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EJTN IN 2022

**2000**

Year Founded

**995**Activities Organised¹**36**

Members

**7,175**

Participants

**5**

Associate Members

**37,425**

Individual Training Days

**17**

Observers

**176**

Participants

**896**

Participants

¹Exchanges, seminars, webinars and lunchtime webinars.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear colleagues and partners,

I am delighted to present the 2022 Annual Report of the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN), showcasing our activities and achievements over the past year. The report highlights our progress in advancing judicial training and cross-border collaboration across Europe.

I would like to start by extending my heartfelt appreciation to my predecessor, Judge Markus Brückner, for his commitment during the challenges of COVID-19. His dedication and effort ensured that the Network remained strong, and was able to successfully navigate the troubled times of the pandemic.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Members who recently completed their term on our Steering Committee. Their support and dedication to EJTN's mission was invaluable. And I look forward to continuing to work with the new Steering Committee, which was elected at our 2022 General Assembly. They will provide important guidance and input over the coming years.

As you will see on the following pages, 2022 featured a return to in-person activities, including our seminars, exchanges, the THEMIS Competition and the AIAKOS Programme. In 2022, we launched important initiatives including the Western Balkans II Project and the judges@europe forum, plus new types of exchanges. We also improved our IT systems and launched a new website reinforcing our external communications.

In the area of institutional relations, EJTN signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Organization for Judicial Training (IOJT) to reinforce our ongoing cooperation. We also welcomed a new Associate Member: the Italian Ministry of Justice, which is responsible for training national court staff. Markus Brückner and I also had the privilege to represent EJTN at the October 2022 meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Council.

Overall, the scope of EJTN's activities during 2022 was particularly broad, and you will find more details and examples within this report. I would like to

emphasise that all our actions are guided by one single objective: promoting excellence in judicial training and fostering cooperation between members of the European judiciary, in line with our Judicial Training Principles. That objective is reflected in the wide range of events and activities featured in this report.

Our work is only possible thanks to the continuous support of the friends and colleagues who make up our Members, Associate Members, Observers and Partners, along with the dedicated team at our Secretariat in Brussels.

Together, we are working to strengthen the ties among justice professionals in Europe, and by doing so to foster a common European judicial culture.

Have an excellent read,



Ingrid Derveaux
EJTN's Secretary General

WHO ARE WE?



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3. WHO ARE WE?

Founded in 2000 by the Bordeaux Charter, EJTN is an international non-profit association governed by the provisions of Belgian law. EJTN brings together judicial training institutions from all EU Member States to pursue an aim of general European interest: developing and implementing training and exchange activities for members of the European judiciary. These activities cover both initial and continuous training, and are delivered in close cooperation with our Members, Associate Members, Observers and Partners.

EJTN also serves a vital role in promoting networking among its Members. Through EJTN, they have a platform to share experiences and exchange opinions in areas of common interest, based on shared common values. Furthermore, the Network attaches particular importance to training the young judiciary members, as they are not only national judges but also European ones.

EJTN's approach to planning and executing activities

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EJTN's priorities are defined autonomously, in line with the principle of judicial independence, but taking into account the priorities set by the EU institutions in judicial training. EJTN recognises and respects its Members' unique capacities, missions, and diverse needs –and is committed to ensuring that the Network's activities are tailored to their requirements and priorities.

EJTN's strategic objectives

EJTN has established itself as a leading player in judicial training at the European level. The Network is focused on consolidating this position, and continues to push to make high-quality judicial training available to an increasing number of members of the European judiciary. EJTN aims to organise cross-border training activities for at least 5% of all judges and prosecutors annually, and to make AIAKOS a standard component of its initial training offer. The Network also runs dedicated training activities for court and prosecution staff, and provides opportunities for its Members to meet and discuss this area of work.

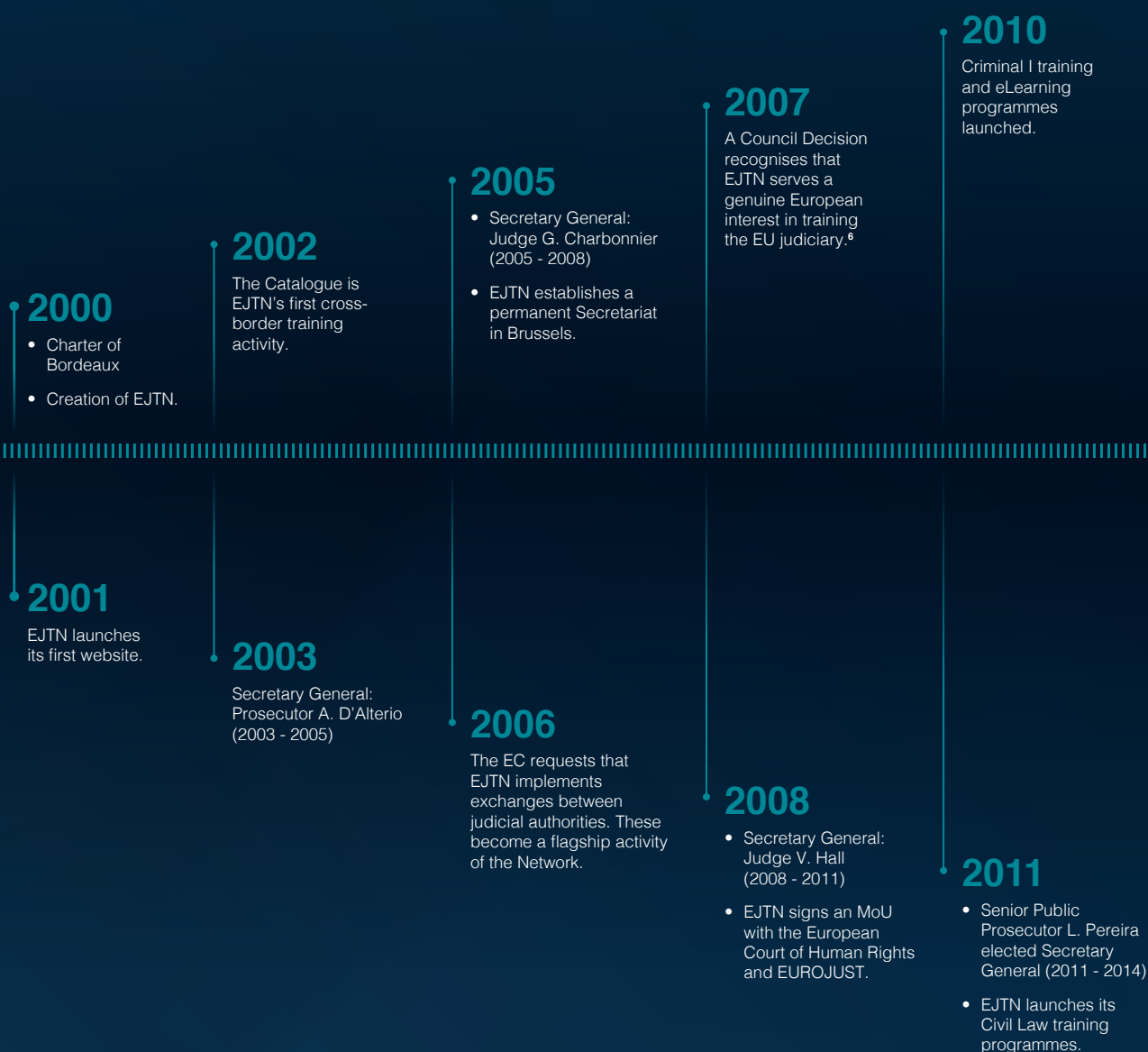
EJTN has a strategic objective of offering 1,200 exchanges in courts annually, in line with the 2021 - 2027 strategic plan and the European Commission's Communication "Ensuring justice in the EU – A European judicial training strategy for 2021 - 2024."

EJTN's 2021 - 2027 plan defines the following Strategic Goals:

- To maintain the high quality of EJTN continuous training seminars in European law and cooperation, judgecraft, the rule of law, and language skills.
- To continue developing and promoting different activities and projects, and to design, test and implement new training formats.
- To reach out to new target audiences for training courses at several levels.
- To offer networking on court staff training and delivering training to court staff.
- To develop new formats and contents for exchanges, and to integrate court staff into the Exchange Programme.
- To continue cooperating effectively with various Partners, EU candidates and potential candidate countries, the EEA and EFTA States, and its Observers.

²Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: "Ensuring justice in the EU - A European judicial training strategy for 2021-2024". COM/2020/713 final

TIMELINE



³Council Conclusions 'Training of legal practitioners: an essential tool to consolidate the EU 'acquis' (2014/C 443/04).

⁴Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a Justice Programme for the period 2014 to 2020.

⁵Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the European Commission and European Commissioner for Justice. Opening speech at a workshop of the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. 28 November 2013.

⁶Council Decision of 12 February 2007 establishing for the period 2007 to 2013, as part of the General Programme on Fundamental Rights and Justice, the Specific Programme 'Criminal Justice'.

