



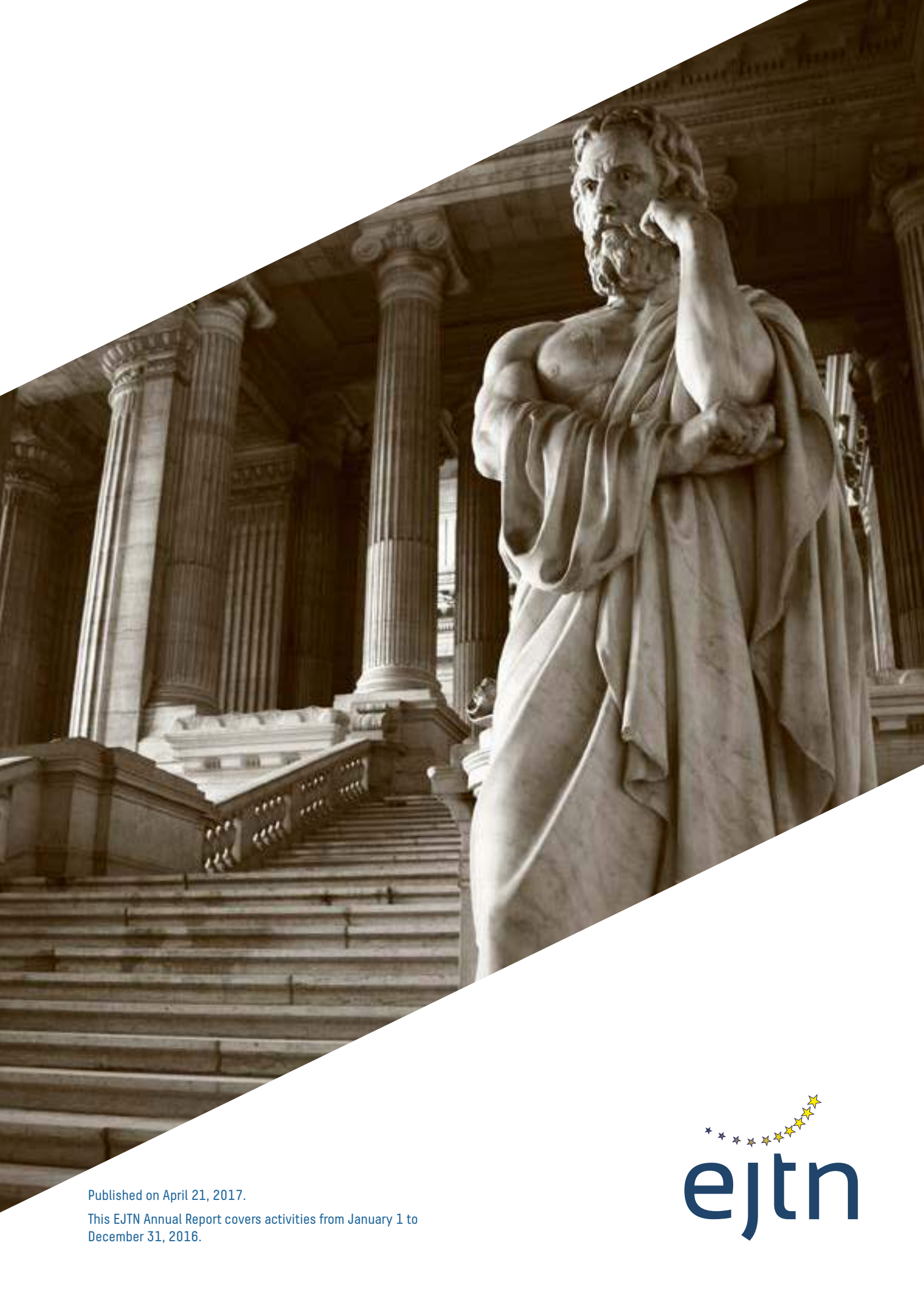
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INTRODUCTION

2016
HIGHLIGHTS

FOREWORD

Published EJTN's Judicial Training Principles, providing a common training framework for Europe's judiciary and judicial training institutions.

Provided 27,312 individual training days.

Provided for 5,556 training places for Europe's magistracy.

Produced the innovative *EJTN Handbook on Judicial Training Methodology*.

Formed partnerships with key European institutions and organisations.

**"If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together."
– African proverb**

Looking back at 2016, it was an eventful year that yielded a sense of realisation, optimism and new possibilities.

Begun more than 10 years ago, EJTN's lauded Exchange Programme for judicial authorities was once again efficiently administered in 2016. Over 2,217 judges and prosecutors from across the Europe partook of the programme's judicial exchanges and study visits.

Looking wider at all of EJTN's various activities, 5,556 judges, prosecutors, trainers and trainees, representing all EU Member States, participated in EJTN's training opportunities. In total, 27,312 individual training days were offered.

Focussing on our core mandate of judicial training, EJTN efficiently administered its various training programmes in 2016. Utilising the best expertise and unique methodologies, offering initial and continuous training opportunities, addressing perennial and topical fields and offering both face-to-face and distance learning, EJTN presented a truly comprehensive judicial training offering.

Continuing its role as a thought leader, EJTN proudly adopted its Judicial Training Principles in 2016. For the judiciary, the principles act as a foundation and source of inspiration in managing judicial training needs. For Europe's judicial training institutions, the principles form a common framework within which to plan and deliver their judicial training activities.

Partnerships remained at the heart of EJTN's activities in 2016. EJTN penned a Memorandum of Understanding with the European Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), and also continued its long-standing cooperation arrangements with other organisations.

Demonstrating dynamism, EJTN was ready to respond to evolving needs during the year by co-organising with the European Commission a conference on the training of justice professionals in countering terrorism and radicalisation to violent extremism as well as launching a unique counter-terrorism training resources collection.

Several innovative resources were also produced, including Handbooks dealing with judicial training methodologies (made available in the official EU languages) and civil law linguistics. Podcast sets in diverse fields such as the jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgements in civil matters, sports law and EU direct taxation were made available.

Further, EJTN continued its use of virtual networking and learning platforms and novel eTools. EJTN's social media presence continued to grow, and one notable social media post reached almost 12,000 people – a record number.

Focus, efficiency, thought leadership, partnership, dynamism and innovation. These were the key ingredients that made possible EJTN's success in 2016.

Over the past year, the Network has gone far because we as Members, Observers, Partners and EJTN staff have stood together. And, we will surely continue to go far together over the coming years.

I invite you now to review this Annual Report, which highlights our Network's accomplishments in 2016 and adds to EJTN's long legacy of achievements.

Judge Wojciech Postulski
EJTN Secretary General

HISTORY

2015

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

— Achieved a record 98% execution rate of the annual operating grant.

2014

— Secretary General: Judge W. Postulski (2014–2017).

— 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.

— EJTN Strategic Plan 2014–2020 unveiled.
— European Commission lauds EJTN's achievements, confirming its paramount role in judicial training.**

2012

— Civil Law Sub-Working Group formed.
— Criminal II programme launched.

— Linguistics and Civil Law training programmes launched.
— Administrative Law Sub-Working Group formed

2011

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

2010

— Criminal I training and eLearning programmes launched.

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

— Working Groups Exchange Programme and Technologies established.

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.

— Linguistics Sub-Working Group formed.

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

— EJTN's acclaimed Exchange Programme launched.
— THEMIS programme launched.

2002

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

2001

— EJTN's first website launched.

2003

— EJTN acquires legal status.
— Secretary General: A. D'Alterio, Prosecutor (2003–2005)



EJTN's first logo

2000

— Programmes, External Relations and Website Working Groups established.
— Creation of EJTN – Charter of Bordeaux.



EJTN's first home in Brussels in 2005

* 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 35 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



AUSTRIA
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF JUSTICE



DENMARK
THE DANISH COURT ADMINISTRATION



BELGIUM
BELGIAN JUDICIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE



ACADEMY OF EUROPEAN LAW (ERA)



BULGARIA
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE



ESTONIA
SUPREME COURT OF ESTONIA



CROATIA
JUDICIAL ACADEMY



FINLAND
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE



CYPRUS
SUPREME COURT OF CYPRUS



FRANCE
THE FRENCH NATIONAL SCHOOL FOR THE JUDICIARY (ENM)



CZECH REPUBLIC
THE CZECH JUDICIAL ACADEMY



GERMANY
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION



GREECE
NATIONAL SCHOOL OF JUDGES



LITHUANIA
NATIONAL COURTS ADMINISTRATION



HUNGARY
NATIONAL OFFICE FOR THE JUDICIARY



PARQUET FÉDÉRAL
DU GRAND-DUCHÉ DE LUXEMBOURG

LUXEMBOURG
PARQUET GÉNÉRAL



HUNGARY
OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL



MALTA
JUDICIAL STUDIES COMMITTEE



IRELAND
COMMITTEE FOR JUDICIAL STUDIES



THE NETHERLANDS
TRAINING AND STUDY CENTRE FOR THE
JUDICIARY



ITALY
HIGH COUNCIL FOR THE JUDICIARY



POLAND
THE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF JUDICIARY AND
PUBLIC PROSECUTION



ITALY
THE SCHOOL FOR THE JUDICIARY



PORTUGAL
CENTRE FOR JUDICIAL STUDIES



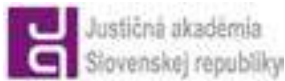
LATVIA
LATVIAN JUDICIAL TRAINING CENTRE



ROMANIA
ROMANIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
MAGISTRACY



SWEDISH PROSECUTION AUTHORITY



SLOVAK REPUBLIC
JUDICIAL ACADEMY OF THE SLOVAK
REPUBLIC



JUDICIAL
COLLEGE

UK
ENGLAND AND WALES – THE JUDICIAL
COLLEGE



REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
JUDICIAL TRAINING CENTRE

SLOVENIA
THE JUDICIAL TRAINING CENTRE



UK
NORTHERN IRELAND – JUDICIAL STUDIES
BOARD



SPAIN
CENTRE FOR LEGAL STUDIES



UK
SCOTLAND – JUDICIAL INSTITUTE FOR
SCOTLAND



CONSEJO GENERAL DEL PODER JUDICIAL
ESCUELA JUDICIAL

SPAIN
THE SPANISH JUDICIAL SCHOOL



DOMSTOLSVERKET
SVERIGES DOMSTOLAR

SWEDEN
COURTS OF SWEDEN JUDICIAL TRAINING
ACADEMY

EJTN OBSERVERS



ALBANIA
ALBANIA MAGISTRATES SCHOOL

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

CENTRE FOR JUDICIAL AND
PROSECUTORIAL TRAINING OF REPUBLIKA
SRPSKA



ESTONIA
OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL



GEORGIA
THE HIGH SCHOOL OF JUSTICE

LITHUANIA
PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE



FYROM - MACEDONIA
ACADEMY FOR JUDGES AND PUBLIC
PROSECUTORS



MOLDOVA
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE



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



NORWAY
NORWEGIAN COURTS ADMINISTRATION



SERBIA
JUDICIAL ACADEMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SERBIA



SWITZERLAND
FOUNDATION FOR THE CONTINUOUS
TRAINING OF SWISS JUDGES

TURKEY
ACADEMY OF JUSTICE*

**The Observer's status was temporarily suspended in September 2016 pending further consideration by the EJTN General Assembly.*

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.



European Commission

- Implementation of the grant
- Training Offer on Countering Terrorism and Radicalisation to Violent Extremism
- Study visits (Brussels)



Court of Justice of the European Union

- Long Term Exchanges
- Study Visits



European Court of Human Rights

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



Council of Europe

- Study Visits
- Help in 28



European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training

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



European Asylum Support Office (EASO)

- Cooperation within Court and Tribunal Network



EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

- JHA meeting of the training coordinators



Eurojust

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



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 EJM contact points



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

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



Joint Investigation Teams (JIT) Network

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



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 Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ)

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



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

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



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



Association of European Competition Law Judges (AECJL)

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



European Association of Judges for 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 European Association of Labour Court Judges

- 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



European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment (ENPE)

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



Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ)

- 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 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

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.

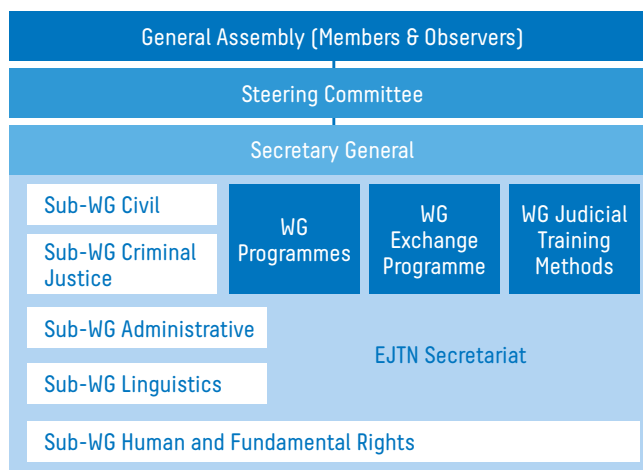
The decentralised planning concept means that every activity to be carried out within the EJTN annual training programme should firstly be identified as corresponding to an actual training need of the European judiciary by EJTN Members of the appropriate Working Group or Sub-Working Group. In addition, 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 9 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 35 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, EJTJN's Steering Committee, Working Groups and Sub-Working Groups are made up of the below EJTJN 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 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 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 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 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*

