GUIDELINES

The aim of these guidelines is to serve as a working tool for the development of quality training in the field of Administrative Law across Europe, highlighting the most seminal legislation, case-law and relevant documentation in this respective field.



A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a blue button-down shirt and brown trousers, is sitting on a white desk in a modern office. He is smiling and looking down at a smartphone in his hands. The background shows a bright office space with large windows and a glass railing. The image is overlaid with a large, semi-transparent red and orange geometric shape in the bottom right corner.

The following statistics and charts were compiled to determine how many EU judges and public prosecutors attended the cross-border training activities organised by EJTN in 2018 and to place these achievements within a historical context. Further, these achievements illustrate how EJTN has continued to perform under the efficiency and cost-to-serve ratio.

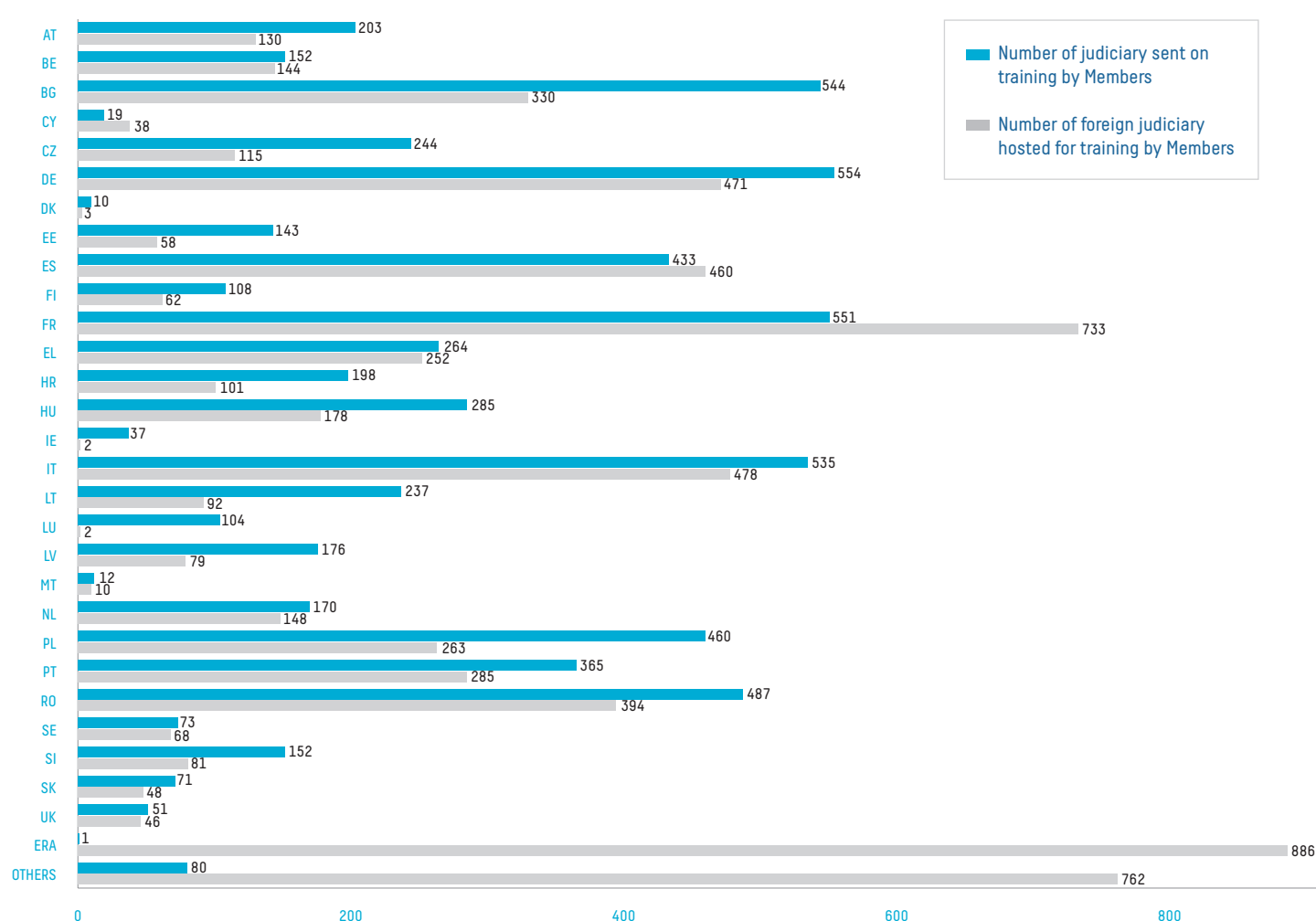
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Table I illustrates how many EU judges and public prosecutors have attended EJTN's own training activities and the Catalogue of EJTN's Members training activities abroad in 2018 (in dark blue), as well as how many foreign