2013

- EJTN receives an operating grant for 2014 - 2020 under the EU Justice Programme⁴
- The EC lauds EJTN's achievements, confirming its central role in judicial training⁵.

2015

- 10th anniversary of EJTN's Exchange Programme
- 10th anniversary of EJTN's THEMIS Competition.

2017

- Judge W. Postulski re-elected Secretary General (2017 - 2019)
- EJTN signs an MoU with CEPOL and EASO
- EJTN renews its MoU with the European Court of Human Rights.

2019

- Judge M. Brückner elected Secretary General (2020 - 2022).
- EJTN Strategic Plan 2021-2027 adopted.

2021

- EJTN starts integrating court and prosecution staff into its activities
- EJTN accepts its first Associate Members
- Face-to-face activities resume after COVID-19.

2014

- Judge W. Postulski elected Secretary General (2014 - 2017)
- The Council of the EU recognises EJTN's fundamental importance in the area of European judicial training³

2016

- EJTN adopts its Judicial Training Principles, providing a framework for judicial training in Europe
- EJTN signs an MoU with the Court of Justice of the EU.

2018

EJTN's Directors' Conference in Vienna drafts EJTN Strategic Plan 2021 - 2027.

2020

- EJTN celebrates its 20th anniversary amid the COVID-19 health crisis

2022

- Judge I. Derveaux elected Secretary General (2023 - 2025)
- Launch of the judges@europe initiative
- Launch of the Western Balkans II Project
- EJTN and the IOJT sign a MoU.

2022

Highlights of the year

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This section provides an overview of EJTN special events, meetings and projects beyond the regular training and exchange activities organised throughout the year.

JANUARY

One of the first and most important activities of 2022 was EJTN's yearly Training Needs Assessment meeting. The 2022 edition brought together 75 participants from EJTN Members, the European Commission and other key judicial training stakeholders to discuss the training needs of the European judiciary. These workshops' results were essential in preparing EJTN's 2023 training programme.

EJTN released its calendar of training activities, providing a comprehensive overview of seminars organised in different areas, such as civil law, criminal

law, administrative law, human and fundamental rights, linguistics and judicial training methods.

The calendar also included the Catalogue Plus, which provided information about seminars open to participants from EJTN Members based on reciprocity, as well as the Catalogue of Members, which had about 100 activities organised by individual EJTN Members.

EJTN also published the 2022 edition of its Themis annual journal, which compiles the best papers from the Themis Semi-Finals selected by jury members.



The EJTN calendar of activities provides an overview of all EJTN-organised training activities available to EU judges, prosecutors and court staff, as well as activities of EJTN Members

FEBRUARY

A training for EJTN Members on the preparation and implementation of EU-funded projects' contents and budget was hosted online by EJTN in February 2022. The seminar gathered 58 participants and provided a platform for debate on topical issues of the current call for proposals on judicial training of the European Commission. Participants analysed how to develop project concepts best, draft the budget, and monitor its execution.

Also, in February, EJTN launched the Judiciary Learning Grant Programme, a training initiative enabling judges, prosecutors and court and prosecution staff to build their exchange project based on self-identified and individual learning needs.

MARCH

In March 2022, EJTN launched the Western Balkans II Project. This initiative has a twofold goal:

supporting the development of a training programme on EU law at the Montenegrin Judicial Training Centre and the Serbian Judicial Academy; and supporting judiciary reform processes within the broader context of the EU's enlargement to the Western Balkans.

The project will run between 2022 and 2025, is implemented within the IPA II Multi-country Action Programme 2020, and benefits from financial support from the European Commission – Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR).

APRIL

In 2022, the experts of the Working Group Linguistics published a new bilingual handbook entitled: "English for Judicial Cooperation in Family Law" / "Français pour la coopération judiciaire en droit de famille".



EJTN Members during the 2022 General Assembly in Paris, organised during the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union

The handbook included numerous language exercises with answer keys to help readers to practice the family law terminology, legal introductions to each topic and a glossary of terms in the field.

MAY

In May, EJTN organised the first edition of the judges@europe forum at the Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights. The event was a confidential forum to address key issues for the present and future of the European judiciary, such as the role of individual judges in protecting the rule of law or the importance of judiciary integrity and independence.

This activity brought together 38 judges from EU Member States.

JUNE

EJTN's 2022 General Assembly was held on 7 and 8 June in Paris, France. At this event, EJTN Members elected Judge Ingrid Derveaux as their new Secretary General between 1 January 2023 and 31 December

2025. Ms Derveaux succeeded Judge Markus Brückner, whose mandate ended on 31 December 2022. EJTN Members also elected a new Steering Committee and new members of the Working Groups Programmes, Exchange Programme, Linguistics and Judicial Training Methods. Their term will also run between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2025.

The General Assembly also welcomed the Italian Ministry of Justice, responsible for training court staff in Italy, as a new Associate Member.

In addition to delegates from EJTN Members, Associate Members, Observers, and Partners, the General Assembly was attended by the European Commissioner for Justice, Didier Reynders, and the French Minister of Justice, Éric Dupond-Moretti (video).

Also in June, EJTN organised a dedicated training session for EJTN activity coordinators responsible for defining the agenda and objectives of EJTN training activities.



EJTN Secretary General Judge Markus Brückner ended his mandate on 31 December 2022. Judge Ingrid Derveaux was elected as his successor at the 2022 EJTN General Assembly

JULY

In July, EJTN organised a training session on judicial training methodology for members of the Ukrainian judiciary. This activity benefited from the expertise of the Dutch Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary and the Czech and Slovak Judicial Academies.

SEPTEMBER

In September 2022, EJTN held a Directors Conference dedicated to the new developments in education relevant to the training institutions of EJTN. The event gathered key national representatives of EJTN Members and other EU-based judicial training institutions.

The Conference was organised under the umbrella of the Czech Presidency of the European Union in Prague and was chaired by the Czech Judicial Training Academy.

In September 2022, EJTN opened the call for applications for the 2023 Exchange Programme.

For the first time, a webinar information session was organised to provide information on the application process and address the questions of interested judges, prosecutors, judicial trainers and court and prosecution staff.

NOVEMBER

In the area of institutional relations, EJTN signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Organization for Judicial Training (IOJT) to exchange information and good practices and ultimately strengthen the ties between the two institutions.

DECEMBER

In 2022 EJTN was invited by the Czech presidency of the Council of the EU to take the floor at the December Justice and Home Affairs Council to discuss with EU ministers about access to justice and the rule of law. EJTN was represented by Secretary General Markus Brückner and Secretary General elect Ingrid Derveaux, that emphasised the leading role of EJTN in supporting the independence of justice and the rule of law.



The Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union co-organised EJTN's 2022 Directors' Conference in Prague

OTHER ACTIVITIES

In addition to the abovementioned activities, EJTN performed many activities that spanned several months of the year.

Supporting the Ukrainian judiciary

In cooperation with the Dutch, French, Italian and Bulgarian judicial schools, EJTN organised several training sessions about the war in Ukraine. These activities aimed at training both EU and Ukrainian members of the judiciary. They addressed topics such as war crimes and prosecution, child protection, forensics, evidence-admissibility and custody, and freezing and confiscating assets. EJTN also partnered with Eurojust's Genocide Network Secretariat to organise workshops for the members of Joint Investigation Teams investigating war crimes in Ukraine.

Themis competition

In 2022, the EJTN Secretariat organised a new edition of the Themis competition. The Four Semi-Finals took place in Italy, Lithuania, Hungary and Spain. The Grand Final was hosted by an EJTN Observer of the Network in Belgrade (Serbia) for the first time. The Romanian Team won the 2022 edition of Themis, with the Dutch team finishing second and the Czech one finishing third. All in all, 176 trainee judges and prosecutors from 18 countries participated in the competition.

Aiakos Programme

In 2022, the AIAKOS Programme for early career judges and prosecutors was organised entirely face-to-face and was divided into four exchange weeks. Participants from 21 EU Member States were hosted in 24 Member States and 25 hosting institutions. Nearly 900 participants participated in the 2022 AIAKOS edition.

Cooperation with strategic partners

Throughout 2022 EJTN organised a large number of exchange and training sessions with the Council of Europe, the European Court of Human Rights, the European Public Prosecutors' Office, Eurojust, Europol, CEPOL, GEMME, AEAJ, and many other institutions. These strategic partnerships allow EJTN to provide the European judiciary with a wide range of training options in key areas such as protection of human and fundamental rights, judicial cooperation in civil law, joint investigative teams, crimes against the financial interests of the Union, or war crimes, among others.

Improving IT systems

Throughout 2022, EJTN redoubled its efforts to improve its IT systems. The Network launched a new bilingual website to reinforce its external communications and a new Digital Training Hub to provide information about training and exchange options for members of the European judiciary.



Throughout 2022 EJTN continued investing in IT systems to facilitate access to training and exchanges activities for judges, prosecutors and court staff

2022

A year in detail

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EJTN expresses its sincere gratitude to the local hosts in the 31 EJTN Member and partner institutions who invested their time to organise exchange activities and welcome foreign participants.