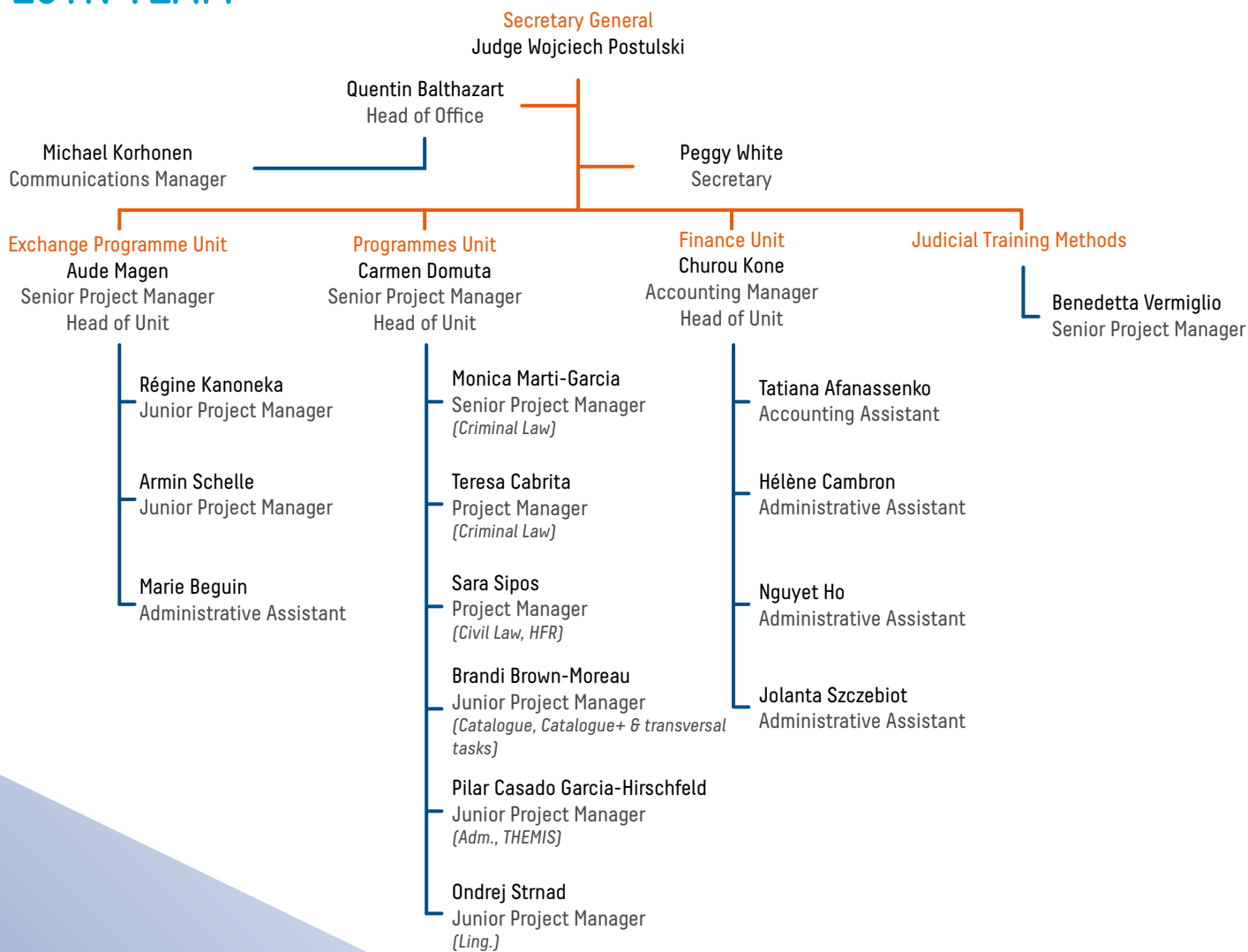
Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany) – Convener

Members:

- Judicial Academy (Croatia)
- 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)

*New Sub-Working Group established in 2016.

EJTN TEAM



EJTN TEAM

DIRECTION



Judge Wojciech Postulski
EJTN Secretary General



Quentin Balthazart
Head of Office



Peggy White
Secretary



Michael Korhonen
Communications Manager

EXCHANGE
PROGRAMME UNIT



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Head of Unit



Régine Kanoneka
Junior Project Manager



Armin Schelle
Junior Project Manager



Marie Beguin
Administrative Assistant

PROGRAMMES UNIT



Carmen Domuta
Senior Project Manager
Head of Unit



Monica Marti-Garcia
Senior Project Manager
(Criminal Law)



Teresa Cabrera
Project Manager
(Criminal Law)



Sara Sipos
Project Manager
(Civil Law, HFR)



Brandi Brown-Moreau
Junior Project Manager
(Catalogue, Catalogue+ & transversal tasks)



Pilar Casado Garcia-Hirschfeld
Junior Project Manager
(Administrative Law, THEMIS)



Ondrej Strnad
Junior Project Manager
(Linguistics)

FINANCE UNIT



Choukou Kone
Accounting Manager
Head of Unit



Tatiana Afanassenko
Accounting Assistant



Hélène Cambron
Administrative Assistant



Nguyet Ho
Administrative Assistant



Jolanta Szczebiot
Administrative Assistant

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METHODS



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ACTIVITIES

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME FOR JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES



OVERVIEW

Transcending national boundaries is undeniably a key issue of the European judiciary's professional development. By promoting exchange and deepening knowledge, EJTN's Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities aims at contributing to a European judicial culture based on mutual trust and co-operation between judicial authorities as a part of a common area of justice.

With its proven methods and yearlong success in 2016, the EJTN Exchange Programme contributed to EJTN's traditional efforts to instil in European judicial authorities closer co-operation and increased understanding. These efforts were pursued through the organisation of a variety of short-term exchanges (in the courts or prosecution offices of EU Member States), study visits and long-term placements (in the European courts, European institutions and agencies) and a special programme – the AIAKOS Programme – dedicated exclusively to the future and early-career judiciary.

STEADY GROWTH & ADVANCED DIVERSITY

Over 2016, both good practices and an unwavering effort to develop and adapt new strategies and methodologies resulted once more in steady growth in participant numbers during the year. The AIAKOS Programme

recorded the most noteworthy increase, allowing nearly 750 future and early-career judges and prosecutors to take part in an exchange experience, either by visiting or by hosting their counterparts from other EU Member States.

EJTN also continued to strive for an advanced diversity in offered events within the framework of the Exchange Programme. Alongside recently introduced exchange types, for the first time in 2016, EJTN introduced exchanges on leadership and court management issues specifically addressing court presidents and chief prosecutors.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

For another year in a row, EJTN observed an expansion in event formats as well as an increase in participants in exchanges and study visits. The number of participants altogether grew by an average 10%, and there was an increasing demand for participation in every field of activity offered by EJTN. Along with an increase in quantity, qualitative standards were met and new forms of activities were implemented to continue tightening the bonds between the European judiciary.

RESULTS

The global number of participants in the Exchange Programme activities rose by 10% in 2016 compared to the corresponding figure of the previous year. A total of 2,217 judges, prosecutors and judicial trainers as well as future judges and prosecutors, from across 25 EU Member States, benefited from the Programme.

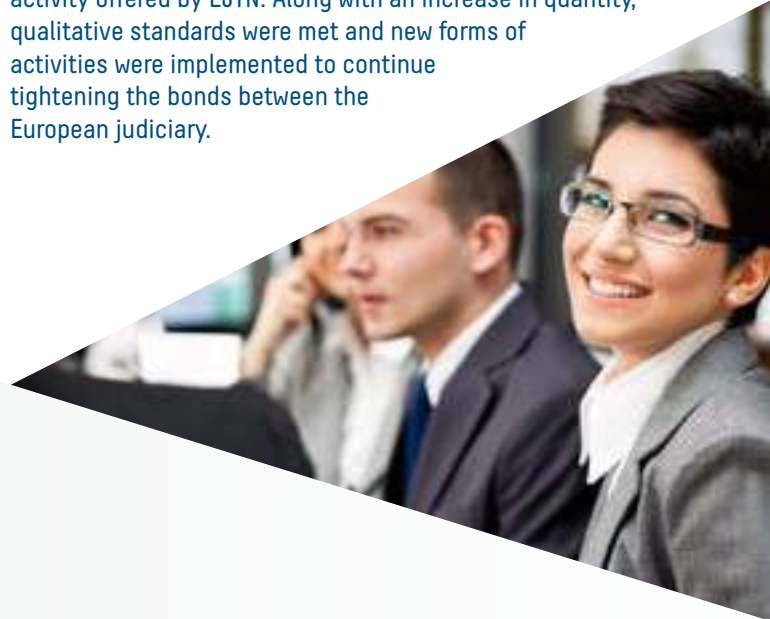
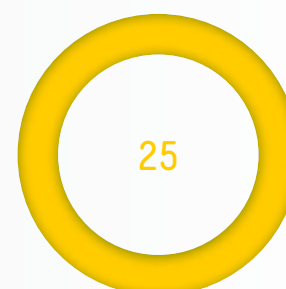
of participants



of exchanges/study visits



of Member States



SHORT-TERM EXCHANGES

Marking an all-time participation record in short-term exchanges organised in courts, prosecution offices and training institutions of the EU Member States, 2016 drew nearly 1,000 participants to this activity.

General exchanges in the courts/prosecution offices of the EU Member States were organised either as individual exchanges of judges and prosecutors within their counterparts' daily work, or as group exchanges of usually two weeks or occasionally one week duration. Group exchanges see judges/prosecutors from different EU Member States attend courses on the judicial systems of their host countries followed by practical experiences in courts or prosecution offices.

Special short-term exchanges, dedicated to **judicial trainers**, provided another opportunity to exchange best practices and promote methodologies in the training of judges and prosecutors.

Specialised exchanges, initially introduced in the previous year, continued to grow in 2016. The EU judiciary was offered a wide spectrum of options, ranging from classic fields such as labour, competition and tax law to the most current issues such as refugee law, environmental law and mediation. The exchanges were implemented in cooperation with EJTN Members as well as with a number of partner networks and associations of judges/prosecutors.

Another successful pilot project, **bilateral exchanges** between courts/prosecution offices of the EU member states, was continued in 2016. These one-week exchanges allowed judges/prosecutors from one court to visit another court in a different EU Member State on a bilateral basis. The high demand for this type of exchange will result in the continuation and significant expansion of these exchanges in future years.

Finally, a new pilot project was initiated in 2016, which was a format of **exchanges tailored for court presidents and chief prosecutors**. These events, organised in 12 different EU Member States, gave the judicial leadership the possibility to meet with their European counterparts and exchange best practices and experience on a wide range of issues such as leadership, court organisation (ie. allocation of cases), IT management, human resources management, financial management, communication and relations with the media, relations with other institutions (police, bar associations...) and the professional evaluation of judges and prosecutors. Participants considered the experience extremely valuable and all called for the continuation and enhancement of such programme.

LONG-TERM TRAINING PERIODS

Within long-term training periods, 2016 witnessed a record high of participation, with judges and prosecutors from 16 EU Member States taking part in long-term training at the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) in Luxembourg, the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) in Strasbourg and Eurojust in The Hague. These exchanges allowed for an in-depth insight to the work and daily business of the respective hosting institutions.

STUDY VISITS

In 2016, there was a surge of participants in the study visits, each lasting from 2 to 5 days, organised by EJTN. Study visits took place with the aforementioned institutions of the long-term training periods as well as with the EU institutions in Brussels. These were the three legislative institutions of the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union as well as the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF).

Attracting 438 participants to 13 study visits held in English or French, EJTN observed a 10% rise in study visit participant numbers compared to the previous year.

Study visits aim at providing an insight into the procedures and functioning of institutions on a European level. Making an ever-wider range of judges and prosecutors benefit from this experience means making great efforts in the Europeanisation of the judicial workflow.

Strengthening the study visits and long-term training periods, the long-lasting cooperation of EJTN with the CJEU was formalised in May 2016 by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions.

AIAKOS PROGRAMME

Last, but certainly not least, the Exchange Programme's successful AIAKOS Programme, specifically dedicated to future and newly appointed European judiciary, enjoyed another successful year in 2016. Initially launched in 2013, the AIAKOS programme provides for a total of two weeks of judicial exchange, with one week taking part in a participant's home country hosting foreign trainees and another week where a participant is in another EU Member State.

Compared to the previous year, 2016 saw a rise of AIAKOS programme participants of 30%, allowing 749 participants to take part in an exchange in one of the 17 different participating EU Member States. The AIAKOS programme imparted a rich opportunity for participants, giving judicial work and culture experiences in both home and hosting countries.

All the various Exchange Programme training activities in 2016 were once again highly appreciated by participants and EJTN's National Contact Points in 36 institutions across Europe. All involved stakeholders are eager to further promote this rewarding programme and attract more participants in the upcoming year, which will ultimately strengthen and bolster the networking of the judiciary of the EU Member States.



*Study visit in EU institutions,
Brussels, Belgium*



*Signing of the Memorandum of
Understanding between EJTN
and the CJEU, Luxembourg*

LINGUISTICS PROGRAMME



OVERVIEW

EJTN continues to design linguistic projects for the training of the EU judiciary in legal English and legal French. 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.

Each year since 2011, several legal language seminars have been organised in various EU Member States.

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

They also aim at creating the conditions for establishing direct contacts between legal practitioners of the different EU Member States to help promote a common European legal culture..

HIGHLY ACCLAIMED LINGUISTIC TRAINING

EJTN's 2016 Linguistics Programme offered a rich array of training opportunities for Europe's judiciary. This offering included highly acclaimed linguistic training on judicial cooperation in criminal, civil and human rights matters, linguistics training in specialised topics and eLearning training modules.

In 2016, the Linguistics Programme developed three more specialised trainings. These legal language seminars on the vocabulary of competition law, cybercrime and family law were based on the successful methodology and training formula of previous linguistics courses, but were of a shorter duration.

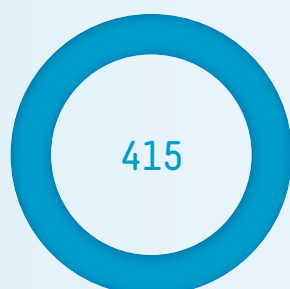
Also, a "blended" learning approach for its civil law seminar series was designed to supplement the seminars with pre-classroom learning activities. These activities were offered on EJTN's virtual learning platform. The modules offered participants a genuinely interactive learning experience with creative learning activities.

In addition to the seminars, the Linguistics Programme delivered an updated Handbook addressing both the English and French vocabulary associated with civil law. The Handbook, produced under the auspices of foremost civil law experts and linguists, gives a comprehensive look at language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in civil matters. Definitions, exercises and examinations of real cases make the Handbook an invaluable, hands-on resource for any judge, prosecutor or trainer involved within linguistics endeavours.

