



# The European Judicial Training Network

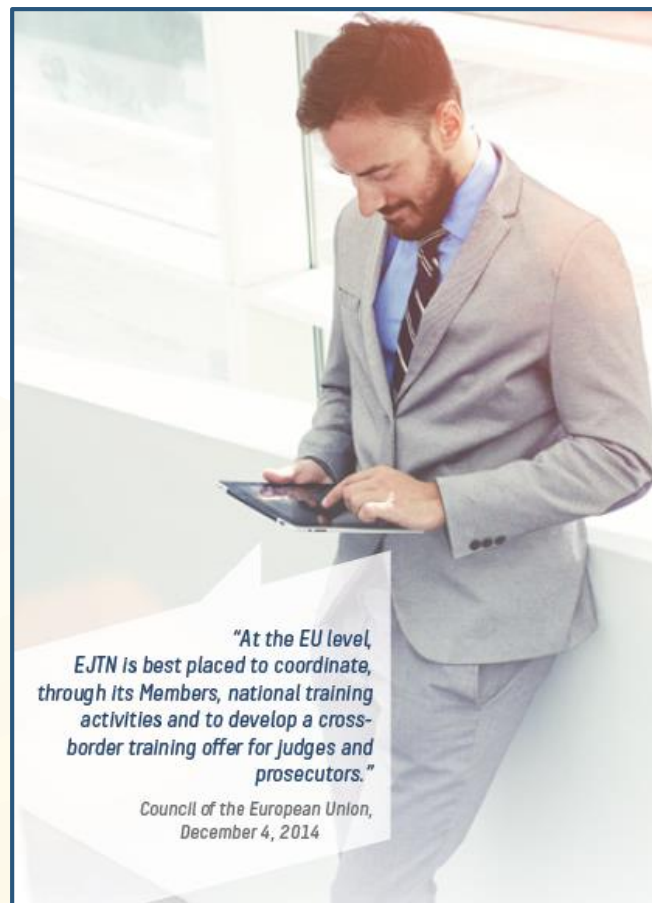
Shaping the future of the European Judiciary



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# About EJTN

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- Non-profit international organisation founded in 2000
- Supports the interests of 120,000 European judges, prosecutors and judicial trainers.
- Principal platform and promoter for the development, training and exchange of knowledge and competence of the EU judges and prosecutors and judicial trainers.
- EJTN develops training standards and curricula, coordinates judicial training exchanges and programmes and fosters cooperation between EU national training bodies.
- Only body to gather together all 38 judicial training institutions of all 28 EU MS plus Observers and over 20 Partner organisations.

# History

**2000:** Creation of the European Judicial Training Network (Charter of Bordeaux).

**2002:** The Catalogue is EJTN's first cross-border training activity.

**2005:** Establishes a permanent Secretariat in Brussels and launches its acclaimed Exchange Programme.

**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.

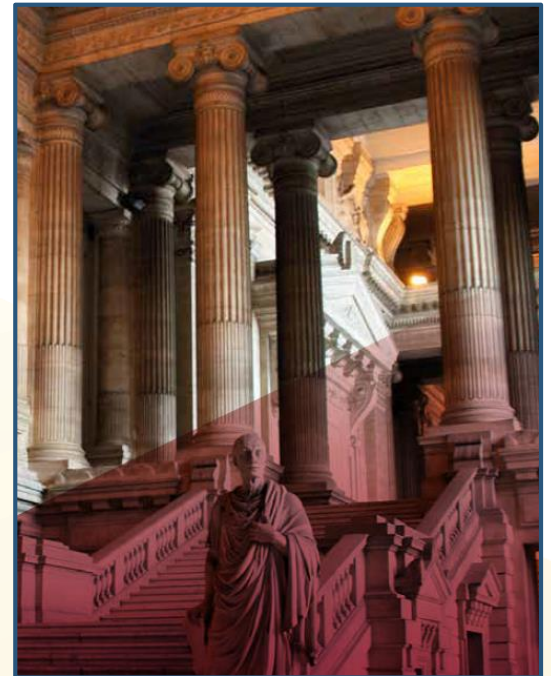
**2010:** Launches its own training programmes followed by an eLearning programme.