6.01. SHORT-TERM EXCHANGES

Overview

Short-term judicial exchanges in courts, prosecution offices and judicial training institutions of the EU Member States are one of EJTN's key activities. Ever since the Exchange Programme was launched in 2005, the number of participants and host institutions has steadily increased while the offer of different exchanges was enhanced.

This provided the capabilities to meet the training needs of judges, prosecutors, court and prosecution staff, and judicial trainers. The short-term exchange portfolio for 2022 comprised the following activities:

General exchanges

General exchanges are open to judges, prosecutors, and court and prosecution staff. During general exchanges, participants learn about the judicial system of their host country, attend court hearings, and exchange views and expertise with their peers. In individual exchanges, the visiting participant shadows a counterpart in their daily practice in a court and prosecutor's office. In group exchanges, participants from different nationalities form a group of visitors to the host country. They can gain practical knowledge of the host country's judicial system and exchange views and best practices with their peers.

Bilateral exchanges

In bilateral exchanges, a group of judges, prosecutors, or court and prosecution staff from the same court or prosecution office visit their counterparts in a court or prosecution office of another Member State and exchange best practices and common experiences. Participants draft their agenda in close cooperation with their hosting partners, providing the freedom of creativity to design an event suited to their needs. These exchanges often lead to long-lasting partnerships between courts and prosecution offices across country borders.

Specialised exchanges

Specialised exchanges are open to judges and prosecutors. In a specialised exchange, participants extend their expertise in a wide range of areas of law, such as family law; migration-, asylum- and refugee law; banking-, company-, tax- and competition law; intellectual property- and patent law; the fight against organised crime, terrorism, financial crime, etc.

Exchanges for Court Presidents and Chief Prosecutors

These exchanges allow senior judicial leaders to shape their leadership and management skills in various areas, including media and influence on jurisdiction, information and communication technologies, HR and financial management.

Trainer exchanges

Trainer exchanges are open to judicial trainers working for national judicial training institutions, judges, prosecutors, and court and prosecution staff acting as judicial trainers. Participants can benefit from an overview of the training institution of the host country, its organisation and the training methods and pedagogical tools in the host institution. The participants and the hosts share their best practices and successful training initiatives.

Accomplishments in 2022

After two years of being highly impacted by the pandemic, the number of participants increased significantly in 2022. A total of 1,412 judges, prosecutors, court and prosecution staff and judicial trainers from 29 countries took part in 536 short-term exchanges.

Among these, eight judges, prosecutors and judicial trainers from Western Balkan countries had the opportunity to participate in the exchanges for Court presidents and Chief prosecutors and in trainer exchanges under the EJTN Western Balkans II Project.

Additionally, for the first time, EJTN organised a webinar in September 2022 dedicated to future applicants. This webinar presented the different activities and the application process under the Exchange Programme to help interested applicants to assess which programme would be better for them and prepare their application with sufficient time. This format will be used again in future sessions

Types of short-term exchanges	Participants
General exchanges	810
Bilateral exchanges	335
Specialised exchanges	144
Trainer exchanges	68
Presidents and Chief prosecutors exchanges	55
Total	1,412

6.02. LONG-TERM TRAINING PERIODS

Overview

Long-term training periods are a unique opportunity to get acquainted with the work, procedures, and decision-making of the Court of Justice of the European Union, the European Court of Human Rights, and Eurojust.

Participants are usually assigned to the Cabinet of a Member of the Court, the Registry, or the office of a National Desk and help carry out assigned tasks.

Accomplishments in 2022

Throughout 2022, EJTN's well-established partnerships with European courts and institutions persisted in organising training programmes for

judicial authorities. Altogether, 76 judges and prosecutors were placed in long-term training periods of 3 to 12 months.

Long-term training activities resulted in significant benefits. Participants extended their knowledge of human rights issues, EU law, and judicial cooperation instruments in criminal matters and were trained in the procedures and case law of the Courts.

Long-term trainees are encouraged to share their experiences with their colleagues in the respective Member States to benefit their national judiciary.



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In 2022, EJTN funded 20 long-term trainees to work at the different Eurojust's national desks

6.03. STUDY VISITS

Overview

EJTN currently organises study visits to the European Court of Human Rights, the Court of Justice of the European Union, Eurojust, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the Hague Conference on Private International Law, the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology and several EU institutions, including the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission.

EU-based judicial and prosecution training schools can send judges, prosecutors, trainers, and court and prosecution staff to these activities. For many participants, these visits represent a first and unique opportunity to enter into contact with some of the hosting institutions.

Accomplishments in 2022

In 2022, EJTN organised 17 study visits totalling 33 training days. More than 500 participants, including judges, prosecutors, court and prosecution staff, and trainers, participated in study visits, making them one of the most demanded EJTN activities.

These activities offered participants an excellent insight into the day-to-day operations of EU institutions, European and international courts and other organisations. They also provided a comprehensive and valuable training curriculum for the benefit of the judiciaries of EU Member States.



A group of judges, prosecutors and court staff visits the Strasbourg seat of the European Parliament, during an EJTN-organised study visit

6.04. EJTN - CEPOL EXCHANGES

Overview

Implemented in cooperation with the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL), the EJTN-CEPOL joint Exchange Programme is a hands-on training programme enabling members of the EU judiciary and law enforcement bodies to exchange about each other's operational practices.

Judicial professionals and law enforcement officials have the opportunity to visit each other in their respective workplaces – i.e. law enforcement institutions and courts and prosecution offices of the EU Member States –, to share and compare experiences, working methods and investigation techniques.

Participants in EJTN-CEPOL exchanges usually discuss areas such as economic, financial crime, cybercrime, drug trafficking, trafficking in human beings, environmental crime, corruption and joint investigation teams (JITs).

Accomplishments in 2022

In 2022, 9 judges and prosecutors visited specialised police departments and State border guard services and hosted 8 law enforcement professionals at their courts or prosecution offices in reverse.

EJTN surveys and exchanges with participants have shown that the level of satisfaction with this activity is very high for both the hosting and the sending organisations.

The cooperation between EJTN and CEPOL will continue in 2023, enabling more exchanges between judiciary members and law enforcement officials.



The EJTN-CEPOL joint Exchange Programme helps members of the EU judiciary and law enforcement bodies to get together and exchange about each other's operational practices

6.05. AIAKOS PROGRAMME

Overview

The AIAKOS Programme is the principal initial training activity offered by EJTN for future and early career judges and prosecutors. It is held four times a year (two weeks in the spring session and two weeks in the autumn session) and is entirely organised in English.

During the five-day AIAKOS exchange, participants have the chance to attend hearings in local courts, visit prisons, courts and judicial schools, meet experienced judges and prosecutors, participate in workshops and exchange ideas with colleagues from all over Europe.

The AIAKOS Programme's primary goal is to foster mutual trust between members of the EU judiciary and support the development of a common judicial culture.

The programme also aims to raise awareness of the European dimension of judges' and prosecutors' work and facilitate international cooperation in the future.

Accomplishments in 2022

In 2022, the AIAKOS Programme was organised entirely face-to-face and was divided into four exchange weeks. Participants from 21 EU Member States were hosted in 24 Member States and 25 hosting institutions. Nearly 900 trainees participated in the 2022 AIAKOS edition.

As part of this edition, online training sessions on judgecraft, judicial ethics and communication in court were organised for all exchange groups simultaneously and were attended by all AIAKOS participants.

Early career and future judges and prosecutors are invited to contact their national training institution to learn more about the programme's organisation in their country and how and for which countries they can apply.



Participants in the 2022 edition of the Aiakos Programme visiting the premises of the Belgian Judicial Training Institute in Brussels (Belgium)

6.06. REGIONAL EXCHANGES

Overview

Regional exchanges are one of the newest activities of the Exchange Programme. They target direct cross-border cooperation between two countries. By developing direct communication between two practitioners close to a European border, regional exchanges aim to strengthen direct collaboration on a local scale.

Thanks to regional exchanges, participants can foster mutual trust and cooperation locally, establish long-term cooperation relations, and solve practical problems arising from cross-border cases.

Regional exchanges are open to any applicant located close to a border. As a project-based exchange, applicants must find a counterpart, prepare a project proposal and submit it to EJTN.

Accomplishments in 2022

The Regional Exchanges initiative was set up as a pilot project in 2021 and became an exchange category of EJTN's Exchange Programme in 2022. That year, 23 participants were allocated to 11 projects involving judicial authorities from 10 EU Member States.

By immersing themselves in another Member State's judicial system, judges, prosecutors, or court and prosecution staff now have a valuable tool to understand better how neighbouring countries handle cases and improve cross-border cooperation.

Many participants have positively valued the importance of direct communication between the two sides of the border and have established long-term cooperation relations with their host institutions.



Participants in EJTN regional exchanges can establish long-term cooperation relations and better tackle problems related to cross-border cases

6.07. JUDICIARY LEARNING GRANT PROGRAMME

Overview

Launched in 2022, EJTN's judiciary learning grant programme is designed for judges, prosecutors, court and prosecution staff, and trainers from EU Member States interested in a flexible, self-directed learning experience.