RESULTS

In total, 415 European legal practitioners from 23 EU Member States and ERA received training in 2016 under the auspices of EJTN's Linguistics Programme within different areas of law.

of participants



of events



of Member States



POLLING TECHNOLOGY

In 2016, EJTN adopted an innovative polling tool to assess participants' knowledge of topics before a training session and then again at the end of the seminar. This innovative tool served not only as an icebreaker, but also helped to increase interactivity. Using hand-held polling devices, participants were invited to answer questions before and after the trainings.

The polling tool was tested on three occasions in 2016, during the *Language Training on the Vocabulary of Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters* seminar, which took place in Scandicci, and during the two *Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters* seminars, which were organised in Barcelona and Bucharest.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

EJTN is always broadening its linguistics portfolio of training opportunities and introducing new resources and methods for the benefit of Europe's judiciary.

A record number of 9 face-to-face linguistics seminars of a duration of either 4.5 days or 3 days (for the more specialised trainings), have been implemented by EJTN in 2016.

Some 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.

In the shorter seminars, approximately 35 participants took part in each event in which participants formed two English-speaking groups and one French-speaking group. Shorter seminars were held in Omsenie, Vienna and Madrid.

Each group was trained for the entire week's 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), facilitate direct contacts and communication between judicial authorities and 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; and,
- 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 seminar content, the following legal topics constituted the basis of the discussion and training of the two face-to-face seminars on *“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

Regarding the two face-to-face seminars on *“Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in criminal matters”*, the focus was:

- Mutual legal assistance on the gathering of evidence and the seizing of the assets of the crime
- The European Arrest Warrant



Language Training on the Vocabulary of Human Rights' EU law, Varna, Bulgaria

- Freezing of Assets and evidence
- Execution of judicial sentences

The pre-face-to-face “blended” learning modules were prepared by linguistics experts for the participants of the four face-to-face seminars on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in criminal and civil matters. These modules were developed to allow participants to prepare for the face-to-face seminars by interactively becoming familiar with the level of the course and elements of its content.

During the two face-to-face seminars on the “*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, detention conditions

Regarding the short seminars, the below topics constituted the basis of the discussions.

“Language training on the vocabulary of Competition Law”:

- General introduction to Competition Law: concepts and definitions – an 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 – an introduction to key terminology
- Digital investigations and trans-border component
- Developments and new challenges
- Capacity-building, collaboration and engagement
- “Language training on the vocabulary of Family Law”
- General introduction to judicial cooperation in family law matters
- Divorce
- Parental responsibility
- Child abduction – interface between the Brussels II regulation and The Hague Convention of 25th October 1980
- Maintenance

The linguistics and legal experts in different areas, in charge of preparing the face-to-face linguistics seminars as well as the “blended” learning modules, worked also on an update of the legal and linguistic content of the Handbook on language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in civil matters.

The handbook is a compilation of the most relevant training materials, in English and French, used in EJTN courses. It is addressed not only to participants, but also to all European judges and public prosecutors interested in developing their linguistic skills.

The practical, useful tool is available in pdf format from EJTN’s website, within the Methodologies & Resources section.

Furthermore, a printed version of the new Handbook was mailed to each of EJTN’s Members.



Language Training on the Vocabulary of Cybercrime, Madrid, Spain

TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of Human Rights' EU Law</i>	Centre for Judicial Studies, Portugal	14-18 March 2016	Carmen Domuta
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in criminal matters</i>	The School for the Judiciary, Italy	18-22 April 2016	
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of Human Rights' EU Law</i>	National Institute of Justice, Bulgaria	16-20 May 2016	
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in criminal matters</i>	Parquet général, Luxembourg	4-8 July 2016	
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of Competition Law</i>	Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic	6-8 July 2016	
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of Cybercrime</i>	Centre for Legal Studies, Spain	19-21 September 2016	
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in civil matters</i>	The Spanish Judicial School, Spain	17-21 October 2016	
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of Family Law</i>	Federal Ministry of Justice, Austria	9-11 November 2016	
Linguistics seminar <i>Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in civil matters</i>	Romanian National Institute of Magistracy, Romania	21-25 November 2016	

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SEMINARS



OVERVIEW

The Criminal Justice Seminars encompass a wide range of training events intended to promote a better understanding of the current EU legal framework of criminal justice in order to enable practitioners' work together across borders.

Judicial training continues to be a highly regarded key tool to contribute to the goal of building a single area of justice throughout the EU based upon mutual recognition of judgments in criminal matters and practitioners' trust in other criminal justice systems.

In order to achieve this goal, professional handling of legal resources and instruments must be instilled through shared knowledge and learning best practices via common training activities.

The highly acclaimed *learn-by-doing* methodology promoted by the Criminal Justice Seminars helps to ensure a smooth cross-border cooperation among the judicial authorities.

In 2016, a new series of seminars raised awareness and improved knowledge about procedural rights so that practitioners would willingly accept EU law as part of their daily praxis.

A seminar on economic crimes targeted the effectiveness of judges and prosecutors in the fight against economic crimes focusing on assets recovery and confiscation.

Finally, specialised trainings were organised through the collaborative partnerships particularly with the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL).

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

EJTN had an array of seminars within its Criminal Justice Seminars portfolio.

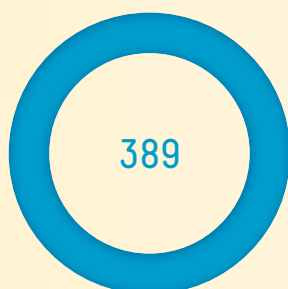
INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS: SERIES OF EAWs AND MLA SIMULATIONS

The popularity of these series of seminars, implemented by EJTN since 2010, was consolidated in 2016 with the organisation of 4 seminars based upon simulations of European Arrest Warrants (EAWs) and Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) simulations, which recreated a real scenario of cooperation requests dealing with trafficking in human beings (THB) and migrant smuggling, drug trafficking, bribery, corruption and the protection of the financial interest of the EU as well as cybercrime.

RESULTS

The trends in the number of judges and prosecutors attending the events organised by EJTN reflected a growing interest of practitioners in key topics in the different areas of EU criminal law addressed by the seminars.

of participants



of events



of Member States



Key lectures linked to the topics, developed by the case scenarios, were at the core of the seminars, and the role of the European Judicial Network (EJN) and The European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit (EUROJUST) as main actors in fostering judicial cooperation in criminal matters was enhanced during the whole exercise.

CROSS-BORDER EVIDENCE IN PRACTICE

The two seminars were aimed at enhancing effective cooperation and mutual trust among the European judiciary in order to learn how to better face those situations where the use of evidence obtained in another EU Member State should be secured in view of its admissibility in another EU Member State.

A forum for discussions on the current landscape of EU cross-border evidence gathering and use of evidence and the perspectives and challenges offered by the Directive on the European Investigation Order (EIO) were offered to the participants.

CEPOL-EJTN JOINT COURSES

The reinforcement of the cooperation between different European bodies and EJTN became the foundation for some of the seminars developed within the field of criminal justice, particularly with CEPOL.

The cooperative seminars on Joint Investigation Teams (JITs) (dealing with implementation, leadership and the Western Balkans) with the assistance of the JITs Network, EUROJUST and EUROPOL enabled judicial and law enforcement officials to enhance cross-border cooperation in complex investigations through a unique training format.

PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

The need to be able to trust each others' criminal justice systems requires a better understanding of other legal systems. Based on Article 82.2(b) of the TFEU, a strong emphasis was focused on strengthening procedural rights for suspects and accused persons in criminal proceedings by the way of directives establishing a body of common minimum level of procedural rights, which can be enforced by EU law.

EJTN provided 3 training events 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 (interpretation and translation, information and access to a lawyer).

SEMINAR ON ECONOMIC CRIMES: ASSET RECOVERY AND CONFISCATION

In London, EJTN organised a seminar on economic crimes dealing with asset recovery and confiscation.

The overall aim of the seminar was to increase understanding and common approaches on financial investigations, confiscation and criminal assets recovery. The aim also included discussing practical use of legal instruments in this area, exchanging knowledge and facilitating cooperation between the judicial authorities of the EU Member States as well as with international organisations and EU agencies

The role of EUROPOL, EUROJUST and the EU National Asset Recovery Offices (AROs) were key issues debated



International judicial cooperation in criminal matters in practice seminar: EAW and MLA simulations, Madrid, Spain

by practitioners and experts. A particular emphasis was placed on mutual recognition of non-convictions based confiscation orders.

A fourth collaborative seminar took place in June 2016 in the area of financial investigations and asset recovery for THB investigations. The joint course allowed police and judicial communities to enhance cooperation between specialists in the area of THB investigations and of financial investigations and judicial authorities.

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International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters: series of EAWs and MLA simulations	National School of Judges, Greece	9-11 March 2016	Cristina Ramos
Cross-border evidence in practice	Belgian Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	15-16 March 2016	Ulrich Nachtberger
International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters: series of EAWs and MLA simulations	Centre for Legal Studies, Spain	13-15 April 2016	Cristina Ramos
Procedural safeguards in criminal proceedings in the EU in practice	Courts of Sweden Judicial Training Academy, Sweden	2-3 May 2016	Pascal Gand
CEPOL-EJTN seminar on JITs – Implementation	CEPOL, Finland	16-20 May 2016	
Procedural safeguards in criminal proceedings in the EU in practice	The Judicial Training Centre, Slovenia	14-15 June 2016	Pascal Gand
CEPOL-EJTN seminar on JITs –EU and Western Balkans	CEPOL HQ, Hungary	20-23 June 2016	
CEPOL-EJTN seminar – Financial investigations and asset recovery for THB investigations	CEPOL, Austria	27-30 June 2016	
International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters: series of EAWs and MLA simulations	Latvian Judicial Centre, Latvia	14-16 September 2016	Cristina Ramos
Cross-border evidence in practice	The Spanish Judicial School, Spain	29-30 September 2016	Ulrich Nachtberger
International Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters: series of EAWs and MLA simulations	The National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution, Poland	14-16 November 2016	Antonio Zarate
Procedural safeguards in criminal proceedings in the EU in practice	National Institute of Justice, Bulgaria	14-15 November 2016	Pascal Gand
CEPOL-EJTN seminar on JITs –Leadership	CEPOL, France	21-24 November 2016	
Economic crimes: asset recovery and confiscation in the EU	Ministry of Justice, UK	24-25 November 2016	Guenther Puhm

CIVIL LAW SEMINARS



OVERVIEW

The EJTN Civil Law Seminars aim to strengthen judicial training in civil justice cooperation among EU professionals. The Civil Law Seminars project, launched in 2011, covers a wide range of targeted trainings in a variety of legal fields within civil justice matters.

The Civil Law Seminars project 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.

A GROWING NUMBER OF TRAINING EVENTS

Arranged by the Civil Law Sub-Working Group (SWG), the Civil Law Seminar 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 five years ago, the range of training offered within the project has expanded to 6 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 nine EJTN Member Institutions: the Academy of

European Law (ERA); the Belgian Judicial Training Institute (Belgium); the Czech Judicial Academy (Czech Republic); the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (Germany); the School for the Judiciary (Italy); the National Courts Administration (Lithuania); the Judicial Studies Committee (Malta); the Romanian National Institute of Magistracy (Romania); and, the Centre for Judicial Studies (Portugal).

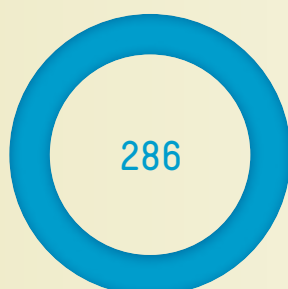
The convener of the Civil Law SWG is the Spanish Judicial School (Spain).

The Civil Law project offers one-and-a-half and 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 analysis of real cases within the framework of interactive workshops.

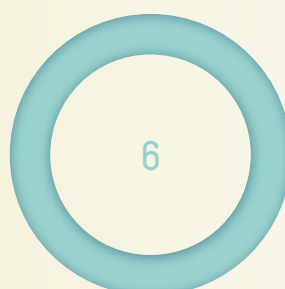
RESULTS

The Civil Law Seminars are an effective way of training EU magistrates and an excellent platform and opportunity for knowledge exchange.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

In 2016, the Civil Law Seminars project held a total of 6 seminars, each varying in length from one-and-a-half days to two days. The training seminars were open to magistrates from all EU Member States.

A total of 286 EU justice professionals attended the training events of the Civil Law Seminars in 2016. In addition, 33 expert speakers were invited based on their expertise in the subject matter.

The first Civil Law Seminar, *European Civil Procedure in Family Law Matters*, was held at the Czech Judicial Academy in Prague and was a seminar already successfully implemented in the previous year. The event counted the presence of a total of 50 participants originating from 18 different EU Member States. The training was led by a panel of 6 expert speakers.

The second event of 2016 was held in April at the Belgian Judicial Training Institute in Brussels, which was also a repetition of the earlier successfully implemented *Brussels I Regulation – jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgements in civil matters* seminar. The event saw the participation of a total of 48 judges and prosecutors, representing 18 EU countries. The training was led by a panel of 7 expert speakers, including the secretary of the European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial matters and a representative from the Legal Service of the European Commission. The event's sessions were recorded and made freely available as on-demand podcasts from EJTN's website.

The third seminar *European Labour Law* was held in May at the Centre for Judicial Studies Centre in Lisbon and was a seminar repeated for the second time. A total of 51 judges and prosecutors were selected from 19 EU Member States to attend this event. In addition, this training was made available online in podcast format and continues to be available for viewing for all interested EU magistrates.

INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSIONS

European Civil Procedure was the fourth seminar of 2016 and the first time this topic was dealt with. The training was held at The Spanish Judicial School in Barcelona for a total of 49 participants, representing 18 EU Member States. The training was led by a panel of 5 expert speakers, including a contact point on behalf of the European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial matters.

The fifth event of 2016, *International Contract Law*, was held in October at the Italian School for the Judiciary in Scandicci. The event saw the participation of a total of 45 judges and prosecutors, representing 19 EU countries. The training was led by a panel of 6 expert speakers

Finally, the last event of 2016, *Service of Documents and Taking of Evidence Abroad*, which was held at the Academy of European Law (ERA) in Trier. It offered a total of 42 magistrates, representing 14 EU countries, the possibility to attend the training session.

