

EJTN YEAR IN REVIEW 2018

NEW HORIZONS

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

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

With a wider perspective on all of EJTN's various training activities, 6,719 judges, prosecutors, trainers and trainees, representing all EU Member States, participated in EJTN's training opportunities. In total, 34,289 individual training days were offered – an increase of over 3,600 compared to the corresponding figure of 2017. Naturally, over the past year, EJTN remained focussed on quality in training through, for example, continuing its novel initiatives in the field of training activity evaluation.

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

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

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

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

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

Judge Wojciech Postulski
EJTN Secretary General

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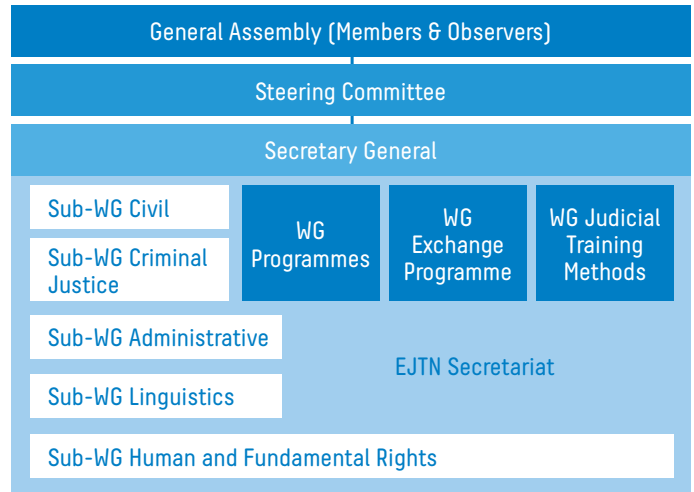
The European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) is an international non-profit association governed by the provisions of Belgian law relating to such associations. EJTN brings together judicial training institutions from all European Union (EU) Member States and supports the interests of over 120,000 European judges, prosecutors and judicial trainers across Europe.

Created in 2000 under the Charter of Bordeaux, the Network's first working groups were launched that year. The Network continued to flourish and by 2005 EJTN's acclaimed Exchange Programme for judicial authorities was initiated. A wide portfolio of judicial training opportunities was gradually developed, and by 2014 the Council of the European Union recognised EJTN's fundamental importance within the sphere of European judicial training.

EJTN is a unique association gathering the 38 Member training institutions for the judiciary from all EU Member States. Furthermore, EJTN works with its Observer institutions and has forged collaborative efforts with some 25 Partner organisations across Europe to design, deliver and cross-promote judicial training programmes.

EJTN's foundation and operation comes from a defined mission, a set of vision statements and strategic goals.

EJTN's governance and operations, designed to promote internal democracy and stimulate cooperation, is overseen by several bodies.



JUDICIAL TRAINING PRINCIPLES

At EJTN's 2016 General Assembly, a landmark motion was presented and adopted. The General Assembly unanimously approved EJTN's 9 Judicial Training Principles.

Intended to provide a universal training framework for Europe's judiciary and judicial training institutions, EJTN's 9 Judicial Training 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.

EJTN'S 2018 ACTIVITIES

In 2018, EJTN continued its wide array of projects and programmes to benefit Europe's judges, prosecutors and judicial trainers at all stages of their careers, from initial training requirements to continuous training needs.