Beneficiaries of EJTN's judiciary learning grant receive financial support for conducting a research project during five working days in another EU Member State. Project proposals are reviewed on a rolling basis all year long using a pre-established scoring rubric.

The main goal of this EJTN programme is to support members of the EU judiciary to learn and develop more effective and efficient judicial practices, tackle better problems that may arise in their area of work, and foster international dialogue and collaborative problem-solving.

Accomplishments in 2022

In 2022, EJTN's judiciary learning grant programme funded three innovative project proposals presented by German and Polish judges. The projects tackled issues related to drug treatment courts, the figure of judge-mediators, and EU law and European Court of Human Rights case law in competition and labour cases. The research activities took place in Belgium, Croatia and Spain.

The programme will continue in 2023, enabling more judges, prosecutors, court and prosecution staff, and trainers to explore innovative ideas and models from other EU Member States and to foster cooperation and dialogue with their counterparts.

CASE STUDY: Drug Treatment Courts

Drug treatment courts provide supervised treatment and rehabilitation for offenders with problem drug use. They are usually affiliated with a district court and are used as an effective alternative to incarceration. Many common-law countries have set up drug treatment courts since 1989. This type of court has also received strong support from the UN.

German Judge Dr Clivia von Dewitz used an EJTN judicial learning grant to do a five-day study visit at the Drug Treatment Court in Ghent (Belgium) and study how the Belgian drug treatment court operated in practice. She attended court sessions and visited treatment centres and prisons in the surrounding area.

Her project aimed to analyse how drug treatment courts function in a civil law system and how they could be implemented in Germany.

DR CLIVIA VON DEWITZ German Judge

"The length of the visit (five days) was perfect. My host, judge Annemieke Serlippens, President of the Ghent Drug Treatment Court, and many other professionals helped me gain detailed insights into how the Belgian drug treatment court system worked".

"This stay has also given me a better understanding of the differences between drug treatment courts in civil law countries and the model used in common law countries like the US, Canada, and Australia".

6.08. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SEMINARS

Overview

EJTN's Administrative Law Sub-Working Group provides a large offer of practical training for administrative judges, prosecutors, trainers, legal professionals, and European court and prosecution staff.

Since its creation in 2011, the training offer has expanded by developing new best practices and methodologies for more interactive seminars.

In addition, since 2020, the Administrative Law Sub-Working Group has been running a webinar series titled "Jurisprudence: the most important decisions of the CJEU relevant for Administrative Judges". Legal themes covered include EU tax law, environmental law, asylum law and data protection.

Accomplishments in 2022

In 2022, 14 activities were held (10 face-to-face and 4 online) on different topics, including the role of administrative justice in the State, EU tax law, EU migration and asylum law, data protection and privacy rights, EU environmental law, EU public procurement, EU preliminary ruling procedure, state liability, social security and the webinar series on jurisprudence updates.

The different activities organised by EJTN's Administrative Law Sub-Working Group throughout 2022 attracted a total of 414 members of the EU judiciary from 25 other Member States.



EJTN seminar on data protection and privacy rights, held at the University of Zadar (Croatia)



NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS | **414**



NUMBER OF NATIONALITIES | **25**



NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES | **14**

6.09. CIVIL LAW SEMINARS

Overview

EJTN began its civil law training activities in 2011 to promote civil law training and cooperation among members of the judiciary of EU Member States.

EJTN training activities cover key areas such as the transmission and service of documents between Member States, the taking of evidence abroad, and the European civil procedure in family law matters. Seminars also address substantive law areas like cross-border labour law and consumer protection under EU law.

In addition, judges, prosecutors, and court and prosecution staff can benefit from training on specific pieces of legislation such as the Brussels I Regulation (jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgements in civil matters) and the Rome I and II Regulations (conflict of laws in contractual issues).

Most EJTN seminars and webinars in this area are organised in close cooperation with partner organisations, such as the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters (EJN Civil) and the European Judges Group for Mediation (GEMME).

Accomplishments in 2022

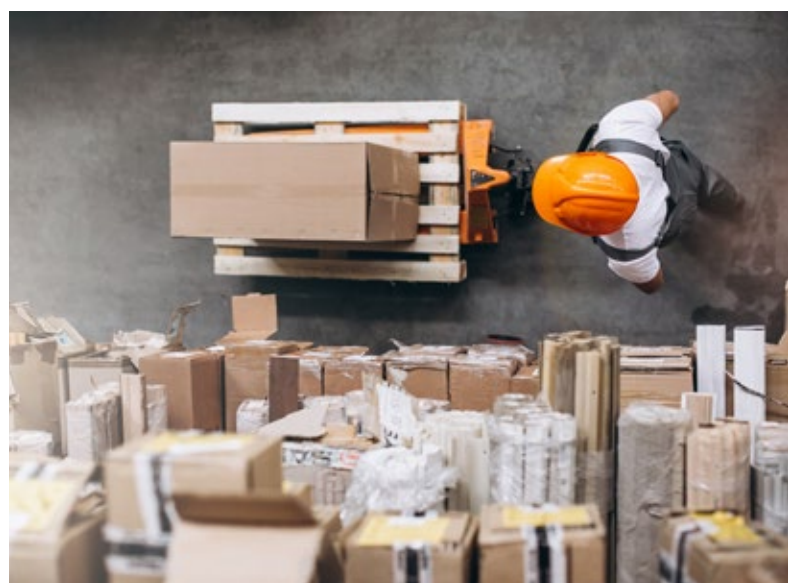
The Civil Law Sub-Working group implemented ten seminars, three webinars and four one-hour lunchtime webinars in 2022. All in all, training activities benefited 558 participants, including 426 judges, 36 prosecutors and 96 participants belonging to court and prosecution staff and trainee judges. The participants came from 25 different EU Member States.

In addition to the above mentioned areas, civil law seminars covered important topics for EU law, such as civil liability and artificial intelligence, e-commerce, intellectual property law, trademarks and designs and the EU Succession Regulation.

Training activities in 2022 paid particular attention to the European civil procedure and its importance in promoting legal certainty, efficiency, and the protection of fundamental rights when addressing civil and commercial disputes.

EU family law and the protection of family rights and children's best interests in cross-border cases were other important themes.

Lastly, EJTN's Civil Law Sub-Working Group organised a specialised training in legal French to enhance the knowledge and effectiveness of judges and prosecutors when dealing with family, labour and commercial mediation.



EJTN civil law seminars aim to enhance the understanding of judges and prosecutors on the impact of EU law on areas such as e-commerce, civil liability, and intellectual property



NUMBER OF
PARTICIPANTS | **558**



NUMBER OF
NATIONALITIES | **26**



NUMBER OF
ACTIVITIES | **15**

6.10. CRIMINAL LAW SEMINARS

Overview

EJTN's activities in the area of criminal law were launched in 2010. Their main goal is to train European judges, prosecutors, and court and prosecution staff to help them better understand the EU's criminal law framework and promote mutual trust and cooperation between judiciary members.

EJTN training activities cover key areas in European criminal law, such as joint investigative teams (JITs), financial investigations, cybercrime, the fight against corruption and assets recovery, counter-terrorism operations, protection of victims' rights and the fight against illegal immigration.

EJTN seminars and webinars in this area are organised in close cooperation with key partner organisations such as the European Judicial Cybercrime Network (EJCN), the Genocide Network Secretariat (GNS), the European Judicial Network (EJN), Eurojust, Europol, CEPOL, the EPPO, and the JITs Network.

Accomplishments in 2022

In 2022, EJTN's Criminal Law Sub-Working Group organised 38 training activities, which were attended by 1,156 practitioners from the EU and Observer Members.

The year started with a new training on trafficking in human beings, which addressed the challenges of collecting evidence and putting the victim at the centre of the entire process.

Special attention continued to be given to judicial cooperation tools equipping prosecutors and judges with the necessary skills to fight cross-border crime. Two pieces of training on judicial cooperation in criminal matters case-based simulations, one on the European Arrest Warrant and two on the European Investigation Order, were delivered in a learn-by-doing methodology.

Electronic evidence and cyber issues were also addressed in 2022. The training benefited from the support of Eurojust, Europol and experts in the field



EJTN seminar on criminal law in April 2022 in Bucharest, hosted by the National Institute of Magistracy

who discussed the challenges in collecting electronic evidence, cross-border exchange, freezing of information online, cryptocurrencies and the use of AI.

The EPPO continued to raise high interest, addressed in a one-and-a-half-day training focusing on its mission, competences, structure and mandate to fight crimes against the financial interests of the Union. Additionally, two specialised training sessions enhanced the skills of judges and prosecutors in fighting economic crimes focusing on asset recovery and confiscation.

Knowledge and awareness raising fostered mutual understanding among the practitioners who attended two seminars on procedural rights, one of them focusing on the Children's Directive. EJTN's commitment to Victims' Rights was highlighted through

a series of webinars on Victims' Rights and a well-claimed training focused on domestic violence and child sexual abuse.