**2013:** European Commission lauds EJTN's achievements, confirming its paramount role in judicial training.

**2014:** EJTN's fundamental importance within the sphere of European judicial training is recognised by the Council of the European Union.

**2015:** 10<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of THEMIS and Exchange Programmes

**2016:** Published EJTN's Judicial Training Principles, providing a common training framework for Europe's judiciary and judicial training institutions.



# Strategic goals 2014-2020

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1. Continue to foster mutual trust between judges and prosecutors from different European legal systems.
2. Increase the level of knowledge of EU law among the European judiciary.
3. Assure high quality European and national-level judicial training.
4. Foster the early development of a judge's and prosecutor's European profile.
5. Strive towards an increased networking function of EJTN.
6. Strive towards a more effective external cooperation.
7. Reinforce the primacy of the role of EJTN in all areas of judicial training at EU level.

# Activities

- Coordinating the highly-acclaimed judicial exchange programme and study visits to European judicial bodies.
- Performing a wide array of respected judicial training seminars and workshops.
- Facilitating the participation of judges and prosecutors of one state in other states' training programmes.
- Facilitating new judicial training opportunities, best practices, methods and tools.
- Producing authoritative judicial training standards and curricula.
- Promoting cooperation and the exchange of information between EJTN and its Members, Observers and Partners.
- Advocating EU judicial training issues.





# Key achievements

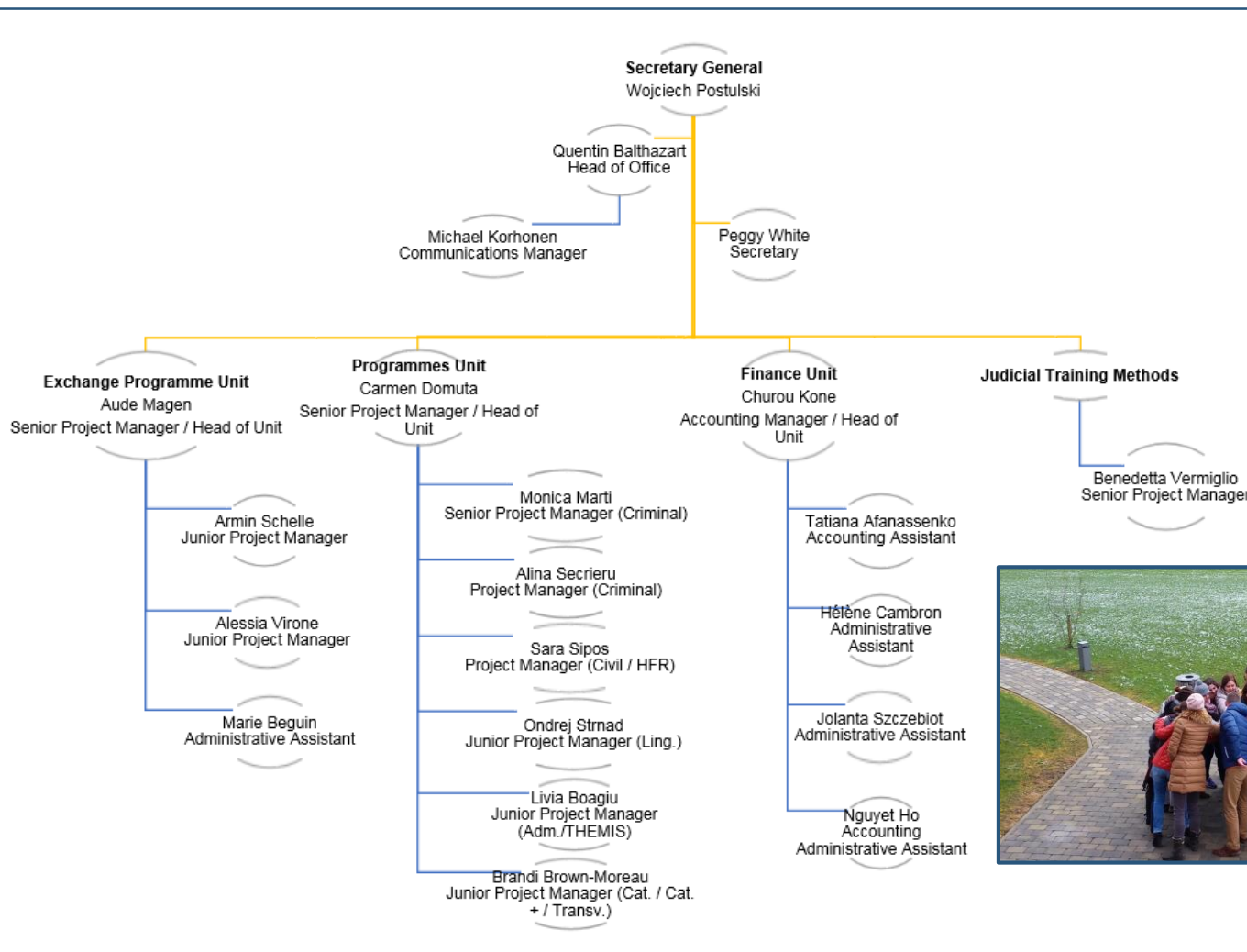
- From 2006 to 2015, EJTN has offered 115,138 individual training days.
- From 160 judicial exchange places in 2005 to 1,815 judicial exchange places in 2015.
- Formed 11 wide-reaching training projects and programmes.
- EJTN's fundamental importance within the sphere of European judicial training continue to be recognised by the Council of the European Union\*