What makes all of the EJTN Civil Law Seminars training events particularly rewarding is the fact that these always include interactive panel discussions combined with practical work in small-group workshops. At the trainings, participants are given the opportunity to learn and exchange ideas with their European counterparts from different EU Member States as well as discuss emerging legal topics with leading expert speakers.

FUTURE ACTIONS

Within the scope of the Civil Law seminars, future actions will involve pursuing a broader spectrum of fields in order to give a more complete offering for the training needs of EU justice professionals.

Building on the positive results of the seminars as well as the growing demand for workshop sessions in 2016, all Civil Law Seminars training activities in 2017 will be extended to two days in length and the number of training events will remain at 6 per annum.

The EJTN Civil Law SWG will implement further podcast-based seminars in 2017 as well, allowing all interested EU professionals free access to the training programmes.

Under the framework of the cooperation with the EJTN project partners and within the spirit of seeking new training challenges, in 2017 the Civil Law SWG will continue its cooperation with the EJN-Civil network and plans to collaborate with the European Association of Judges for Mediation (GEMME) in implementing the successfully repeated *European Civil Procedure in Family Law matters* training event.

Also in 2017, the EJTN Civil Law SWG will implement its first pilot webinar on European Family Law.

TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
European civil procedure in family law matters	The Czech Judicial Academy, Czech Republic	29 February – 1 March 2016	Jana Zapletalová Koláčková
Brussels I regulation – jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgements in civil matters	Belgian Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	21-22 April 2016	Umit Oral
European Labour Law	Centre for Judicial Studies, Lisbon, Portugal	16-17 May 2016	Diogo Ravara
European Civil Procedure	The Spanish Judicial School, Spain	7-8 July 2016	Cristina Gonzalez Beilfuss
International Contract Law	The School for the Judiciary, Italy	October 6-7 2016	Nicoletta Aloj
Service of Documents and Taking of Evidence Abroad	Academy of European Law, (ERA), Germany	November 17-18 2016	Angelika Fuchs



Civil Law Seminars training session, Barcelona, Spain

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SEMINARS



OVERVIEW

The year 2016 was defined by ambitious projects, new methodologies and a greater outreach of EJTN's Administrative Law Seminars. From flagship trainings on human rights and asylum law to new projects with new partners, this project put forward a uniquely diverse and dynamic training offer.

A GROWING TRAINING OFFER

The EJTN Administrative Law Sub-Working Group (SWG) embodies EJTN's commitment to addressing the training needs of all judicial professionals across Europe. Since its creation five years ago, it expanded its curriculum to include a rich set of trainings in fields as diverse as tax law, human rights, asylum law, and much more. Its day-and-a-half trainings gather judges, prosecutors and judicial trainers from across Europe to discuss the most recent legal developments in their respective fields of legal practice, going beyond a lecture-based approach to focus on the exchange of knowledge and the enhancement of practical skills, through interactive workshops, online exercises and the analysis of real cases. At these trainings, participants learn more about their counterparts in different EU Member States and discuss key legal issues with leading experts in their field.

NEW PARTNERS AND A GREATER OUTREACH

In 2016, the Administrative Law SWG implemented trainings with the support of key partners – from the Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ) to the European University Institute (EUI) and the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (MPI) – to enrich the quality of its trainings, introduce new training methodologies and enhance the resources available to practitioners. It also received the support of the European Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), the European Commission, ECtHR and CJEU officials as well as the Council of Europe HELP Programme, which ensured the delivery of innovative trainings based on peer-exchanges, practical exercises and the attendance of hearings at the Luxembourg and Strasbourg courts.

Committed to increasing the outreach of its activities and the implementation of interactive training methodologies, the group remained engaged with the use of new technologies. It ensured the podcasting of two of its 2016 activities (on EU Direct Taxation and on Sport Law), supported e-learning courses and opened its course on EU Asylum Law to the Finnish judiciary, via intra-court live streaming.

RESULTS

In 2016, the EJTN's Administrative Law Seminars trained 275 judges, prosecutors, judicial trainers and other judicial professionals from nearly all EU Member States through 7 trainings on topics ranging from human rights to asylum and tax law.

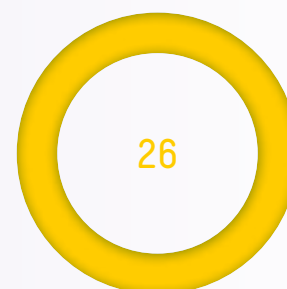
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DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

In 2016, nearly 300 judges, prosecutors and judicial trainers from across the EU took part in the seven trainings offered under the EJTN Administrative Law Seminars.

FLAGSHIP TRAININGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ASYLUM LAW

EJTN's judicial training on *Conflicts of Norms in the Application of Fundamental Rights* (March 2016) was the first EJTN event implemented in cooperation with the Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ). It gathered 41 magistrates from 21 EU Member States, and combined workshops with interactive sessions on the sources of fundamental rights, conflicts between ordinary and constitutional law, EU and national constitutional law, EU and international law, and much more. Participants were invited to exchange national reports on their domestic approaches to conflicts of norms and the protection of fundamental rights.

EJTN's annual *EJTN-ECtHR Training on Human Rights for EU Judicial Trainers* (June 2016) event, organised in cooperation with and at the premises of the European Court of Human Rights, brought to Strasbourg 38 judges, prosecutors and judicial trainers from 19 EU Member States to discuss the most pressing developments in the court's jurisprudence with current and former court officials. Former ECtHR Vice-President, Françoise Tulkens, led a session on the ECHR and the rights of child refugees, as well as a lively discussion on the Grand Chamber hearing in the case of *Khlaifia and Others v. Italy* (detention conditions and individual assessment of asylum claims, inhuman or degrading treatment).

Similarly, EJTN's annual training on *Human Rights and Access to Justice in the EU* (October 2016) gathered 41 magistrates from 24 EU Member States for a day-and-a-half set of workshops and plenary discussions on the application of the right to a fair trial, implemented with the support of the European University Institute (EUI) and the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). A number of small-group workshops focused on evidence standards in light of Article 6 ECHR, the concept of reasonable length of judicial proceedings, the conduct of judges and lawyers in the courtroom, and the right to an effective remedy.

Finally, addressing the most pressing challenges faced by the European judiciary, the group held its annual *EU Asylum Law* training in Helsinki, with the support of the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (MPI). This training gathered 38 magistrates from 21 EU Member States and reached a wider Finnish judicial audience through intra-court live streaming. Participants were divided into small groups for two consecutive workshops focused on the legal and anthropological analysis of an asylum claim for fear of persecution on grounds of sexual orientation and religious belief. It also provided a forum for the exchange of judicial experience in dealing with soaring caseloads in this field (including related reports from German, Italian, Dutch and United Kingdom participants), background sessions on the flow of asylum seekers to Europe, the application of the ECHR in asylum cases, credibility assessments and the gathering of country of origin information.

PRACTICE-BASED INNOVATIVE TRAININGS

Building upon its 2013 training on EU tax law, an *EU Direct Taxation* event was held in April 2016, bringing together 45 judicial professionals from 16 EU Member States and 7 leading speakers for a day-and-a-half training on the role of national courts in the application of EU tax law, the review of inheritance and corporate tax cases, a critical analysis of the recent Apple/Starbucks/Fiat State aid cases, and a discussion on cutting-edge tax problems. Case studies and leading tax law materials were circulated to the participants in advance of the training and discussed in small-group workshops. Also, the event's main sessions were transformed into podcasts, which are freely available on EJTN's website.

Adding to the group's diverse portfolio, the first ever *EJTN Sports Law* seminar was held in Lisbon (May 2016), garnering the participation of 39 civil and administrative law magistrates from 16 EU Member States and led by a diverse panel of 7 expert speakers. This training provided participants with an overview of the CJEU case law in this field and was centred on small-group discussions on key topics, such as migration permits and sports, the scope and protection of the image rights of athletes, the administrative control of sporting events, and the competition law dimension of sports. The novelty of this event and the liveliness of the discussions can now be revisited from the subsequently produced podcast of the session available on EJTN's website.

Finally, attesting to its commitment to enhancing practitioners' skills, the SWG implemented the *EU Preliminary Ruling Procedure* training event (September 2016), where 33 magistrates from 15 EU Member States revisited the basics of this European mechanism and the role of domestic courts in ensuring the uniform application of EU law. Through active panel discussions and practical work in small-group workshops, participants analysed real cases and drafted questions to the court. Exercises were followed by a session led by current CJEU officials on good practices and mistakes in drafting a reference to the court, and guidance on how to read, interpret and implement CJEU judgments. Furthermore, participants attended the CJEU hearing on the case *C-544/15 Fahimian* (reference for a preliminary ruling, conditions of admission of third-country nationals and the concept of 'threat to public security').

TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
EJTN-AEAJ Training on Conflicts of Norms in the Application of Fundamental Rights	University of Naples, Italy	10-11 March 2016	Susanna Gamauf-Boigner
EU Direct Taxation	National School of Judges, Greece	21-22 April 2016	Agné Albrechtaité
Sports Law	Centre for Judicial Studies, Portugal	5-6 May 2016	Ana Celeste Carvalho
EJTN-ECtHR Training on Human Rights for EU Judicial Trainers	European Court of Human Rights, France	21-22 June 2016	EJTN Secretariat and Susanna Gamauf-Boigner
EU Preliminary Ruling Procedure	Academy of European Law (ERA), Germany	19-20 September 2016	Andrej Kmecl
Human Rights and Access to Justice in the EU	Regional Training Centre of the Judicial Academy at the County Court of Split, Croatia	20-21 October 2016	Grzegorz Borkowski
EU Asylum Law	Administrative Court of Helsinki, Finland	10-11 November 2016	Emil Waris



THEMIS COMPETITION

OVERVIEW

The highly acclaimed THEMIS Competition, open to future EU magistrates undergoing entry-level training, is an event for debating topics, sharing common values, exchanging new experiences, discussing new perspectives and practicing judicial skills.

NEW APPROACHES

Each year, EJTN organises the THEMIS Competition, which is 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, may enrol 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, there are 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.

The topics of the semi-finals and the grand final are different. In 2016, 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)

The main objective of the THEMIS Competition is to bring together future magistrates from different European countries in order to enable them to share common values, to exchange new experiences and to discuss new perspectives in areas of common interest.

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 nationality as the competing team they will have to assess.

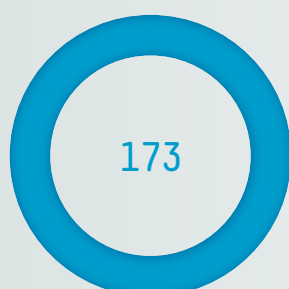
A genuine enthusiasm exists for the THEMIS Competition. In 2016, 38 teams competed in the year's four semi-finals. Each semi-final had three stages: a written paper on a topic relevant for the subject of the semi-final; an oral presentation of that paper; and, a discussion with the jury.

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

RESULTS

In 2016, 46 teams from over half of the EU Member States entered the THEMIS Competition (38 teams in the four semi-finals and 8 teams in the grand final).

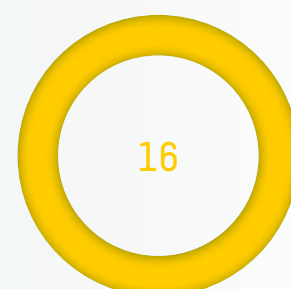
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The winner and the runner up from each semi-final entered the grand final, resulting in 8 teams in total (3 teams from France, 2 from Romania, 1 from Austria, 1 from the Czech Republic and 1 from Hungary). The grand final had a special format: a written report on a common legal question given to the teams during the first morning of the competition, which had to be drafted by 18:00 the same day. A subsequent oral debate took place with another team in front of the jury (100 minutes for each pair of teams was given), on a topic sent to them for preparation two weeks before the competition.

In 2016 the grand final of the THEMIS Competition was organised in France, at The French National School for the Judiciary in Bordeaux. The winner of the competition was a team from Romania. The prize for winning the competition was a one-week study visit organised and 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 2017 THEMIS Competition will be hosted by the Romanian National Institute of Magistracy in Bucharest.

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.



2016 EJTN THEMIS winners – Team Romania 2!

THEMIS 2016 RESULTS

SEMI-FINAL A
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SEMI-FINAL B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st place – Team Romania 1 • 2nd place – Team Czech Republic
SEMI-FINAL C
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st place – Team France • 2nd place – Team Romania
SEMI-FINAL D
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st place – Team France 1 • 2nd place – Team Hungary
GRAND FINAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner – Team Romania 2, Teodora Bogza, Viorela Bubau and Octavia Propasu, accompanied by team coach Roxana Rizoiu • Runner-up – Team France 2 • Third place – Team Austria



2016 EJTN THEMIS Competition Grand Final, Bordeaux, France

TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE
Semi-Final A, International Cooperation in Criminal Matters	Latvian Judicial Training Centre, Latvia	12-14 April 2016
Semi-Final B, International Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters – European Family law	National Courts Administration, Lithuania	17-20 May 2016
Semi-Final C, International Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters – European Civil Procedure	Centre for Judicial Studies, Portugal	31 May -3 June 2016
Semi-Final D, Judicial Ethics and Professional Conduct	Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic, Slovak Republic	27-30 June 2016
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	31 October - 3 November 2016

COUNTER-TERRORISM SEMINARS

OVERVIEW

The year 2016 marked the transition of EJTN's comprehensive project on Countering Terrorism and Radicalisation to Violent Extremism into EJTN's permanent criminal justice curriculum, ensuring a consistent response to the most pressing judicial training needs across Europe

A COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING AND EXCHANGES PROJECT

The pressing need for coordinated action and training programmes focused on the prevention of radicalisation and enhanced judicial and law enforcement cooperation in the fight against terrorism and the exchange of information and best practices on the investigation, prosecution, rehabilitation and reintegration of terrorist offenders, has been repeatedly stressed at the national and European levels. EJTN's role in identifying training needs and supporting EU-level judicial training programmes in this field is highlighted, *inter alia*, in the EU Agenda on Security and the Council Conclusions on enhancing the criminal justice response to radicalisation leading to terrorism and violent extremism.