judges and public prosecutors EJTN's Members have hosted in 2018 (in light grey) under the EJTN activities framework.

Table I



*OTHERS hosting institutions refers to CJEU, ECtHR, Eurojust, CEPOL, FRA, HCCH and the EU Institutions

Table II – Evolution of yearly attendance
EJTN's training activities (EJTN Catalogue of Members' Activities included)

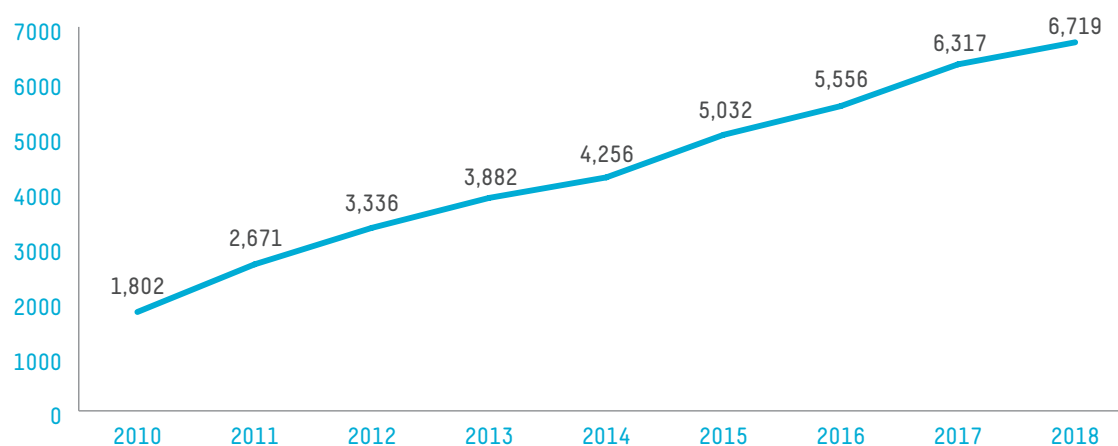


Table III – Evolution of yearly attendance
EJTN's flagship training activity – Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities

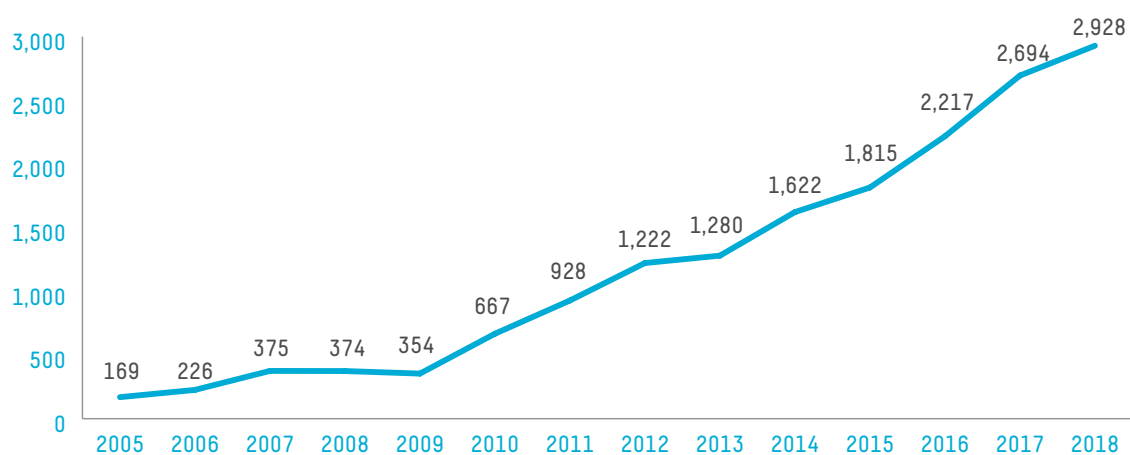


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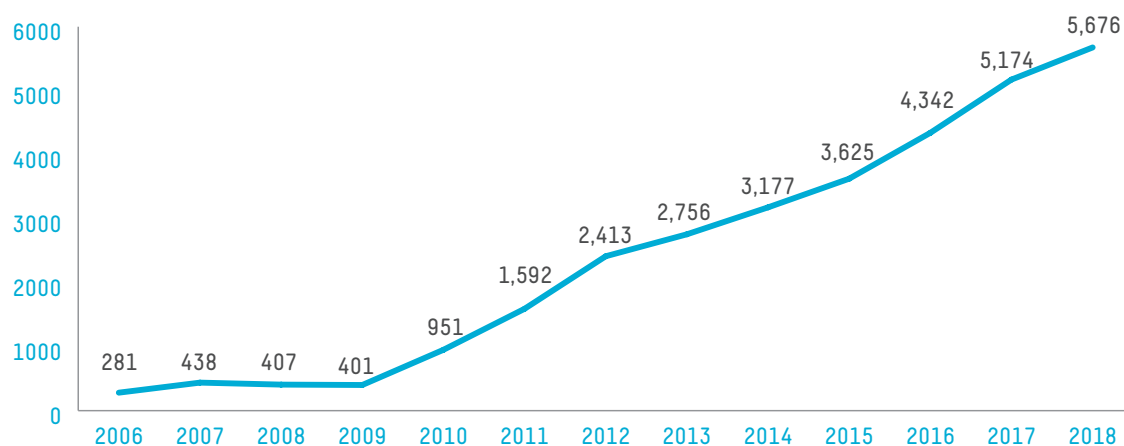
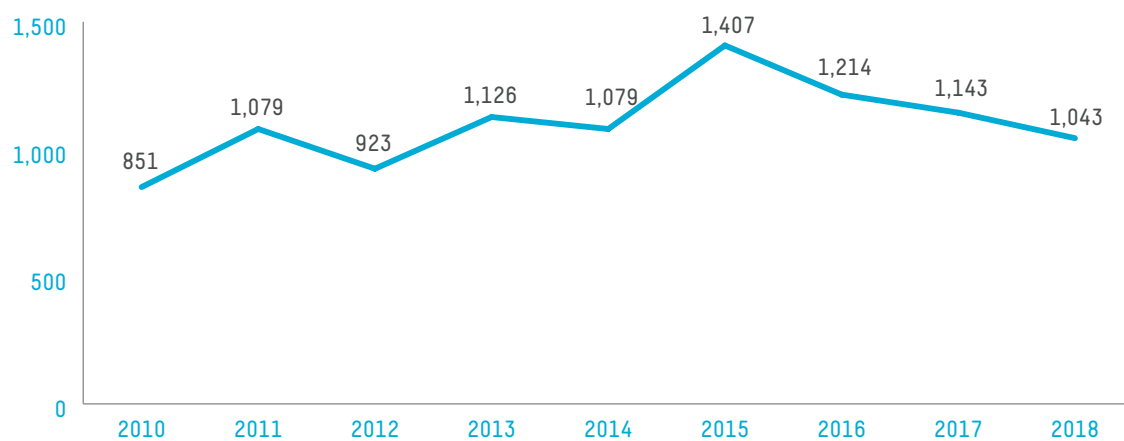


Table V – Evolution of yearly attendance
*EJTN Catalogue of Members' Activities**



* 2018 data not available from the following Member States: BE, CY, CZ, DK, EL, HR, HU, LU, MT, PL and UK.