\*Council conclusions "Training of legal practitioners: an essential tool to consolidate the EU acquis" (2014/C443/04)



- In 2016, EJTN's 9 judicial training principles formed a common foundation and framework for Europe's judiciary and judicial training institutions alike.

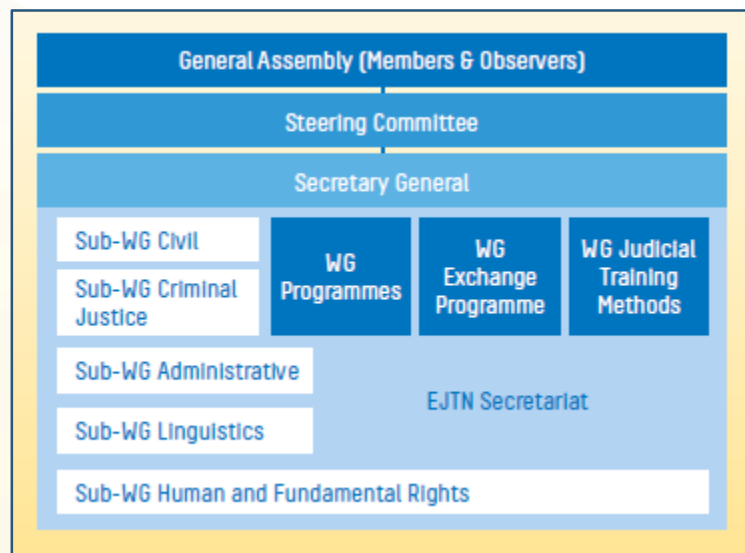
# Personnel





# Governance and Operation

- 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 with the support of the permanent Secretariat, based in Brussels.
- The Working Groups (WG) and Sub Working-Groups (Sub-WG) plan and implement programmes within their fields.
- EJTN works with 37 Member institutions from the 28 EU Member States as well as numerous Observer and Partner institutions.



# Working Groups

- Three focussed Working Groups develop and drive EJTJN's training projects and programmes:
  - Working Group Exchange Programme
  - Working Group Programmes
  - Working Group Judicial Training Methods
- Operate with the direction of the Steering Committee.
- Meet several times annually for planning and reporting.
- Sub-Working Groups may be established to investigate special disciplines, initiatives or projects.