Against this backdrop, EJTN implemented a comprehensive training and exchanges programme entitled Countering Terrorism and Radicalisation to Violent Extremism between March 2015 and May 2016. The project was built upon a three-fold aim: training practitioners and assessing training

needs; turning training needs into training programmes; and, implementing a permanent set of needs-based trainings.

The unique set of trainings and professional exchanges organised under this project provided judges, prosecutors and other justice sector professionals with a forum to exchange experiences and best practices with their counterparts across Europe, to discuss the most recent legal developments and challenges in the prosecution and adjudication of foreign terrorist fighters (FTF) cases, and to address issues of violent radicalisation and the mechanisms for its prevention and detection.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

Building upon the achievements of the trainings and professional exchanges implemented in 2015, two more trainings on judicial cooperation in the fight against terrorism and the judicial response to FTFs were implemented in 2016.

These trainings were followed by a joint EJTN-European Commission Directorate-General Justice and Consumers (DG JUST) conference presenting the project's overall results and focusing on how best to address the needs of justice practitioners in this field.

RESULTS

From February to May 2016, EJTN's Counter-Terrorism project brought together 232 judicial professionals, trainers and other stakeholders from across the EU, to address the key challenges in Europe's response to terrorism and radicalisation to violent extremism.

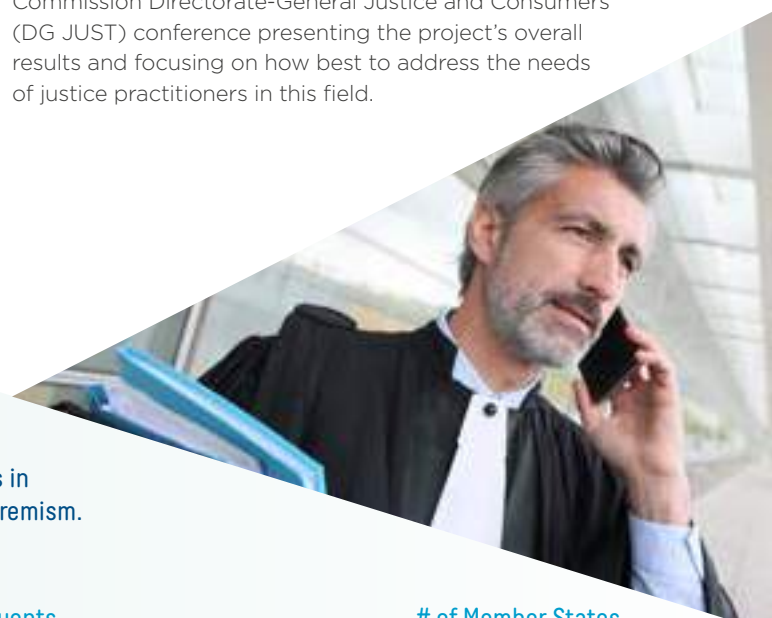
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TRAINING PRACTITIONERS ACROSS EUROPE

In February 2016, 43 judges and prosecutors and 11 leading expert practitioners from 20 EU Member States gathered in Trier for a training event entitled *Networking in Tackling Terrorism – Domestic and European Levels*. The training's programme included a roundtable discussion on concrete examples of domestic cooperation between administrative, police, customs, intelligence, judicial and penitentiary authorities in the fight against terrorism, which addressed examples from 5 different EU Member States (Belgium, France, Germany, The Netherlands, and the United Kingdom). Further to a Eurojust presentation on the European principles of mutual legal assistance in terrorist matters, the training offered a small-group workshop on real cases of cross-border cooperation in the fight against terrorism, including: the French and Spanish Joint Investigation Teams (JITs) created to fight Basque nationalist terrorism; the cross-border cooperation in the investigation of the Al-Qaeda attacks in Madrid and London; and, Eurojust's role in the fight against terrorism financing.

This event was followed by the training of 64 magistrates from 22 EU Member States in Brussels (March of 2016) at an event entitled *From Radicalisation to Deradicalisation: The Judicial Response to Foreign Terrorist Fighters*. This training built upon the overview of the processes of radicalisation and religiously inspired violent extremism, earlier outlined in the first training of this project (October 2015), and particularly focussed on the judiciary's role in preventing radicalised individuals from leaving Europe, dealing with returning FTFs, preventing radicalisation in prisons and addressing alternatives to incarceration with a focus on rehabilitation.

MAPPING TRAINING NEEDS AND DEVELOPING NEW TOOLS

As the outcome of all the trainings and professional exchanges organised under this project, a detailed report on the project's results and the main judicial training needs identified throughout its implementation was submitted to EJTN Members and partners in May 2016. It covered both the needs of criminal justice professionals and the challenges faced by non-criminal law judges in identifying and responding to violent radicalisation and in preventing radicalised individuals from departing to conflict zones.

In addition, further to a call for contributions to all EJTN Members, a comprehensive Counter-Terrorism Resources

section was created on EJTN's website within the restricted-access Members' area, gathering over 90 EU/supranational and domestic training programmes in the field of terrorism and related offences. The aim of this collection is to equip national training institutions with the necessary tools to design and implement judicial training curricula in this field by providing easy and transparent access to the programmes being implemented by their counterparts in other EU Member States, allowing them to compare key training topics, assess different training formats, expert pools and methodologies, and adapt these to their own national training needs. It also outlines the landscape of the available training offer across Europe, supporting the joint efforts in the identification of training needs and gaps and the delivery of a more targeted and needs-based training offer at the European level.

TURNING TRAINING NEEDS INTO TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Building upon the results of EJTN's project, and under the auspices of DG JUST, a conference entitled *Counter-terrorism and de-radicalisation: How to answer training needs of justice practitioners* was organised (May 2016) in Brussels. The event gathered 125 participants from across various professions, from judicial and prison and probation staff training providers to key stakeholders from professional networks, EU institutions and agencies active in this field. The aim of this conference was not only to review existing and upcoming training programmes in the field of counter-terrorism and deradicalisation and the training needs identified in the implementation of different projects, but most importantly, to arrive at concrete judicial training solutions to address such needs. To this effect, judicial trainers and practitioners were divided into three parallel working groups focused on the design of training activities for criminal law judges and prosecutors, non-criminal law judges, and prison and probation staff, respectively. Each working group was divided into smaller topic-clusters corresponding to a specific training need identified through EJTN's project. The topic-cluster groups were asked to answer a set of questions aimed at arriving at the design of concrete needs-based training programmes.

The outcome of this conference included a comprehensive EJTN report on the content, methodology, target group, experts and learning goals of a multitude of training topics in the field of counter-terrorism and deradicalisation, which will feed EU and national-level judicial training programmes.

TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATES	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
Tackling Terrorism: Procedural and Substantive Law Challenges and Best Practices (Module 2) - Networking in Tackling Terrorism – Domestic and European Levels	German Judicial Academy, Germany	18-19 February 2016	Rainer Hornung
From Radicalisation to De-radicalisation: A Judicial Response to Foreign Terrorist Fighters	Belgian Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	10-11 March 2016	Nathalie Malet
Counter-Terrorism and De-Radicalisation: How to Answer the Training Needs of Justice Practitioners?	Congress Centre Albert Borschette, Belgium	20 May 2016	DG JUST and EJTN Secretariat

JUDICIAL TRAINING METHODS



OVERVIEW

The WG JTM (Working Group Judicial Training Methods) completed its first 2.5-year mandate, during which period new landscapes of challenges presented themselves.

Inaugurated in 2015, the Working Group Judicial Training Methods (WG JTM) was established with two broad pressing needs of judicial training in mind: the need to share good judicial training practices among justice professionals and to set up a new approach towards the delivery of training and knowledge to EU judges and prosecutors according to changing needs and priorities; and, the need to combine judicial training with the quality of justice.

The work of WG JTM is very much entwined with the mandates of EJTN's other Working Groups, which also seek to serve and improve judicial training across Europe. A hallmark of this common theme is offered by EJTN's Exchange Programme, which instituted a new pilot project in 2016 in the form of judicial exchanges tailored for court presidents and chief prosecutors. In conjunction with this new pilot project, an operational link between EJTN's Exchange Programme and the WG JTM has been established and continues to strengthen training on leadership and to develop leadership skills.

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 to seek and propose the most efficient judicial training methodologies, which are applicable in all contexts and for any training development purposes.

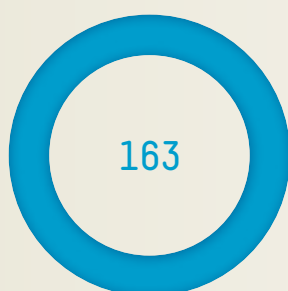
In 2016, WG JTM implemented several key actions within its three topical themes of Leadership, Judgecraft and Evaluation/Methodologies:

- The JTM seminar *Measuring Learning Results and Training Effects – The Particular Challenge of Long-Term Evaluation and Assessment* attracted 4 experts and 25 participants, representing 15 EU nationalities. This first seminar continued the evaluation-related efforts already begun by WG JTM in 2015, namely on Level 1 of the Kirkpatrick Model. In 2016, the focus was on the Levels 2 to 4 of the Kirkpatrick Model. Continuity and coherence to EJTN actions were observed, with the aim of investing in evaluation and assessment methodologies to apply across the EU judiciaries. Among the key concrete outcomes of this seminar was a questionnaire on long-term evaluations, to be disseminated to over 600 participants in EJTN's Criminal Project.

RESULTS

In 2016, 163 participants took part in the events organised by JTM, as well as in the special meeting on projects with external funding

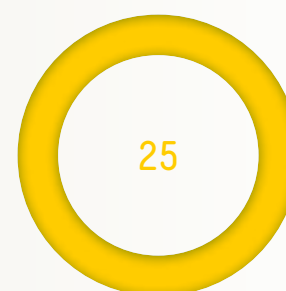
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- The JTM conference entitled *Training to Leadership in the judiciary: going to the concrete problems* was organised along the lines of this same conference of the previous year, which evoked and identified, for the first time, judicial training needs for leaders. On these foundations, the subsequent 2016 event explored the relations between leaders and their institutions within the following topics: independence; accountability; leaders' evaluation; and, resource allocation. This event was attended by 8 experts and 39 participants representing 21 EU nationalities.
- From the same perspective, but from the trainers' point of view, the JTM seminar entitled *How to train a leader in justice* was organised in 2016. It saw the participation of 6 experts and 26 attendees representing 15 EU nationalities. The seminar aimed at identifying the complex scenario that is faced by present and future leaders in order to design contents and training methods. The training of managers within jurisdictions requires a deeper, specialist knowledge that necessitates customised training actions for managerial tasks.
- The JTM seminar entitled *Judgecraft* was the first of four events, which began to be organised in 2016 and continued in 2017. The focus of the 4 events was on the development of soft skills (such as behavioural and attitudinal) that aim to support judges'/prosecutors' work. Among the key topics addressed within the 4 events: time management; capacity to communicate effectively during the litigation; ethics and conduct; judicial resilience; and, unconscious bias. This event saw the participation of 5 experts and 11 participants, representing 5 EU nationalities.

- The JTM seminar *Novelties in training methodologies* saw the participation of 5 experts and 28 participants representing 16 EU countries. The seminar was an ideal venue for debates on the way in which professionals learn in the context of the new dynamics of the 21st century and related impacts with technology.

Finally, EJTN once again organised its annual meeting entitled *Exchange of EJTN Members' practices on organising training projects with the external funding*. This meeting aimed to disseminate information about the European Commission's various calls for proposals, which can be of specific interest at the national level. This event gathered the participation of 34 attendees representing 19 EU nationalities. Along with the attendees, 5 experts from EU Member States and officials from the European Commission lead this session.

In 2016, the applauded *EJTN Handbook on Judicial Training in Europe* was translated into all EU languages and made available from EJTN's website.

TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE	ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
JTM seminar Measuring Learning Results and Training Effects – The Particular Challenge of Long-Term Evaluation and Assessment	Academy of European Law (ERA), Germany	3-4 March 2016	Cornelia Riehle
Exchange of EJTN Members' practices on organising training projects with the external funding	Belgian Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	13-14 June 2016	Jean Philippe Rageade
JTM Conference Training to Leadership in the judiciary: going to the concrete problems	The Spanish Judicial School, Spain	12-13 July 2016	Luca Perilli
JTM Seminar How to train a leader in justice	The French National School for the Judiciary (ENM), France	24-25 October 2016	Erick Martinville
JTM Seminar Judgecraft	Centre for Judicial Studies, Portugal	17-18 November 2016	Jeremy Cooper
JTM Seminar Novelties in training methodologies	National Institute of Justice, Belgium	13-14 December 2016	Otilia Pacurari

CATALOGUE+



OVERVIEW

Since its implementation in 2011, the EJTN Catalogue+ project has continued to be a great success. EJTN Catalogue+ provides European magistrates the opportunity to attend training courses organised by the judicial training institutions that are Members of EJTN.

In 2016, 17 judicial institutions participated in the project, each of them organising a seminar on a topic of law. In total, 280 places were offered to foreign participants.

As a measure of success of the programme, there was a 90% uptake rate of the total number of training places being offered, reaching 252 foreign participants. Additionally, 1,465 national participants took part in the Catalogue+ seminars offered by their respective national training institutions. For the year 2016, a total of 1,717 foreign and national magistrates received training.

Participants were very much appreciative of the organisation of the seminars, the quality of speakers and the rich information provided during the seminars.

EJTN thanks the judicial institutions for their support and cooperation with this programme. As with each year, EJTN looks forward to new seminars being added to judicial institutions' training programmes.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

EJTN's Catalogue+ project upgrades existing training courses of EJTN's Member judicial training institutions and finances international participation in these. Available for Europe's judiciary, the courses cover various fields of law including criminal and civil law and human rights law.

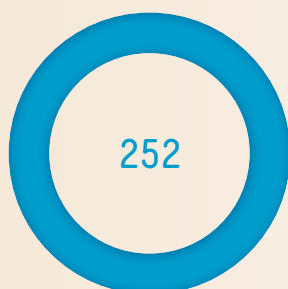
Each EJTN Member is entitled to upgrade its national training activity(ies) within the auspices of Catalogue+. Through this promotion, the national training activity will become an internationally oriented one and will attract the presence of 10 foreign magistrates.

The judicial institutions participating in the Catalogue+ project will 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.