Table VI - EJTN's wide range of 2018 training activities by number of participants

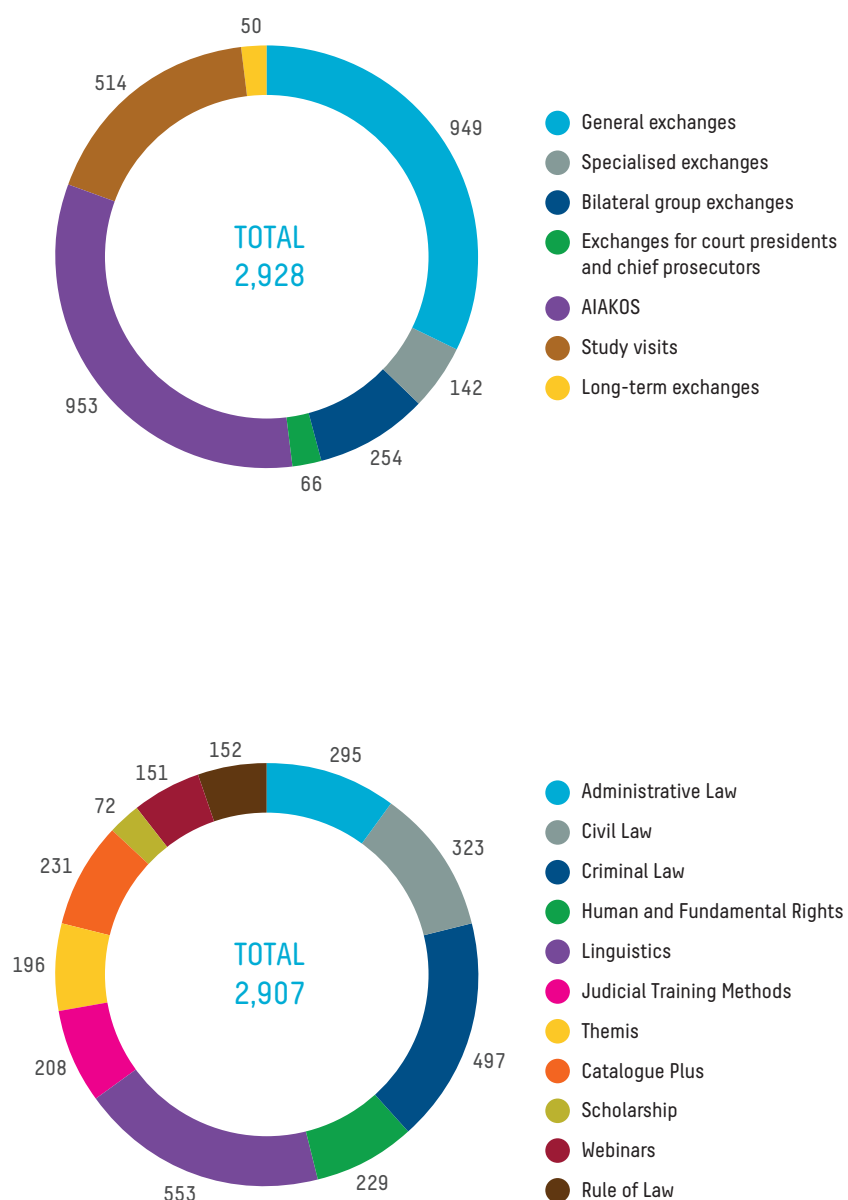


Table VII – Number of effective training days offered

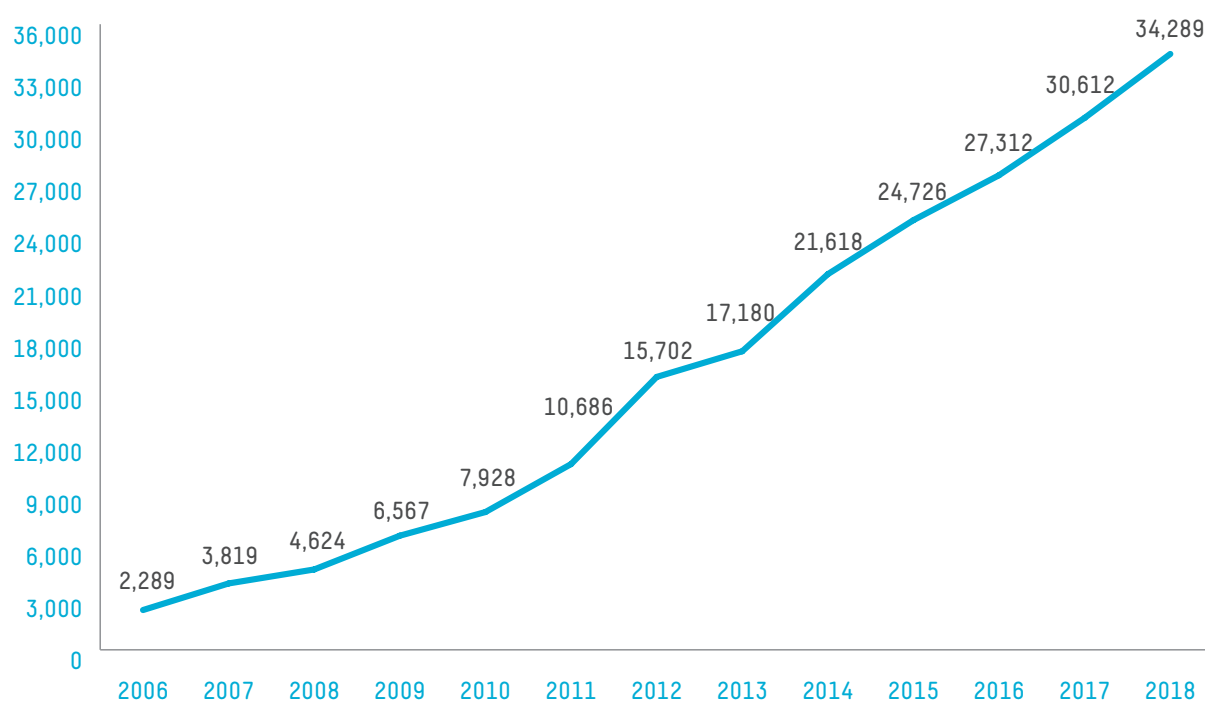
