

AIKOS PROGRAMME

CROATIA – JUDICIAL ACADEMY



Description and objectives of the AIKOS Programme

The EJTN AIKOS Programme is addressed specifically to future and early-career judges, giving them the opportunity to learn about other judicial systems and training curricula, enhance their knowledge of EU law and judicial cooperation instruments as well as meet with their counterparts and develop useful contacts for their future professional life.

The AIKOS Programme's objectives are:

- To bring together future or newly appointed judges from different EU Member States;
- To foster mutual understanding of different European judicial cultures and systems;
- To raise awareness of the European dimension of their (future) work.

Specificity of the host institution

The Croatian Judicial Academy is the central national public institution entrusted with judicial training in Croatia. It provides initial and continuous training in the judiciary including as follows:

- Training of trainees in judicial bodies as a preparation for the Bar Exam;
- Initial training of attendants of the State School for Judicial Officials (i.e. future judges and state attorneys). The State School for Judicial Officials is an integral unit of the Judicial Academy;
- Continuous training of judicial advisors;
- Continuous training of judges and state attorneys;
- Continuous training of clerks in the judiciary.

The trainings are organised in Zagreb where the Judicial Academy is seated, as well as in its four regional training centres located at the County Courts (i.e. second-instance courts) of Split, Rijeka, Osijek and Varaždin.

Key points for the host institution's programme

Since the programme of the State School for Judicial Officials has not been implemented for five years now, the AIKOS programme in Croatia is organised in a way that participants are linked with and spend their time with the first-instance judges and prosecutors who have recently been appointed to their positions, usually after a long time spent working as judicial advisors or after taking the Final Exam at the State School.



Content of the host institution's programme

The institutions usually involved in the AIKOS programme are:

- Ministry of Justice,
- State Prosecutorial Council,
- State Judicial Council,
- Municipal Courts,
- Municipal Prosecutor's Offices,
- Specialised courts (e.g.. Commercial Courts, Administrative Courts, Labour Court);
- Some specialised institutions (e.g. offices of the ombudspersons – there are 4 in Croatia).

Additional information

Participants of the AIKOS programme in Croatia have the opportunity to attend court hearings.