RESULTS

The EJTN Catalogue+ project's 30 seminars took in 252 foreign participants.

of participants



of events



of Member States



TOPIC TABLE

NAME OF EVENT	HOSTING INSTITUTION AND COUNTRY	DATE
Current issues of substantial and procedural EU civil law	Federal Ministry of Justice, Austria	28-January 2016
Remedial justice and alternatives to trials and criminal penalties	The School for the Judiciary, Italy	3-5 February 2016
Saisies et confiscations	Belgian Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	7-8 March 2016
Remedies in kind and termination of contracts in domestic and international trends	The School for the Judiciary, Italy	7-9 March 2016
Implementation of fundamental rights: international trends	Centre for Judicial Studies, Portugal	18-March 2016
Public Procurement	Latvian Judicial Training Centre, Latvia	31-March 2016
Common agricultural policy of the European Union. Regulations, related to the financial subsidising and the national legislation.	National Institute of Justice, Bulgaria	5-6 April 2016
Mutual recognition in criminal proceedings in EU	Centre for Legal Studies, Spain	6-8 April 2016
Expert's consultations «How to reach a child»	The Judicial Training Institute, Slovenia	7-8 April 2016
Religious pluralisation - A challenge for our legal order	Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany	11-15 April 2016
International judicial cooperation in criminal matters	Centre for Judicial Studies, Portugal	15 April 2016
Human Trafficking and crimes related to refugees	The Czech Judicial Academy, Czech Republic	21 April 2016
Cybercrime mock trial - Role play on how to conduct trials in cybercrime cases	Academy of European Law (ERA), Germany	25-26 April 2016
Judicial cooperation in criminal matters in the European Union. Preliminary rulings in criminal matters	National Institute of Justice, Bulgaria	10-11 May 2016
Parental responsibility matters in the EU	Romanian National Institute of Magistracy, Romania	12-13 May 2016
Judicial training programme – assurance and protection of Human Rights	National Courts Administration, Lithuania	19-20 May 2016
EU inheritance law (1st edition)	The National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution, Poland	30 May - 1 June 2016
EU succession regulation: exchanging experiences and best practice	Academy of European Law (ERA), Germany	2-3 June 2016
Communication in the court room	Romanian National Institute of Magistracy, Romania	9-10 June 2016
Countering migrant smuggling: towards a more comprehensive approach	The Academy of European Law (ERA), Germany	9-10 June 2016
International family law – some international instruments and their judicial application (case studies)	Centre for Judicial Studies, Portugal	17-June 2016
International Judicial cooperation in criminal matters – questions related to the freezing of assets and to the application of the proportionality principle in pre-trial decision	The Romanian National Institute of Magistracy, Romania	23-24 June 2016
International trafficking in Human Beings	Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany	3-4 July 2016
EU Competition Law	The Supreme Court of Estonia, Estonia	12-13 September 2016
EU inheritance law (2nd edition)	The National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution, Poland	12-14 September 2016
European private international law – procedural aspects	The Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic	22-23 September 2016
Administrative law and jurisdiction – a historical and European comparison	Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany	9-10 October 2016
Formation spécialisée pour futurs juges de la famille et de la jeunesse	Belgian Judicial Training Institute, Belgium	24-26 October 2016
Trafficking Human Beings	Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary, The Netherlands	17-18 November 2016
Corruption: detection, prevention, suppression	The French National School for the Judiciary, France (ENM), France	21-25 November 2016
Annual Conference on Countering Terrorism	The Academy of European Law (ERA), Germany	1-2 December 2016

CATALOGUE

catalogue

OVERVIEW

Organised and selected by EJTN's Members and offered to the entire judiciary of the EU Member States, the EJTN General Catalogue is a catalogue of training activities, which was originally created in 2003.

186 seminars within the EJTN General Catalogue were offered in 2016 by 12 EJTN Member judicial institutions. Topics such as professional practices, societal issues, linguistics, judicial skills, human rights, forensics, European international law, criminal law, civil law and administrative law were covered.

A total of 1,214 foreign participants attended training activities of the 2016 General Catalogue programme.

Judges and prosecutors continue to express an interest in following the various seminars organised by the judicial institutions as it represents an added value for their professional lives.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

EJTN offers its General Catalogue of training activities to Europe's judiciary. This essential training engine provides various judicial training opportunities within the EU Member States, integrating the activities organised by EJTN's judicial institution members.

All General Catalogue training opportunities deal with EU law and touch upon the following:

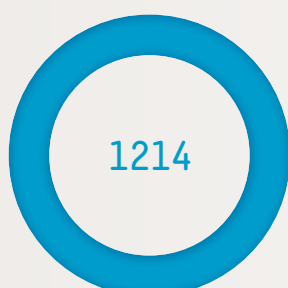
- Administrative law
- EU civil law (judicial cooperation, national law, civil procedure, intellectual property, labour law, commercial law and consumer law)
- EU criminal law (judicial cooperation, criminal procedure, police cooperation, human rights and national law)
- European (general) and international law
- Forensics
- Human rights
- Judicial skills
- Linguistics
- Professional practice
- Society issues
- Teaching methods

Over 200 seminars are offered by the judicial institutions, and seminars are also co-financed by the European Union.

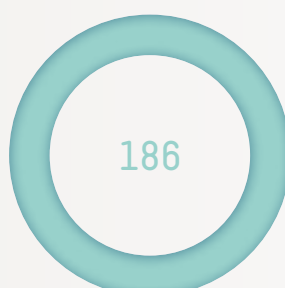
RESULTS

A total of 1,214 foreign participants attended the 186 different training activities of the 2016 EJTN General Catalogue.

of participants



of events



of Member States



SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Created in 2015, the Scholarship Fund allows individual judges and prosecutors to participate in trainings abroad. The ultimate aim of the Scholarship Fund is to allow the judiciary to learn about both EU and national law useful for them in their everyday judicial tasks.

Applications must be submitted through the candidates' national EJTN Member institutions, which then select participants.

Each year, the EJTN Scholarship Fund covers the costs associated with General Catalogue training for 7 participants per EU Member State and the Academy of European Law (ERA).



The Catalogue+ EU Competition Law seminar, Lossi, Estonia

eTOOLS

OVERVIEW

EJTN's eTools are platforms, channels, systems and resources all designed to facilitate the dissemination of knowledge and information, increase engagement and bolster administrative efficiencies.

REACH AND ENGAGEMENT

EJTN has made available many types of eTools. These include online platforms, social media channels, online application systems, eLearning and "blended" learning courses, podcasts and webinars and a considerable collection of virtual resources.

EJTN continues to invest in various eTools in order 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 vital functions for EJTN's Members, Observers, Partners and staff. The EJTN website is the focal information and knowledge point. Social media channels allow for a very wide degree of engagement and interaction.

Electronic systems such as the online application system for the Exchange Programme allow for EJTN's programmes to be run much more cost effectively. Online learning modules, podcasts and other electronic resources ensure an efficient and wide uptake of judicial training knowledge and knowhow.

ONLINE PLATFORMS

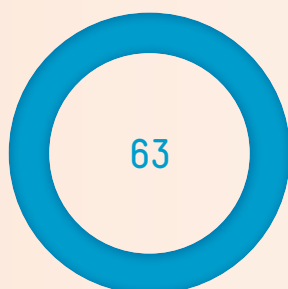
EJTN continues to maintain an attractive website, which is accessible to all. The website's Member area is a password-protected space for information and resources needed by EJTN's Members. The website also houses the searchable course database, offering users an easy and convenient way to find available judicial training events around Europe.

EJTN's Networking platform, utilising Moodle technology, has several purposes. It provides a virtual collaboration space for those working on EJTN's projects, houses EJTN's open-access eLearning modules and hosts EJTN's "blended" learning modules. It is also home to several of EJTN's important eTools such as the experts' database (designed to facilitate locating expertise in given fields) and the Exchange of information on EC calls platform (where open calls may be discussed and projects formed). A custom-built platform for the alumni of the THEMIS Competition is also provided on the platform.

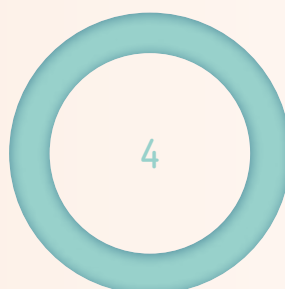
RESULTS

Europe's judiciary benefit from EJTN's various eTools, which are accessible on demand and from anywhere.

of podcasts



of eLearning courses



of blended learning modules



SOCIAL MEDIA

EJTN's presence and activity on social media channels continues to grow, and Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, Flickr and Vimeo platforms are maintained. EJTN's social media policy as well as instructional guides for staff ensure the smooth usage of these social media channels.

In 2016, an EJTN Facebook post, announcing the ultimate winners of the 2016 THEMIS Competition, reached nearly 12,000 people – a record number for any EJTN social media post.



EJTN's Facebook site has acquired a considerable following



EJTN's LinkedIn site is ideal for disseminating updates, reports and other important information.

ONLINE PROGRAMME APPLICATION SYSTEM

EJTN's online application system for its Exchange Programme was again utilised in 2016. The system successfully processed many thousands of applications received from across Europe. The system handles all phases of the process: initial application submission; selection; post-exchange evaluations; and, participant certificate issuance. Feasibility planning was begun in 2016 to assess the possibility of offering such an online application system in the future for all of EJTN's training opportunities.

ELEARNING AND BLENDED LEARNING COURSES

EJTN has made available 4 eLearning courses that are freely open to all:

- *Understanding References for a Preliminary Ruling of the Court of Justice of the EU*

- *Parental Responsibility and the Brussels II bis Regulation*
- *The European Order for Payment Procedure*
- *Creating a European Order for Uncontested Claims*

In 2016, EJTN created two new “blended” learning modules (one in English and one in French) dealing with the linguistics of the civil law field. In total, a little over 100 participants took part in these modules in 2016.

Further, two existing “blended” learning modules (one in English and one in French), addressing linguistics within the field of criminal law, were updated. All of EJTN's “blended” learning modules are designed as mandatory pre-classroom learning components.

PODCASTS AND WEBINARS

In 2016, EJTN produced 4 new podcast sets dealing with various topics. The *European Employment Law* set featured 4 individual speakers plus discussions and workshop segments, the *Sports Law* set had 3 individual speakers plus workshop segments, the *Jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of judgements in civil matters* set showcased 6 individual speakers and the *EU Direct Taxation* set featured 8 individual speakers.

To date, EJTN podcast sets total 63 individual speakers and are from judicial training seminars held across Europe.

EJTN's Portuguese Member, the Centre for Judicial Studies, was instrumental in producing several of these podcast sets.

VIRTUAL RESOURCES

EJTN continues to invest in a variety of other virtual resources. Virtual resources are particularly cost-effective and efficient as these become accessible on demand and from across all of Europe. A highlight of EJTN's virtual resources include:

- The experts' database, which is designed to facilitate locating experts and expertise in given fields
- The exchange of information on European Commission calls platform (where open calls may be discussed and projects formed)
- The counter-terrorism resources repository (for EJTN Members), which was created in 2016.
- Migration and asylum resources repository (for EJTN Members), which was created in 2016.
- Acclaimed training-related Handbooks, including those addressing civil law linguistics and judicial training methodologies that were updated in 2016
- EJTN's *Judicial Training Principles*, published in 2016, which provide a common training framework for Europe's judiciary and judicial training institutions.

KEY PUBLICATIONS

EJTN has produced or co-produced many acclaimed publications.

All publications are available from the Methodologies & Resources section of EJTN's website at www.ejtn.eu

2016 PUBLICATIONS

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 Europe's official languages.

EJTN CIVIL 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 Europe's official languages.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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.

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.



ACHIEVEMENTS

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The following statistics tables and charts were produced in order to reach four major objectives.

Firstly, to determine how many EU judges and public prosecutors have attended training activities abroad during 2016. Secondly, to establish a comparison between that number and the corresponding figures achieved over the past years. Thirdly, to present the evolution in time of how many EU judges and public prosecutors have attended cross-border training activities organised by EJTN on one side, and by its Members on the other. Finally, to show how EJTN has been performing under the efficiency and cost-to-serve ratio.

Tables I, II and III illustrate, respectively, how many EU judges and public prosecutors have attended EJTN's own training activities and the EJTN Catalogue training activities abroad during 2016, participants' nationalities and the growth in yearly attendance levels of participants.

Table I shows how many foreign judges and public prosecutors each EJTN Member has hosted in 2016 under the EJTN activities framework.