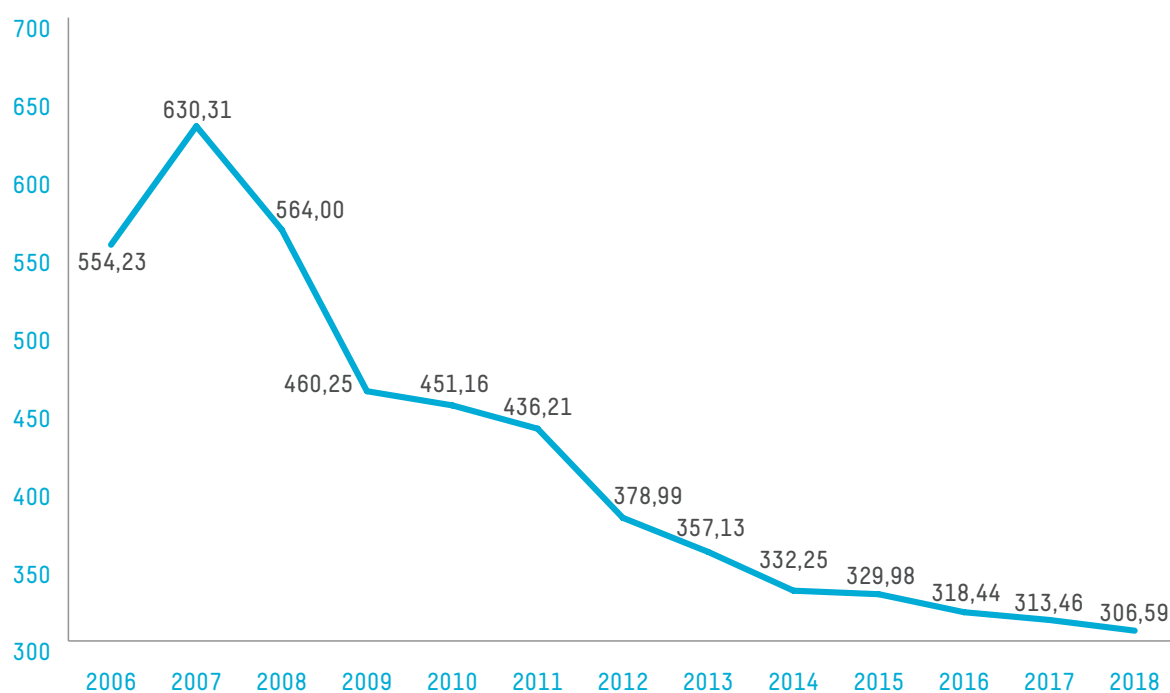


Table VIII – Performance Based on Cost-to-Serve Ratio: Price/Training Day Offered (EUR)





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