EJTN team joined efforts with the Genocide Network Secretariat and implemented one training in Nuremberg in June 2022, focusing on investigating and prosecuting war crimes. Another six webinars focused on the investigation and prosecution of war crimes for judiciary members from JIT countries. The workshops addressed challenges such as obtaining evidence in war zones, interviewing witnesses and victims, working with civil society and cross-border cooperation.

EJTN also organised several training activities in cooperation with CEPOL.



NUMBER OF
PARTICIPANTS | **964**



NUMBER OF
NATIONALITIES | **27**



NUMBER OF
ACTIVITIES | **34**

FOCUS - JOINT EJTN-ERA CONSORTIUM TO TRAIN EPPO STAFF

In July 2020, an EJTN - ERA Consortium was awarded a Framework Contract to provide specialised training services for EPPO staff following the successful evaluation of the project presented to a call for tenders. In 2021, the Consortium coordinated 14 online training activities for EPPO personnel with the support of a team of selected experts. Throughout 2022, the EJTN - ERA Consortium provided 14 online training sessions in legal areas was implemented.

The topics covered included:

- Fraud patterns and case law on the protection of the Union's financial interests (PIF)

- VAT fraud
- EU funding programmes and sources of income
- EU procurement policy
- EU financial regulations
- Financial investigations
- Forensic accounting and analytical tools
- Legal English for criminal substantial- and procedural law

Following the renewal of the Framework Contract, the EJTN-ERA Consortium will implement 15 online events in 2023.



© EPPO Throughout 2022, the EJTN - ERA Consortium provided 14 online training sessions for EPPO staff

EJTN-EUROJUST COOPERATION

The cooperation between EJTN and Eurojust started in 2008, with the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations. The partnership was initially limited to long-term training periods. Over time, it was expanded to include study visits and training activities in which Eurojust delegates acted as expert speakers.

EJTN-Eurojust training activities

In 2022, 10 Eurojust experts participated in EJTN seminars and delivered technical presentations on the following topics:

- Judicial cooperation in criminal matters
- Joint investigation teams
- Cybercrime and electronic evidence
- European Arrest Warrant
- Economic and environmental crimes
- Cross-border drug investigations
- Procedural safeguards.

EJTN-EUROJUST study visits

In 2022 EJTN organised one study visit to Eurojust for 28 participants, lasting 2.5 days. The main goal of this visit was to raise the participants' awareness of the role of Eurojust, the competences of Eurojust's National Members and judicial cooperation legal instruments in criminal matters. Participants also visited Europol and the International Criminal Court.

EJTN's long-term training periods with Eurojust

In 2022, EJTN and Eurojust organised 20 long-term training periods of 3 or 4 months for participants from 13 EU Member States. The trainees worked with their respective National Desks on cross-border related cases and attended meetings and coordination centres. Thanks to this unique opportunity, they acquired an in-depth insight into European criminal justice cooperation and supported their colleagues from other EU Member States.



“EJTN traineeships at Eurojust are a true success story. Trainees get a unique opportunity to familiarise themselves with our working methods. And Eurojust benefits from having a critical mass of colleagues all across the EU who know how to make good use of our tailor-made support. We very much look forward to continuing this cooperation in the years to come”.

LADISLAV HAMRAN

President of the European Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust)



“ETJN's traineeship scheme allowed me to work in Eurojust's international environment and learn about the challenges surrounding mutual legal assistance within the EU. The three-month traineeship gave me useful insight into various legal instruments in mutual legal assistance. The experience was of great help for my investigations as a prosecutor in Austria”.

HANNES GLANTSCHNIG

Assistant to the Eurojust's National Member for Austria. Former EJTN trainee

EJTN-CEPOL COOPERATION

Cooperation between EJTN and CEPOL started in 2017 with the first joint training. The first pilot exchanges were implemented in 2020. EJTN-CEPOL cooperation currently has two main dimensions: joint training activities and exchanges.

EJTN-CEPOL training activities

Every year EJTN cooperates with CEPOL to organise up to 10 trainings. In 2022 nine training activities were organised for 177 participants from law enforcement bodies and European judiciaries.

EJTN-CEPOL exchanges

EJTN-CEPOL exchanges are addressed to prosecutors, investigative judges and law enforcement officials involved in cross-border cases. In 2022, EJTN and CEPOL organised exchange activities for 9 EJTN and 8 CEPOL participants.

Themes

Training and exchange activities covered the following areas:

- Economic-, financial- and environmental crime
- Cybercrime
- Joint Investigation Teams
- Cross-border electronic evidence
- Fight against corruption and international asset recovery
- Financial investigations on virtual currencies
- Cross-border drug investigations
- Investigation of facilitated illegal immigration
- Trafficking of human beings.

EJTN-CEPOL cooperation started in 2017 with the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding. Today they co-organise a large number of joint training and exchange activities

6.11. HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS SEMINARS

Overview

Launched in 2017, EJTN's Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms Sub-Working Group (HFR SWG) develops judicial training activities for European judges, prosecutors, and court and prosecution staff.

These activities allow practitioners to discuss the most crucial and recent developments in human rights and fundamental freedoms at the European and EU level. Participants gain valuable insights from leading experts and exchange experiences and views on domestic legislation with their European counterparts.

The HFR SWG develops joint seminars and trainings in cooperation with EJTN's external partners, such as the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, the European Court of Human Rights and the Council of Europe Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals Project (HELP), the Association of European Administrative Judges and the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology.

Accomplishments in 2022

In 2022, the HFR SWG organised eleven training sessions for 343 participants from 24 countries across Europe, including 21 EU Member States, Kosovo, North Macedonia, and the United Kingdom.

The HFR SWG developed new training sessions on topics such as artificial intelligence and human rights and the fundamental rights of older people. It also explored current challenges in the field of international human rights through one lunchtime webinars on offences against human rights within the context of the war in Ukraine and one on relevant EU law and ECHR case law related to ethnic minorities.



EJTN's Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms Sub-Working Group offers a space for practitioners to discuss key developments in human rights and fundamental freedoms.



NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS | **343**



NUMBER OF NATIONALITIES | **24**



NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES | **11**

6.12. LINGUISTICS SEMINARS

Overview

Launched in 2011, EJTN linguistics seminars focus on training judges, prosecutors, trainee judges and prosecutors, and court and prosecution staff from all over the EU in legal English, French, German, Spanish and, more recently, Italian.

The main goal of this portfolio is to help participants improve their legal and linguistic skills, facilitate cross-border judicial cooperation, and support the development of a common European legal culture.

Participants get trained in various legal instruments in fields such as civil law, criminal law, family law, and human rights. Other more specialised sessions cover asylum law, environmental law, and the fight against cybercrime and cross-border organised crime.

Lessons combine theoretical and practical aspects, covering legal terminology in the four basic language skills, i.e. reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Sessions are delivered by linguistic and legal experts working in tandem with a small group, using an interactive approach.

In addition to its high-quality face-to-face seminars, EJTN also organises online conversation classes and publishes legal handbooks, freely available on EJTN's website.

Accomplishments in 2022

In 2022 the linguistics portfolio could return to a full face-to-face training mode. Participants could choose from 11 training options and 4 Summer Schools dedicated to judges and prosecutors.

The overall offer included six training sessions on judicial cooperation in criminal, civil and human rights matters and five specialised seminars on cybercrime, asylum and refugees, cross-border organised crime, family law and environmental law. Also, for the first

time, the linguistics portfolio introduced a course in legal Spanish in judicial cooperation in civil matters.

The four Summer Schools focused on a vocabulary of judicial cooperation in family, civil, criminal and human rights, respectively. The series of Online Conversation Classes started in 2021 was extended from 6 weeks to 10 weeks of 1-hour weekly online classes. The series took place three times in the past year.

In 2022, the Linguistics Working Group brought together language and legal experts to publish a new bilingual handbook: English for Judicial Cooperation in Family Law (Français pour la coopération Judiciaire en Droit de la Famille).



Legal language training in cooperation in criminal matters at the National School for the Judiciary in Bordeaux (France)



NUMBER OF
PARTICIPANTS | **747**



NUMBER OF
NATIONALITIES | **22**



NUMBER OF
ACTIVITIES | **45**

6.13. JUDICIAL TRAINING METHODS SEMINARS

Overview

The Judicial Training Methods Working Group was created in 2014. Its main goal is to develop and disseminate training tools applicable to many contexts, including e-tools.

The group has several sub-objectives, such as: mapping EJTN Members' needs in judicial training methods, providing training in judgecraft, judicial ethics and law training, facilitating the exchange of experiences between members, and reinforcing activities linked to the Training the Trainers Forum.

The Judicial Training Methods Working Group currently runs five separate project teams, covering: 1) training needs assessment and evaluation, 2) innovative curricula and training plan, 3) innovative training methodology: e-tools and e-learning, 4) judgecraft, and 5) leadership.