# Projects and Programmes

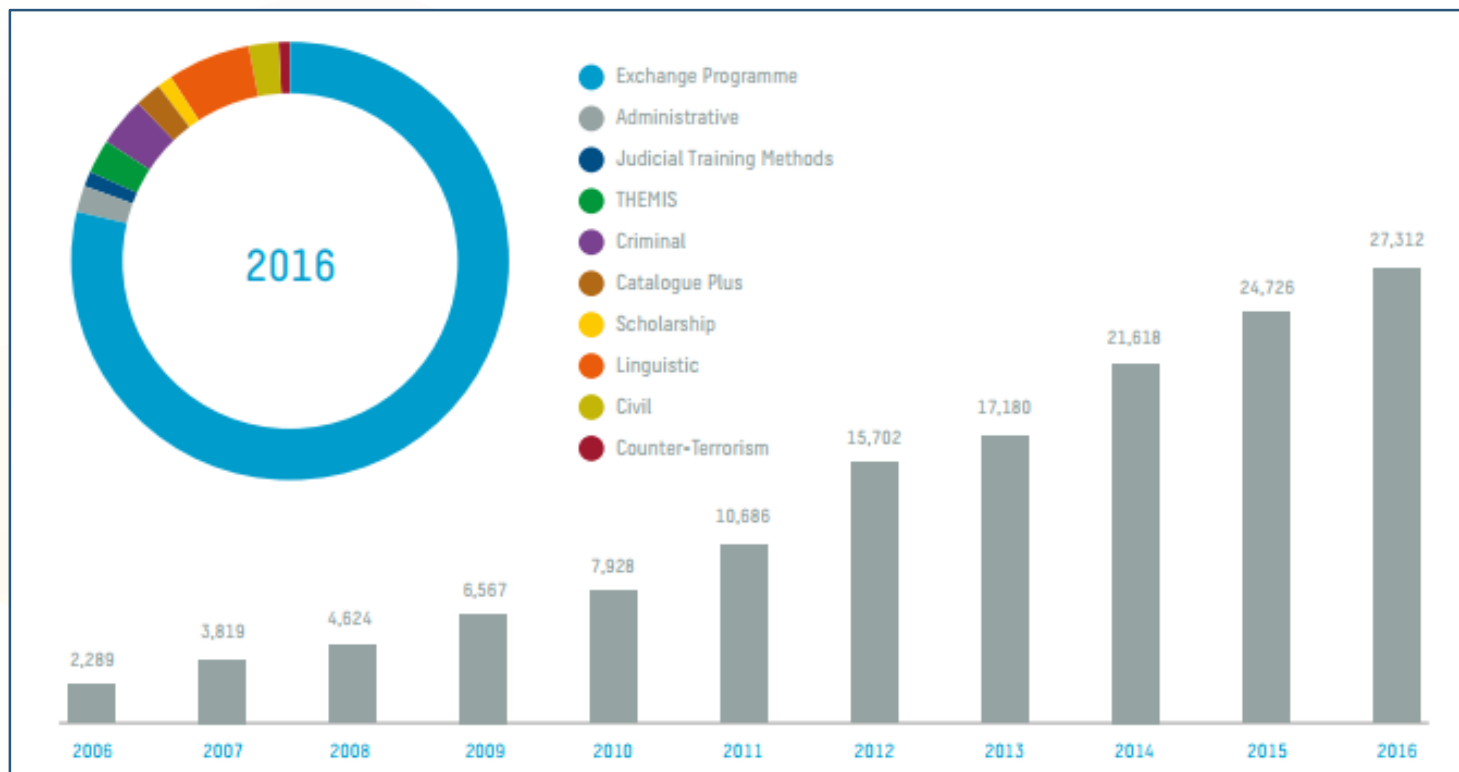
EJTN's projects and programmes provide an inclusive training offering:

- the best expertise and unique methodologies
- initial and continuous training
- perennial and topical fields
- face-to-face and distance learning



# Snapshot: training offering

Total number of individual training days offered yearly from 2006 to 2016 across all topics.



# Virtual presence

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## Course summary

This course is part of the larger set of eLearning courses, designed and offered by the European Judicial Training Network.

### Focus of course

The subject-matter of this course addresses the topic of the preliminary rulings procedure (PRP), i.e. the procedure to request a preliminary ruling of the Court of Justice of the European Union (The Court) on interpretation or validity of EU law provisions under Article 267 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), also called "Article 267 procedure" (ex Article 177 TEEC and ex Article 234 TEC).

### Intended audience

This course is addressed primarily to national judges. Since NCTs in the performance of their judicial functions have the right (discretionary referral) or the obligation (mandatory referral) to refer questions of interpretation or validity of European Union law ("questions") for a preliminary ruling of the Court under Article 267 TFEU.



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