

## AIKOS PROGRAMME

### PORTUGAL – CENTRO DE ESTUDOS JUDICIÁRIOS



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#### 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 Centro de Estudos Judiciários (CEJ – Portugal) is the Portuguese institution responsible for both the initial and on-going training of judges and public prosecutors, as well as training initiatives at an international level.

The initial training is divided into 3 cycles: 1<sup>st</sup> cycle – one year theoretical and practical phase for trainees at the CEJ headquarters in Lisbon; 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle – one year as trainees at the Portuguese courts, placed taking into consideration their previous option to become judges or public prosecutors and supervised by mentor judges and prosecutors; 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle – one year probationary period, appointed as trainee judges or public prosecutors by the respective High Council.

#### Key points for the host institution's programme

Criminal Law, Family Law, Judgecraft, Mock trials

#### Content of the host institution's programme

- Brief presentations of the national judicial systems
- Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Law Matters
- Mock trials in criminal cases
- Visits to other relevant judicial institutions

#### Additional information

- activities organised in plenary sessions
- workshops on some topics presented in plenary sessions (namely, criminal law and family law), with practical cases to discuss
- participation of the Portuguese trainees during the hosting week (110 Portuguese trainees + 35 foreign trainees)
- study visits to other judicial institutions organised in smaller groups.