The group also addresses horizontal topics such as evaluating EJTN activities, training sessions for EJTN Activity Coordinators, and producing EJTN handbooks.

Accomplishments in 2022

In 2022, the Judicial Training Methods Working Group organised 13 seminars and one Training for Activity Coordinators. A total of 226 participants have taken part in face-to-face and online activities coordinated by 64 experts.

In 2022, EJTN activities in judicial training methods for the first time included court and prosecution staff trainers and trainers from Western Balkan countries.



Judicial Training Methods Working Group Second Plenary Meeting
September 2022 - Lisbon, Portugal



NUMBER OF
PARTICIPANTS | **226**



NUMBER OF
NATIONALITIES | **24**



NUMBER OF
ACTIVITIES | **14**

6.14. THEMIS COMPETITION

Overview

The Themis competition brings together future judges and prosecutors from different EU Members States and some third countries. Trainee judges and prosecutors write academic papers, give presentations and engage in discussions with a renowned jury and their peers.

The Competition consists of four Semi Finals on four different topics: EU and European criminal procedure, EU and European family law, EU and European civil procedure, and judicial ethics and professional conduct. The winners and runners-up of each qualifying round compete in the Grand Final, that the previous edition's winner hosts.

The winner of the Grand Final receives a prize and a five-day study visit in a country of choice, organised in collaboration with one of EJTN's Members. Every year, the jury members select the best-written papers

for the Semi-Final. Since 2019, these papers have been published in the academic-level Themis Annual Journal.

The Themis competition offers a forum to share common values and exchange new perspectives in European and International Law. Future judges and prosecutors can debate over EU and European law and build on mutual trust.

Accomplishments in 2022

In 2022, the EJTN Secretariat organised four Semi Finals in Naples (Italy), Vilnius (Lithuania), Balatonszemes (Hungary), and Barcelona (Spain). The Grand Final was hosted by an EJTN Observer of the Network in Belgrade (Serbia) for the first time.

The Romanian Team won the 2022 edition of the Themis competition, with the Dutch team finishing second and the Czech one finishing third. All in all, 176 trainee judges and prosecutors from 18 countries participated in the competition.



The 2022 Themis Grand Final in Belgrade (Serbia) was the first Grand Final organised by an EJTN Observer



NUMBER OF
PARTICIPANTS | **176**



NUMBER OF
NATIONALITIES | **18**



NUMBER OF
ACTIVITIES | **6**

PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

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The main goal of the Western Balkans II Project is to support the development of a training programme on EU law at the Montenegrin Judicial Training Centre and the Serbian Judicial Academy and to facilitate participation in EJTN events by judicial professionals from all Western Balkan judiciaries.

7.01. WESTERN BALKANS II PROJECT

Overview

The Western Balkans II Project was launched in 2022 for three years. It is implemented within the IPA II Multi-country Action Programme 2020 and benefits from the financial support of the European Commission's Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR).

The main goal of the Western Balkans II Project is to support the development of a training programme on EU law at the Montenegrin Judicial Training Centre and the Serbian Judicial Academy and to facilitate participation in EJTN events by judicial professionals from all Western Balkan judiciaries.

The beneficiary institutions are: the Albanian School of Magistrates, the Centre for Judicial and Prosecutorial Training of Bosnia - Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Centre for Judicial and Prosecutorial Training of Bosnia - Republika Srpska, the ¹Kosovo Justice Academy, the Academy for Judges and Prosecutors in North Macedonia, the Montenegrin Judicial Training Centre and the Serbian Judicial Academy.

This institutional capacity-building initiative is supported by experts from EJTN Members with experience in EU law training and state-of-the-art judicial training methodologies. EJTN also works with strategic partners in the region, such as the European Union, Council of Europe and the OSCE, to ensure that EU law training is delivered cohesively.

Accomplishments in 2022

In 2022, the Western Balkans II Project aided the Serbian Judicial Academy and the Montenegrin Judicial Training Centre in performing a training needs assessment on EU law. As part of this exercise, the training institutions and EJTN organised group discussions on EU law and targeted surveys for members of both judiciaries.

The resulting training programme aims to support both institutions in establishing a national network of experts and trainers on EU law and will be implemented in 2023-2024.

The programme will focus on improving knowledge about the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union and offering valuable training and support to enhance judicial writing and legal research on EU law.

The training programme is tailored to the specific country context and considers the approximation of the EU acquis to the local legal environment in the EU integration process.

With Project support, members of the Western Balkan judiciaries also participated in EJTN events across Europe, including seminars on judicial training methods, exchanges for judicial trainers, exchanges for court presidents and chief prosecutors, and the EJTN's General Assembly. These activities are expected to reinforce the existing network and the links among EJTN Members and Observers.

¹This designation is without prejudice to positions on Kosovo's status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the International Court of Justice's Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

7.02. JUDGES@EUROPE FORUM

Overview

The 8 March 2021 Council Conclusions, “Boosting Training of Justice Professionals”, called on the European Commission to support existing European judiciary networks to promote and enhance the dialogue among judges of the EU⁸.

Against this background, EJTN set up judges@europe, a secure and confidential forum to address key issues for the present and future of the European judiciary, such as the role of individual judges in protecting the rule of law or the importance of judiciary integrity and independence. judges@europe is also designed to allow participants to discuss more concrete aspects of their daily work, such as self-empowerment and resilience techniques within high-stress environments.

EJTN hopes to sustain this initiative beyond this first meeting and continue to offer a familiar and trusting framework to enable peer dialogue and networking across EU Member States.

Accomplishments in 2022

In 2022, EJTN organised the first edition of the judges@europe forum, which took place between 5 and 7 May 2022 at the Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights in Syracuse, Italy. The event brought together 38 judges that discussed recent developments in European case law and analysed the characteristics of the rule of law in different judicial contexts. The main topic was Freedom of speech. Participants also exchanged experiences and best practices and used peer consultation to explore real-life cases.

The first edition of judges@europe benefited from the expertise of representatives of the CJEU, the ECtHR, the Association of European Administrative Judges, the European Networks of Councils for the judiciary, and the European association of judges and public prosecutors MEDEL⁹.



The first edition of the judges@europe forum took place between 5 and 7 May 2022 at the Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights in Syracuse, Italy



NUMBER OF
PARTICIPANTS | **38**



NUMBER OF
NATIONALITIES | **21**



NUMBER OF
ACTIVITIES | **1**

7.03. ONE HOUR LUNCH TIME WEBINARS

Overview

The One Hour Lunch Time Webinars bring together judges, prosecutors and trainers and provide them with a unique opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices with their European counterparts in a live webinar every other week.

The series tackles the most recent developments across EJTN portfolios and offers several in-depth webinars on more classic EU law topics. A leading practitioner or expert delivers a lecture during the webinar, followed by a discussion moderated by the activity coordinator.

Since its creation in 2020, the Lunch Time Webinars have become a fixed appointment for judges, prosecutors, and court and prosecution staff to learn about a topic of European Union Law and to exchange views with colleagues.

Accomplishments in 2022

In 2022, 22 webinars were organised, tackling topics as diverse as access to courts in environmental matters, judicial cooperation after Brexit, leadership and communication skills, and the legal profession throughout the European Union.

EJTN has also organised several webinars related to the war in Ukraine that addressed current challenges for European judges and prosecutors concerning the conflict. The topics discussed included the prosecution of war crimes, the international crisis of refugees and human rights in this conflict.



NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS | **1,114**



NUMBER OF NATIONALITIES | **31**



NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES | **22**

8. PUBLICATIONS

EJTN 2022 Calendar of training activities

In 2022, EJTN published a new edition of its yearly calendar of training activities. This catalogue provides a comprehensive overview of EJTN seminars organised in different areas, such as civil law, criminal law, administrative law and human rights and fundamental freedoms. The calendar also includes links to virtual learning tools and other training resources, such as EJTN's online language test.

Catalogue Plus

Within EJTN's Calendar of Training Activities, the Catalogue Plus comprises about 40 seminars open to participants from EJTN Members based on reciprocity. EJTN funds the participation of international participants and provides for interpretation to ensure the training remains accessible to international candidates.

Catalogue of Members

Also, within EJTN's Calendar of Training Activities, the Catalogue of Members includes about 100 activities organised by individual EJTN Members and is open to participants from other member organisations.

EJTN may fund individual participants through its Scholarship Fund. Interpretation is usually not provided in these training activities, which require international participants to have advanced language skills.

Handbook family law (English and French)

In April 2022, the experts of the Working Group Linguistics have published a new bilingual handbook entitled: "English for Judicial Cooperation in Family Law" / "Français pour la coopération judiciaire en droit de famille". The handbook includes numerous language exercises with answer keys to help readers to practice the family law terminology, legal introductions to each topic and a glossary of terms in the field.

Themis annual journal 2022

Since 2019, the best papers from the Themis Semi-Finals have been selected by jury members and published in the Themis Annual Journal. This academic-level publication collects the best propositions and ideas of trainee judges and prosecutors participating in the Competition.