Additionally, EJTN has produced or co-produced many acclaimed publications. All publications are available from the Methodologies & Resources Database on EJTN's website at: <http://www.ejtn.eu/Methodologies--Resources/>

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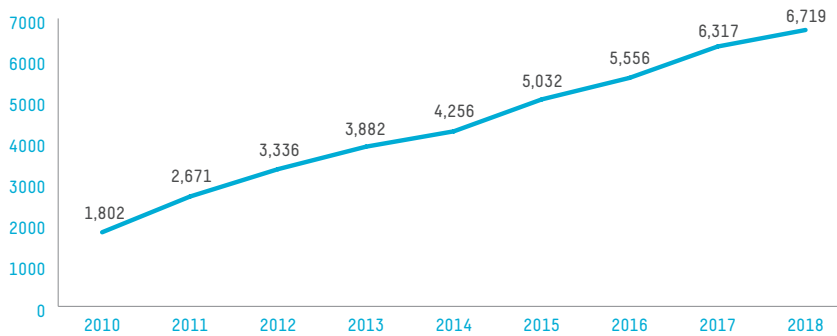


	<p>EJTN's flagship activity, the Exchange Programme, is open to judges, prosecutors and judicial trainers from across Europe. It offers short-term exchanges as well as study visits and long-term exchanges to EU institutions along with the courts, prosecution offices and judicial training institutions of EU Member States.</p>	<p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,928 participants • 1,339 exchanges/study visits • 30 states* participating
	<p>Administrative Law designs and implements high-quality training for the EU judiciary in an array of areas including EU Asylum Law, European Human Rights, EU Tax Law and EU Environmental Law.</p>	<p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 295 participants • 9 events • 28 states* participating
	<p>The Civil Law activities aim to strengthen EU justice professionals by offering seminars in civil judicial cooperation and in a vast scope of civil law subjects (such as family law, company law, IP law, tort law, property law, commercial law and contract law).</p>	<p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 323 participants • 7 events • 27 states* participating
	<p>In order to tackle the increasing number of complex cases with a transnational dimension, EJTN's Criminal Justice programme offers Europe's judiciary tailored training seminars within the field. The seminars adopt a 'learn-by-doing' approach in order to ensure practical and lively sessions.</p>	<p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 497 participants • 24 events • 26 states* participating
	<p>The EJTN Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms group's activities bring together judicial training institutions and representatives from the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and the HELP in the 28 project of the Council of Europe (CoE) to design and implement high-quality trainings in this field.</p>	<p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 229 participants • 6 events • 22 states* participating
	<p>The EJTN Linguistics Programme is designed for the training of the EU judiciary in legal English and French across different fields of law. This training adopts an interactive, small-group methodology and features the participation of tutors, a linguistic expert and a legal expert.</p>	<p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 553 participants • 13 events • 26 states* participating
	<p>The Judicial Training Methods activities aim to enhance the sharing of good judicial training practices among justice professionals and to establish new approaches for the delivery of training and knowledge to EU judges and prosecutors.</p>	<p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 208 participants** • 8 events • 31 states* participating <p>**Including a special meeting on projects with external funding</p>
	<p>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.</p>	<p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 196 participants • 5 events • 18 states* participating
	<p>EJTN's Rule of Law Project, taking place from 2018 to 2019, is funded by the European Commission (DG Justice and Consumers) and consists of a series of 6 seminars, a Rule of Law webinar, a manual for practitioners and a training guide on the rule of law.</p>	<p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 152 participants • 3 events • 27 states* participating
	<p>EJTN's Catalogue+ programme upgrades existing training courses of EJTN's Members and finances international participation in these and their interpretation. The courses are available for Europe's judiciary, and cover various fields of law, including fundamental rights, criminal law and civil law.</p>	<p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 231 participants • 28 events • 14 states* participating
	<p>EJTN offers its Catalogue of Members' Activities, which are organised by EJTN's Members. Over 200 judicial training activities, across an array of fields, are open each year to Europe's judiciary.</p>	<p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,043 participants • 190 events • 9 states* participating
	<p>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.</p>	<p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 509 blended learning participants • 4 blended learning modules • 66 podcasts