Table I – EJTN Activities 2016 Attendance – Hosting (Catalogue Included)

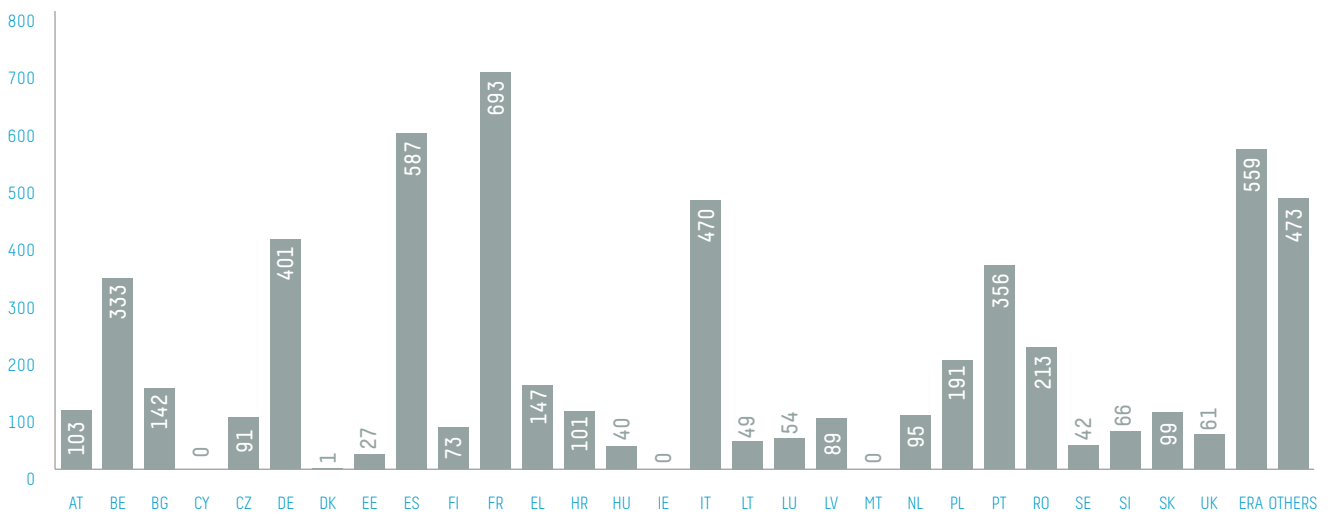


Table II illustrates a breakdown of attendees' nationalities:

Table II – EJTN Activities 2016 Attendance – Sending (Catalogue Included)

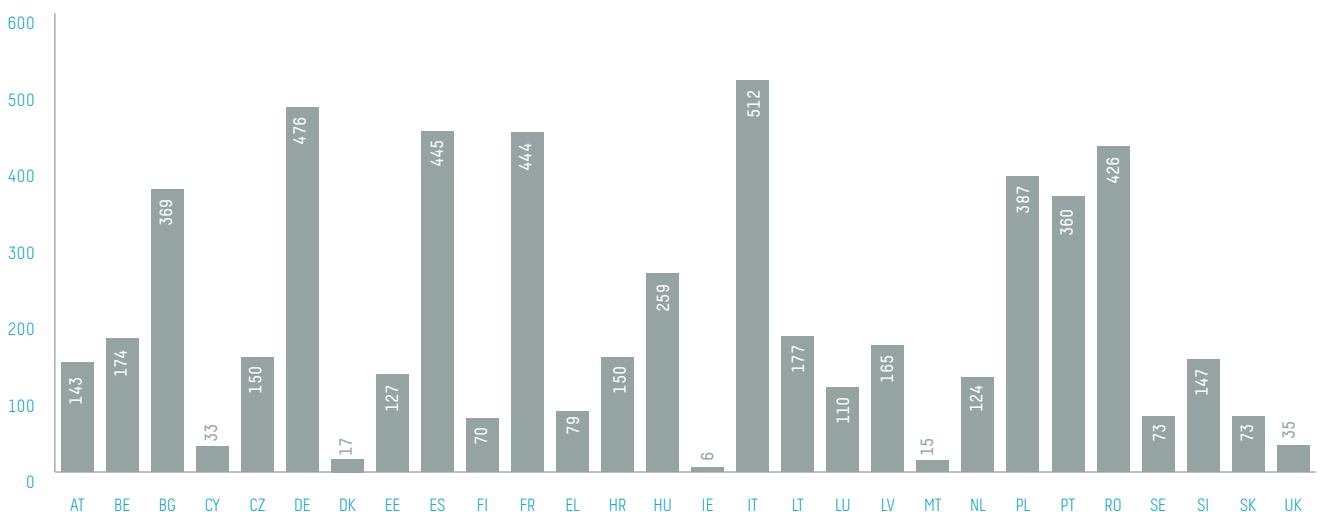
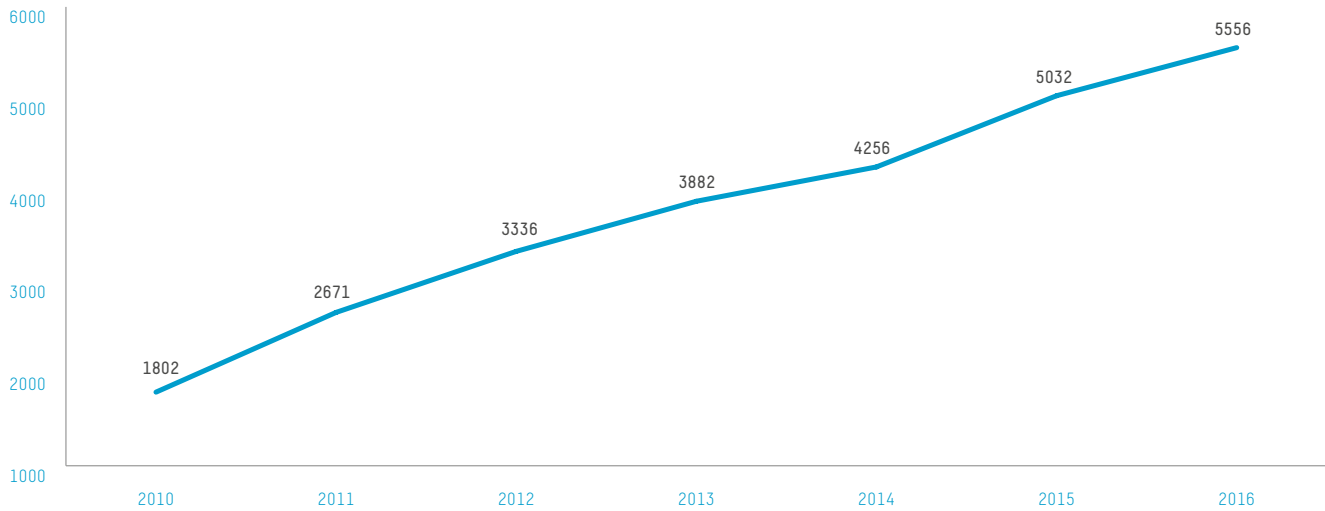


Table III provides a graphical comparison of the yearly attendance levels obtained with EJTN's own training activities.

Table III – Yearly Attendance at EJTN Training Activities 2016 (Catalogue Included)



Tables IV, V and VI illustrate, respectively, a graphical comparison of the yearly attendance levels obtained with EJTN's own training activities and the EJTN Catalogue training activities.

Table IV provides a graphical comparison of the yearly attendance growth in EJTN's flagship training activity, the Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities.

Table IV – Yearly Attendance Growth – Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities

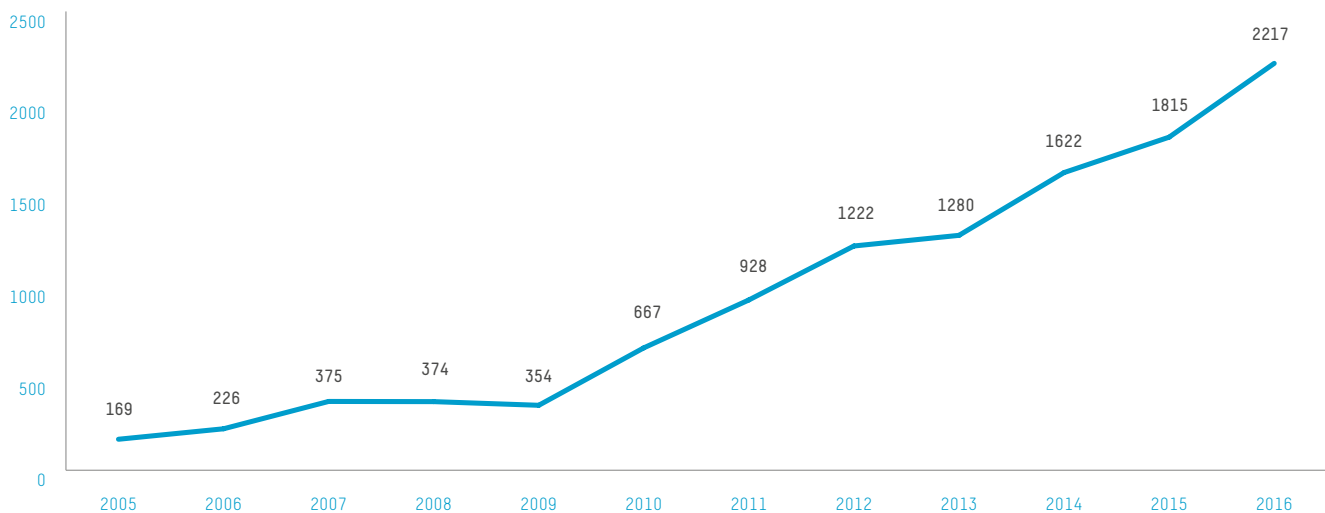


Table V provides a graphical comparison of the yearly attendance growth in EJTN's training activities.

Table V – Yearly Attendance Growth – EJTN Training Activities (EJTN Catalogue Excluded)

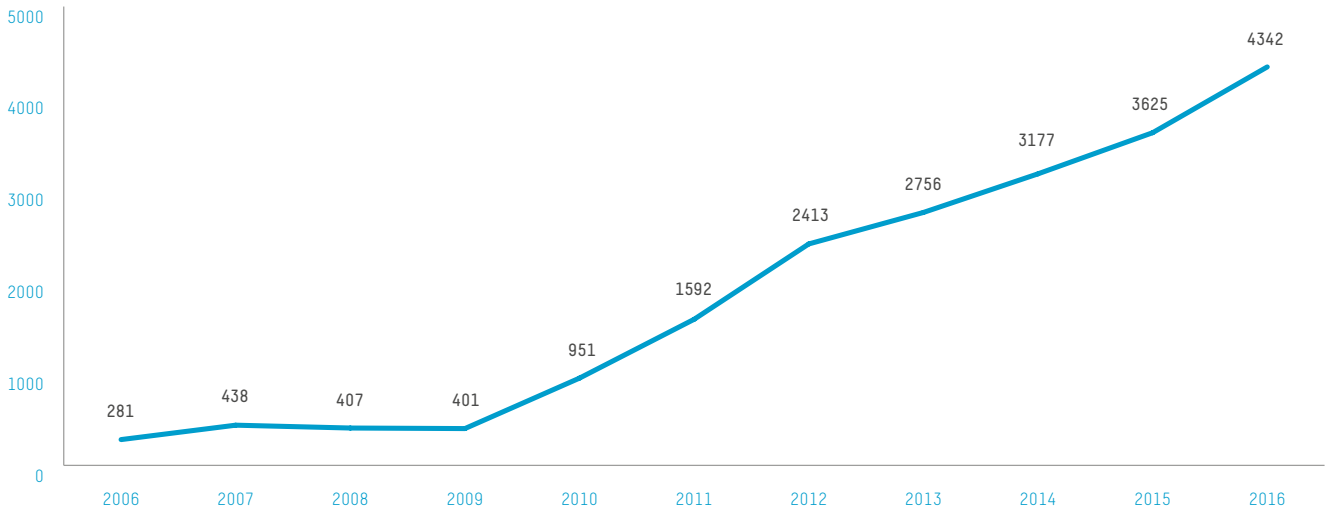
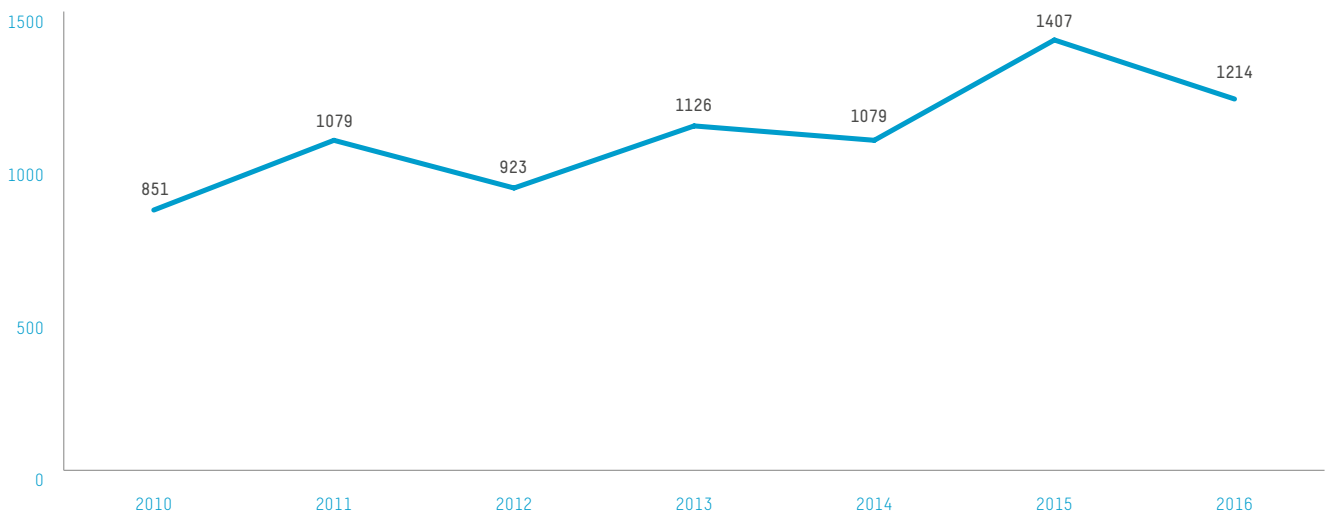


Table VI provides a graphical comparison of the yearly attendance growth in the EJTN Catalogue training activities.

Table VI – Yearly Attendance Growth – EJTN Catalogue Training Activities



Tables VII, VIII and IX were created on the basis of the data provided by EJTN Members, and give an accurate image of the attendance of foreign judges and public prosecutors in international training activities organised by EJTN's Members **outside of the EJTN framework**.

Table VII, produced on the perspective of the hosting institution, reveals how many foreign colleagues, from an overall number of 1,531, each EJTN Member had hosted in 2016.