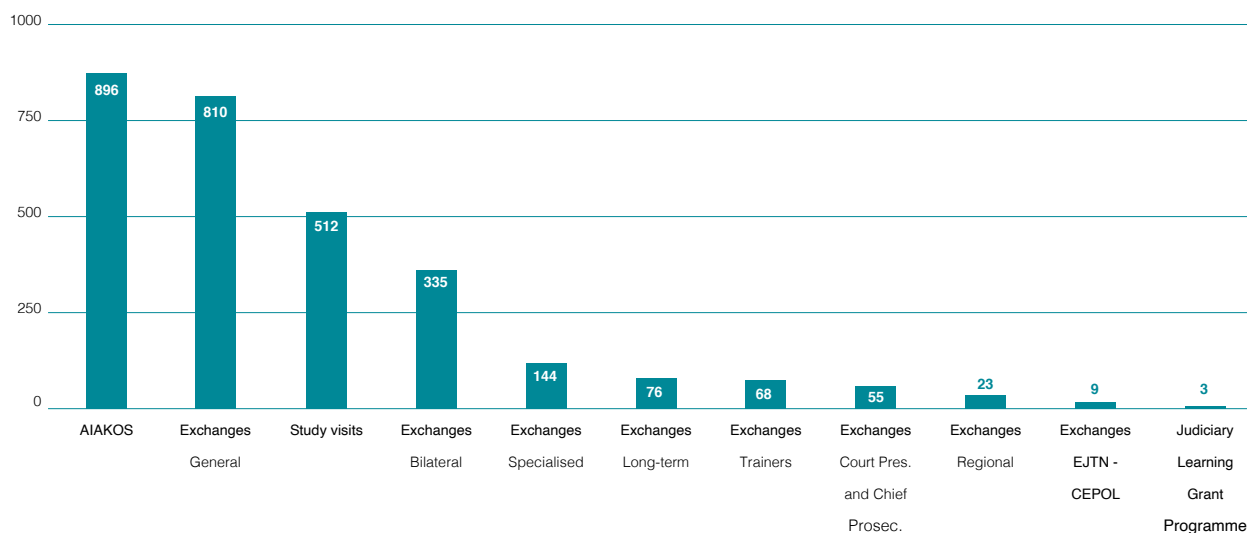
The handbooks for judicial cooperation in family law are designed to help practitioners of EU family law improve their legal English and French

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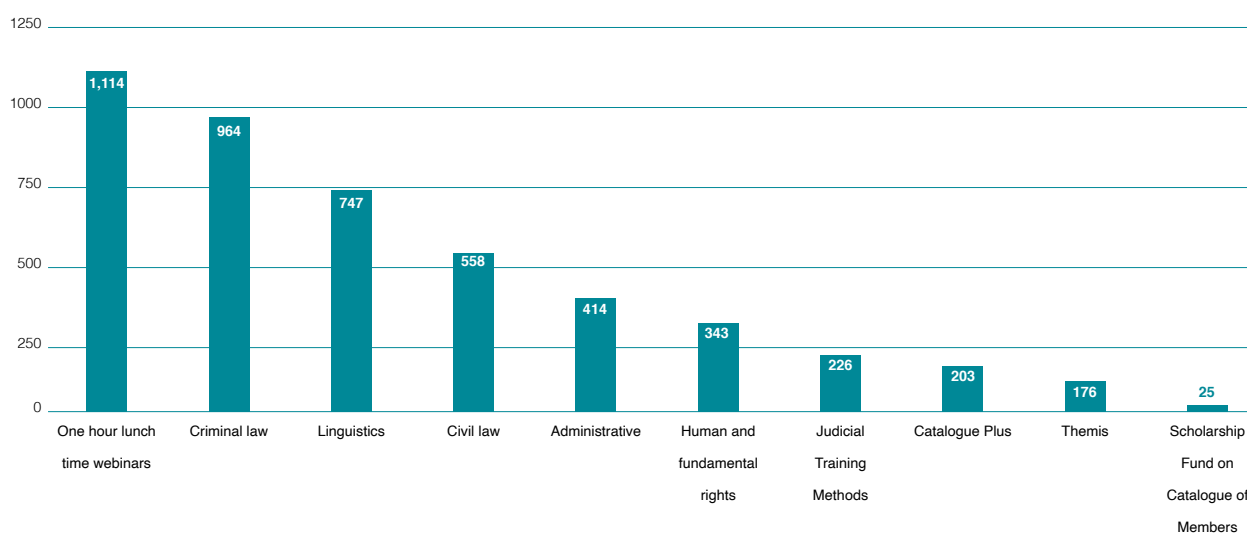
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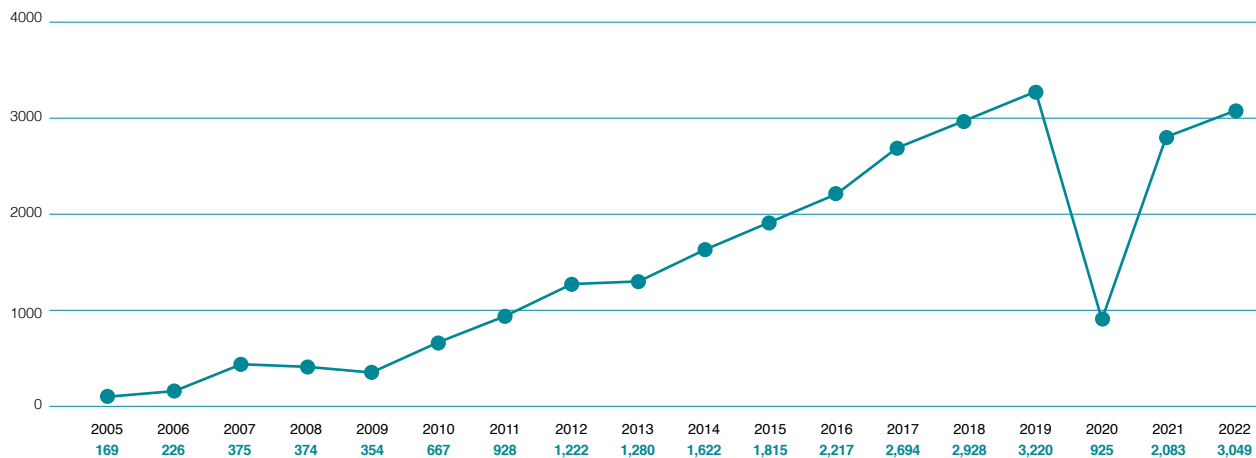
Participants in EJTN exchanges, study visits and other programmes in 2022



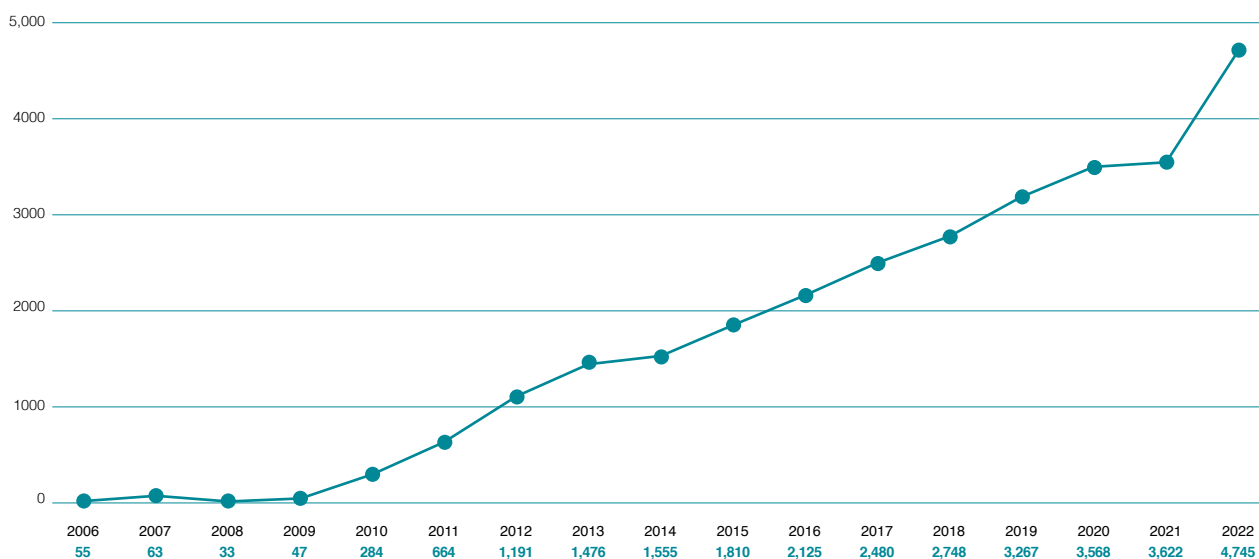
Participants in EJTN training activities, webinars and catalogues-related activities in 2022