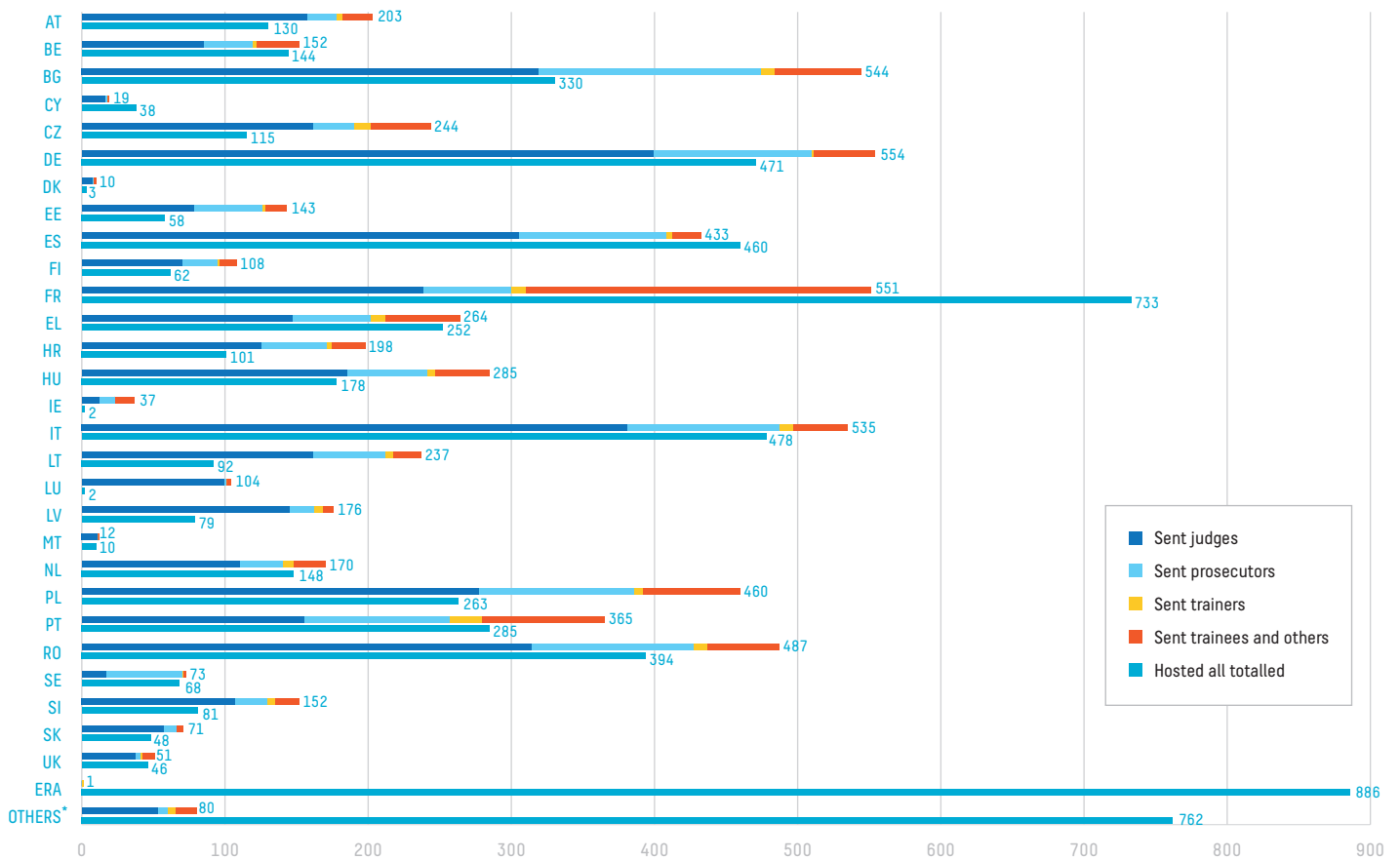
*Opened to EU MS + Western Balkan states (AL, BA, ME, MK, RS and XK)

ACHIEVEMENTS

Evolution of Yearly Attendance for all EJTN Activities



Sent and hosted judiciary - by Member and type



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

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