Table VII – Members' Own International Activities 2016 Attendance – Hosting¹

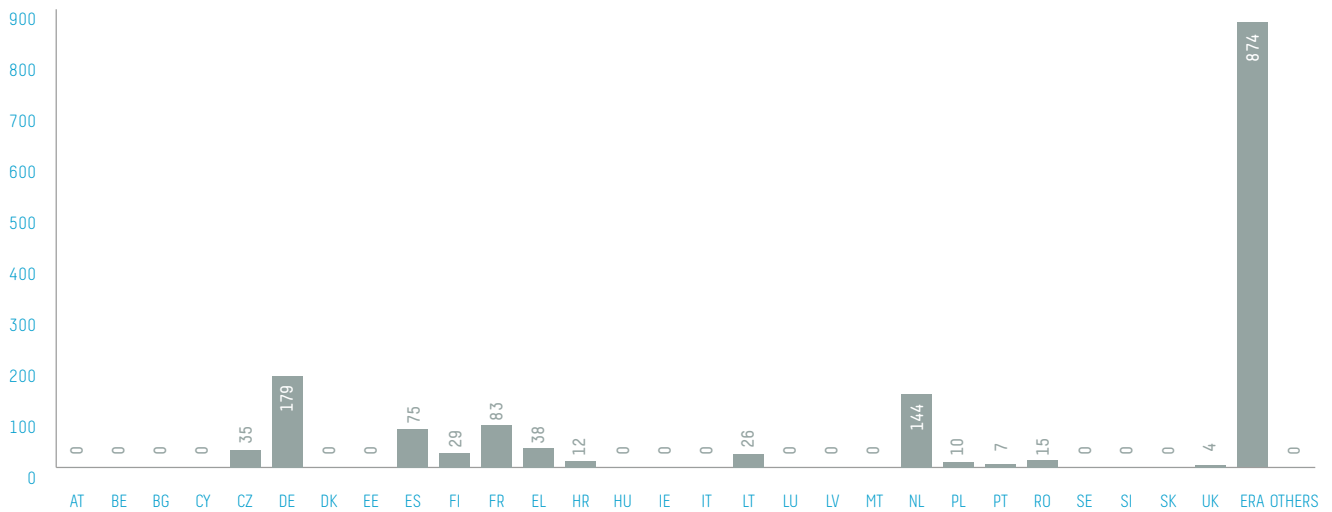
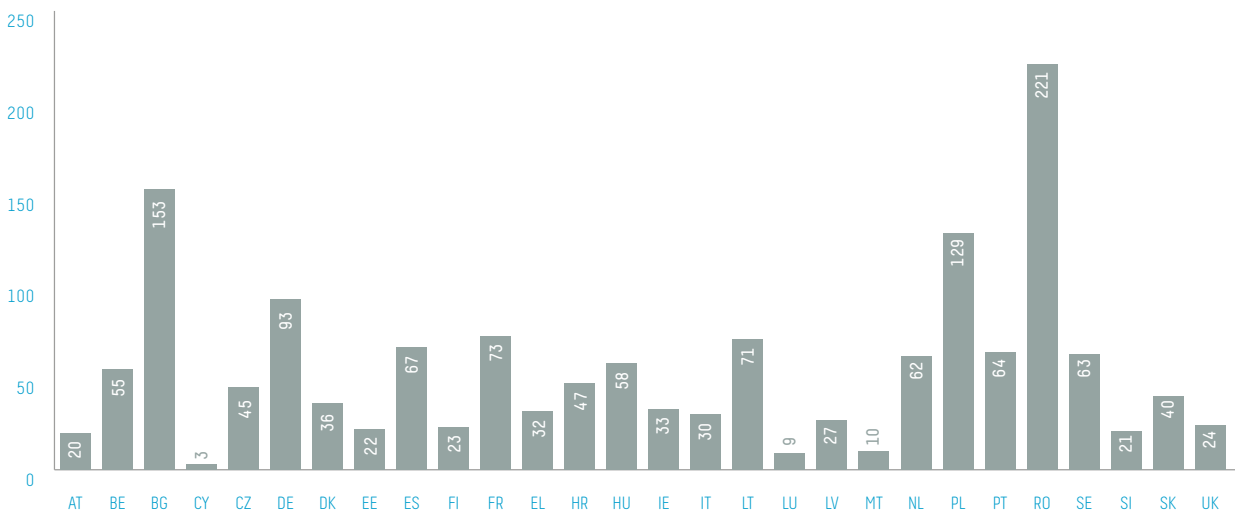


Table VIII provides information on participants' nationalities through a national breakdown of the total figure of 1,531 training attendees.

Table VIII – EJTN Members' Own International Activities 2016 Attendance - Sending



¹ No data available for the following Member States: CY; DK; LU; and, LV.

Table IX takes into consideration the figures obtained as a result of a similar request for data issued by EJTN for the 2010–2016 period. The data resulted in the following chart:

Table IX – EJTN Members' Own International Activities – Yearly Comparison

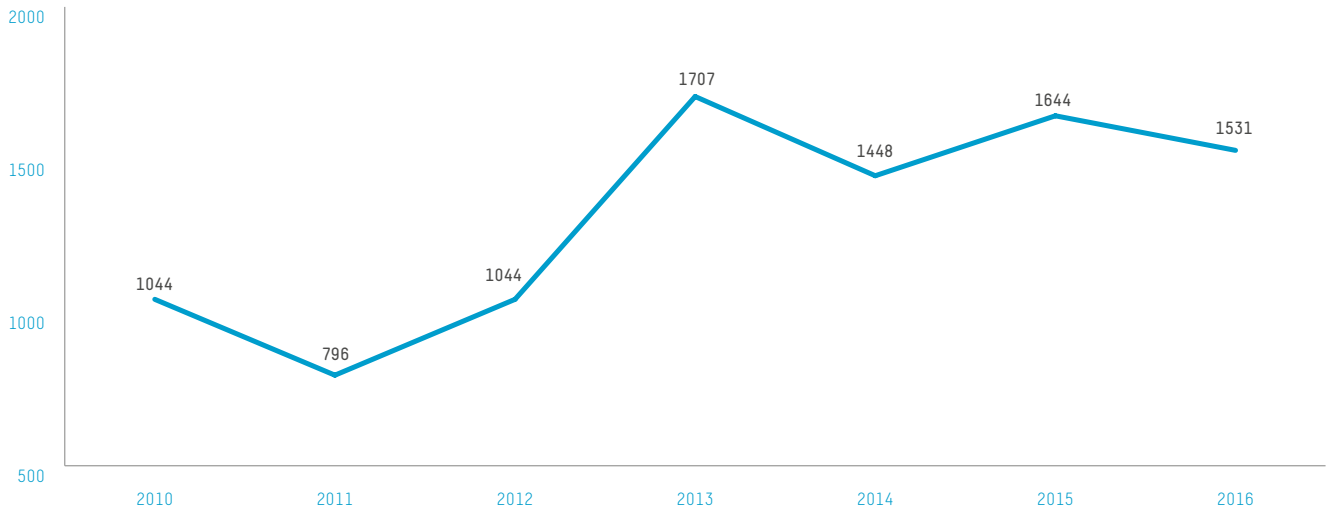
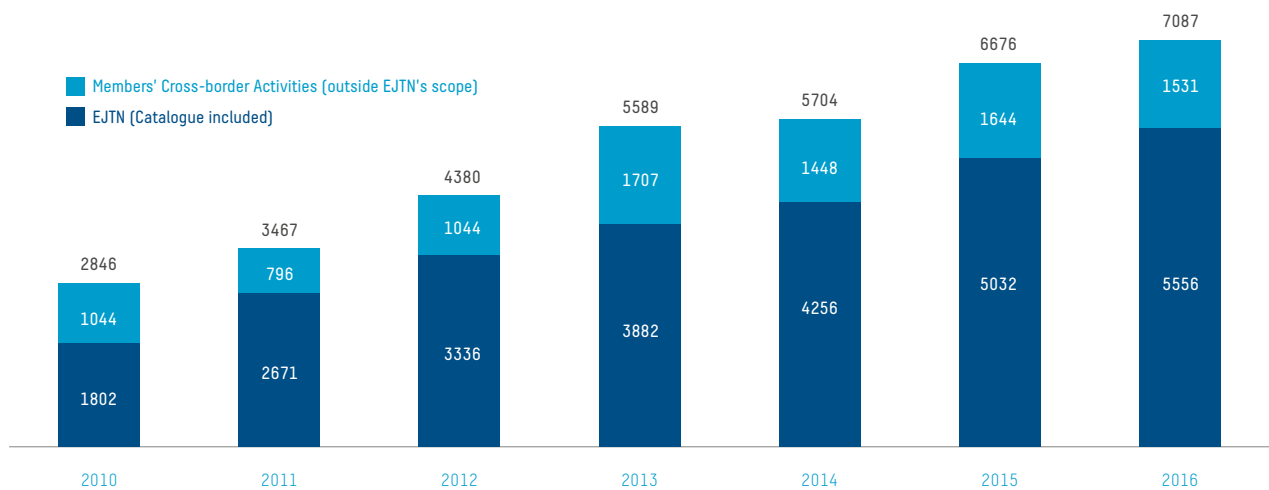


Table X presents a yearly comparison of how many EU judges and public prosecutors have attended **cross-border training activities organised by EJTN on one side, and by its Members on the other**.

Table X – Cross-border Training Activities Organised in the EU



The last two tables intend to provide a closer look at EJTN's 2016 activities while providing a comparison to the corresponding data of previous years.

As EJTN offers a wide range of training activities, differing considerably in length, the operational costs and administrative efforts involved with a single participant may vary significantly (e.g. if he or she is attending either a 1.5-day seminar or if he or she is undertaking a three-month exchange at EUROJUST).

Table XI refers to the number of effective training days offered between 2006 and 2016 *considering the ratio of one person being served for one day*, as well as the repartition between EJTN's various activities in 2016.

Table XI – EJTN Individual Training Days Offered – Yearly Comparison and 2016 Close Up

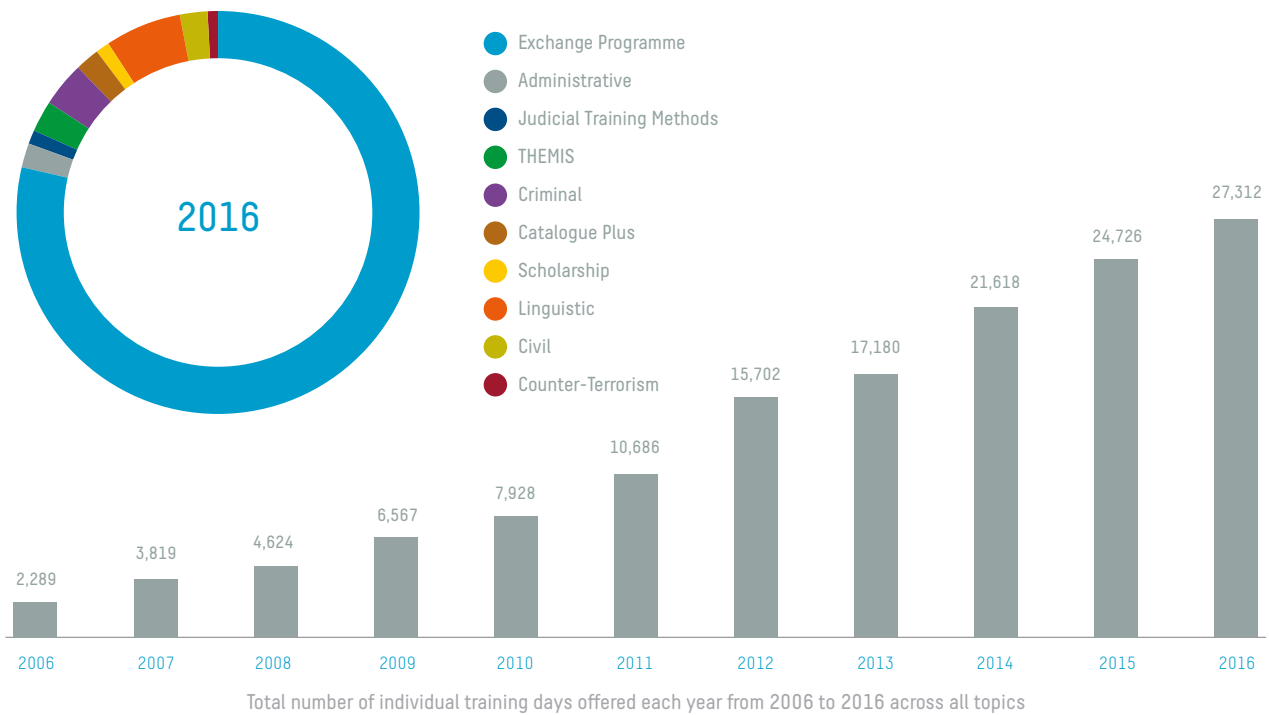
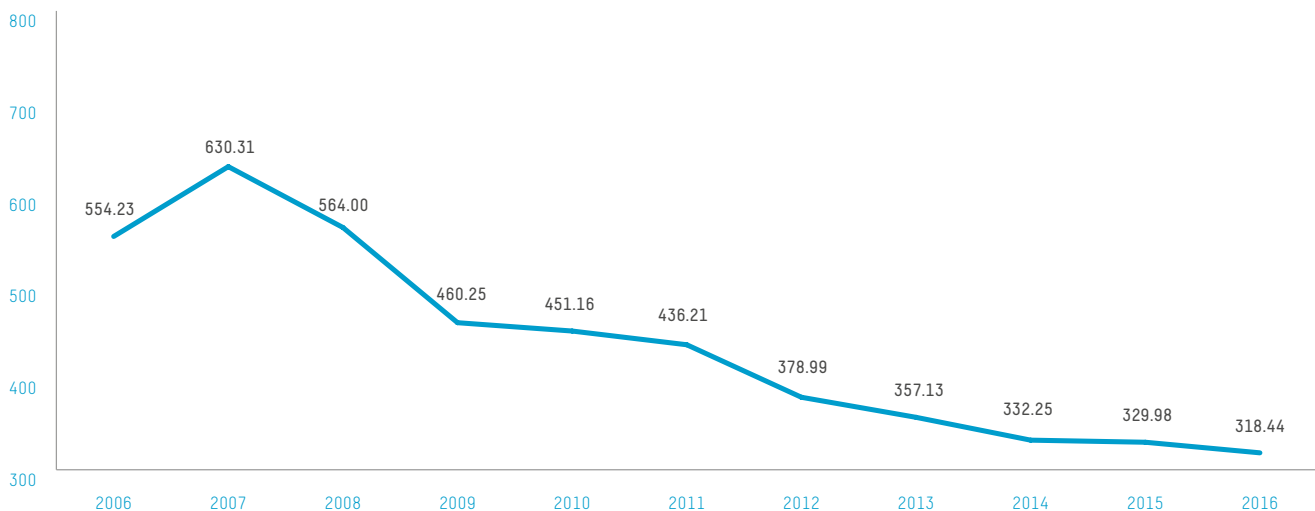


Table XII presents EJTN's performance by establishing a graphic yearly evolution of the cost-to-serve ratio, which involves determining how much it costs, yearly, to offer training for one day to one person.

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





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