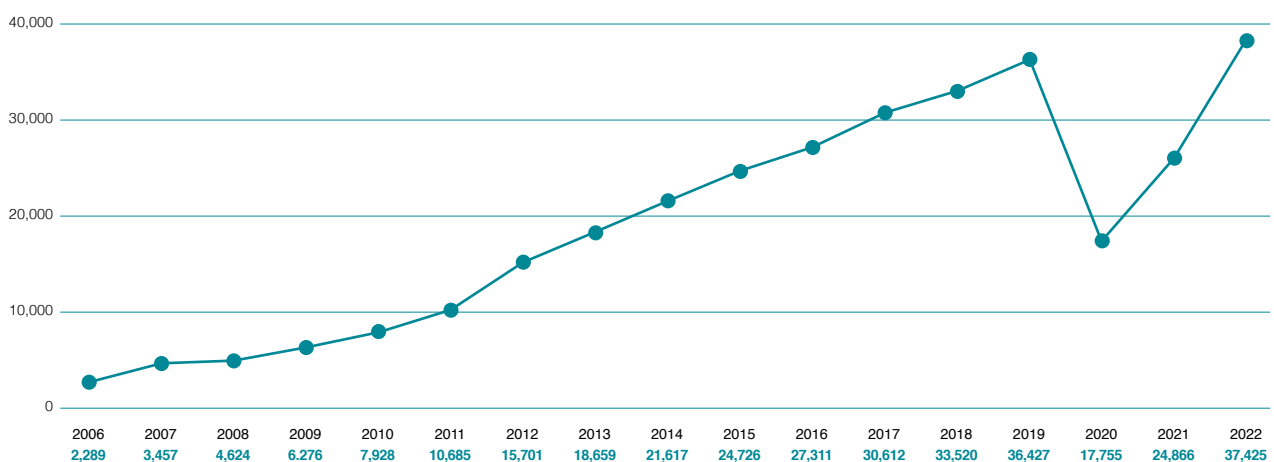
Participants to the Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities 2005 - 2022



Participants to EJTN training activities and webinars 2006 - 2022



Number of training days offered by the EJTN 2006 - 2022



Participants in EJTN training activities, webinars and catalogues-related activities in 2022 (1)

(1) Figures include participants in all EJTN training, webinar and catalogue-related activities, except the beneficiaries of the EJTN scholarship fund.

10. ANNEXES

10.01. MEMBERS

EJTN brings together the national institutions responsible for judicial training in the EU Member States and the European Academy of Law. EJTN Members work together to develop training programmes and exchange activities to the benefit of European judges, prosecutors, and court and prosecution staff.



Academy of European Law
(ERA)



AUSTRIA - Federal Ministry
of Justice



BELGIUM - Judicial Training
Institute (IFJ / IGO)



BULGARIA - National
Institute of Justice (NIJ)



CROATIA - Judicial
Academy



CYPRUS - Cyprus Judicial
Training School



CZECHIA - Judicial
Academy



DENMARK - Court
Administration



ESTONIA - Office of the
Prosecutor General



ESTONIA - Supreme Court



FINLAND - National Court
Administration



FINLAND - National
Prosecution Authority



FRANCE - National School
for the Judiciary (ENM)



GERMANY - Federal
Ministry of Justice



GREECE - National School
of Judiciary (ESDI)



HUNGARY - National Office
for the Judiciary (NOJ)



HUNGARY - Office of the
Prosecutor General



IRELAND - Committee
for Judicial Studies



ITALY - School for the
Judiciary (SSM)



ITALY - High Council
of the Judiciary (CSM)



LATVIA - Latvian Judicial
Training Centre (LTMC)



LATVIA - Office of the
Prosecutor General



LITHUANIA - National
Courts Administration



LITHUANIA - Office
of the Prosecutor General

10.01. MEMBERS CONTINUED



LUXEMBOURG - Public
Prosecutor's Office



MALTA - Judicial Studies
Committee



NETHERLANDS - Training
and Study Centre
for the Judiciary (SSR)



POLAND - National School
of Judiciary and Public
Prosecution (KSSIP)



PORTUGAL - Centre for
Judicial Studies (CEJ)



ROMANIA - National Institute
of Magistracy (NIM)



SLOVAKIA - Judicial
Academy of the
Slovak Republic



SLOVENIA - Judicial
Training Centre (JTC)



SPAIN - Centre for
Legal Studies (CEJ)



SPAIN - Judicial
School



SWEDEN - Judicial
Training Academy



SWEDEN - Swedish
Prosecution Authority

10.02. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Associate Members are national institutions of the Member States of the EU responsible for training court and prosecution staff. They can participate in the work of EJTN bodies (except the Steering Committee). Associate Members can attend EJTN's General Assembly without a vote.



France
National School for Clerks



Italy
Ministry of Justice



Malta
Court Services Agency



Portugal
Directorate - General
of Justice Administration



Romania
National School of Clerks

10.03. OBSERVERS

EJTN has Observers representing national bodies from EU accession states, other European countries, and Departments from the European Commission. EJTN Observers may participate in EJTN projects but cannot vote at the General Assembly.

EU institutions

European Commission's
Directorate-General for
Justice and Consumers



Norway

Norwegian Courts
Administration



Albania

Albanian School
of Magistrates



Serbia

Judicial Academy
of the Republic of Serbia



Bosnia and Herzegovina

Centre for Judicial
and Prosecutorial Training
of Republika Srpska



Switzerland

Foundation for the continuous
training of Swiss Judges



Public Institution Centre for
Judicial and Prosecutorial
Training of the Federation of
Bosnia and Herzegovina



UK

England and Wales -
Judicial College



Northern Ireland -
Judicial Studies Board



Scotland -
Judicial Institute for Scotland



Georgia

High School of Justice



Moldova

National Institute
of Justice



Ukraine

National School of Judges



Prosecutor's Training Centre
of Ukraine



Montenegro

Centre for Training
in Judiciary and State
Prosecution



North Macedonia

Academy for Judges
and Public Prosecutors



10.04. PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

EJTN believes solid cooperation with trusted partners is essential to develop and promote high-quality training for European judges, prosecutors, and court and prosecution staff.

EU institutions



Court of Justice of the
European Union

International bodies



Council of Europe



European Court
of Human Rights



United Nations Office
on Drugs and Crime

EU agencies



European Union Agency for
Law Enforcement Training



European Union Agency
for Asylum - EUAA



European Union Agency
for Criminal Justice
Cooperation - EUROJUST



European Union Agency
for Fundamental Rights - FRA



European Union Agency
for Law Enforcement
Cooperation - EUROPOL

Other bodies



Association of European
Administrative Judges



Association of European
Competition Law Judges



Association of the Councils
of State and Supreme
Administrative Jurisdictions
of the EU



European Judges Group
for Mediation



European Association
of Labour Court Judges



European Judicial
Cybercrime Network



European Judicial
Network



European Judicial Network in
Civil and Commercial Matters

10.04. PARTNER ORGANISATIONS CONTINUED



European Network
of Prosecutors
for the Environment



European Union
Forum of Judges
for the Environment



Genocide Network -
European Network of contact
points in respect of persons
responsible for genocide,
crimes against humanity and
war crimes



International Association
of Refugee and
Migration Judges



Joint Investigative
Teams Network



Max Planck Institute
for Social Anthropology



Network of Councils
for the Judiciary

NADAL

Network of Public Prosecutors
or equivalent institutions at the
Supreme Judicial Courts of
the Member States of the EU



Network of the Presidents of
the Supreme Judicial Courts
of the EU



Regional Cooperation
Council



The Hague Conference
on Private International Law

10.05. ABOUT THE EUROPEAN JUDICIAL TRAINING NETWORK

EJTN is a network of judicial training institutions. Its governance and structure are designed to promote dialogue and cooperation between its Members.

Governance is overseen by the General Assembly, which meets annually and a Steering Committee that meets several times per year.

The Secretary General ensures the proper management of the Network and its finances, initiates, coordinates and monitors the activities of the Network, and is the head of the EJTN Secretariat.

Dedicated Working Groups plan and implement EJTN's projects and programmes within their respective fields. Focussed Sub-Working Groups are assembled to address specific projects.



From left to right: EJTN Secretary General Markus Brückner, European Commissioner for Justice Didier Reynders and ENM's Deputy Director Elie Renard at EJTN's 2022 General Assembly

EJTN STEERING COMMITTEE

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EASO	European Asylum Support Office
EC	European Commission
EEA	European Economic Area
EFTA	European Free Trade Area
EJN	European Judicial Network
EJTN	European Judicial Training Network
ENM	National School for the Judiciary (France)
EPPO	European Public Prosecutors' Office
ERA	Academy of European Law
ESDI	National School of Judiciary (Greece)
EU	European Union
EUROJUST	European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation
EUROPOL	European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation
FRA	European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
GNS	Genocide Network - European Network of contact points in respect of persons responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes
HELP	European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals Project
HFR SWG	EJTN's Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms Sub-Working Group
IFJ	Judicial Training Institute (Belgium)
IGO	Judicial Training Institute (Belgium)
JIT	Joint Investigation Teams
KSSIP	National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (Poland)
SSM	School for the Judiciary (Italy)
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