

EJTN YEAR IN REVIEW 2017

Courage and engagement are two key hallmarks of success.

With its steadfast focus on judicial training, in 2017 the EJTN continued to offer Europe's judiciary a comprehensive judicial training portfolio incorporating the best expertise, unique methodologies, modern technologies, opportunities for both initial and continuous training and a host of supporting resources.

The EJTN's flagship Exchange Programme for judicial authorities attracted 2,694 judges and prosecutors from across Europe who partook of the programme's judicial exchanges and study visits – representing more than a 20% increase in participants compared to the previous year. Looking wider at all of EJTN's various training activities, 6,317 judges, prosecutors, trainers and trainees, representing all EU Member States, participated in EJTN's training opportunities. In total, 30,612 individual training days were offered – an increase of 3,300 days compared to the corresponding figure of 2016.

Apart from achievements within judicial training, EJTN undertook many important initiatives over 2017. New Memorandums of Understandings were established and other ones were renewed. The EJTN also worked diligently on its Strategic Plan 2021-2027, which will direct the efforts of the Network over the years to come.

During the year, the EJTN attended important gatherings in Europe and around the globe. At the 8th International Organization for Judicial Training (IOJT) Conference on the Training of the Judiciary in the Philippines, the IOJT ratified a declaration providing its members judicial training guiding principles for conceptualising and providing judicial training. Significantly, it was the EJTN's own Judicial Training Principles, which acted as the inspiration for IOJT's judicial training guiding principles. The EJTN also welcomed delegations and guests from across Europe as well as from Africa and Asia.

With the quality of training continuing to be of primary importance, the EJTN produced its Judicial Training Methods Guidelines for Evaluation of Judicial Training Practices manual, a hands-on resource for evaluating training activities. Technological and IT developments were also pronounced in the past year, with webinars, databases, virtual resources and processing platforms all being developed.

The year also provided many reasons for well-deserved celebration. The EJTN welcomed, as full Members, the Office of the Prosecutor General of the Republic of Estonia and the Office of the Prosecutor General of the Republic of Lithuania, both former long-time EJTN Observers. Also, the EJTN Member organisations of the National Institute of Magistracy (NIM) in Romania and the Academy of European Law (ERA) both celebrated their 25th anniversaries!

Looking ahead, the EJTN continues to prepare for the future. The EJTN signed a grant for the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) with the Directorate-General Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), which will allow for the participation of the judiciary from the Western Balkans in EJTN's training activities.

I invite you now to review this Annual Report, which highlights our Network's accomplishments in 2017 and illustrates the success we all enjoy when we as Network courageously engage with the wider judicial sphere and help shape the future of the European judiciary.

Judge Wojciech Postulski
EJTN Secretary General

EJTN IN A NUTSHELL

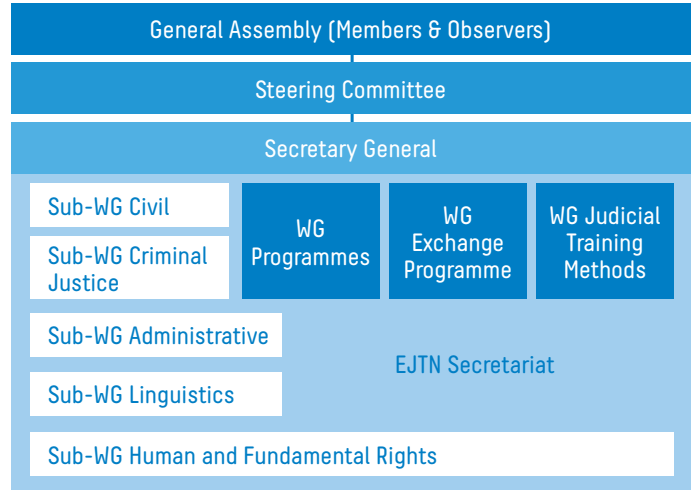
The European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) is an international non-profit association governed by the provisions of Belgian law relating to such associations. EJTN brings together judicial training institutions from all European Union (EU) Member States and supports the interests of over 120,000 European 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 37 Member training institutions for the judiciary from all EU Member States. Furthermore, EJTN works with over 10 Observer institutions and has forged collaborative efforts with some 25 Partner organisations across Europe to design, deliver and cross-promote judicial training programmes. In 2017, some 185 individual experts and other contributors helped contribute to EJTN's training programmes.

EJTN's foundation and operation comes from a defined mission, a set of vision statements and 7 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 Principle 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 2017 ACTIVITIES

In 2017, 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/>

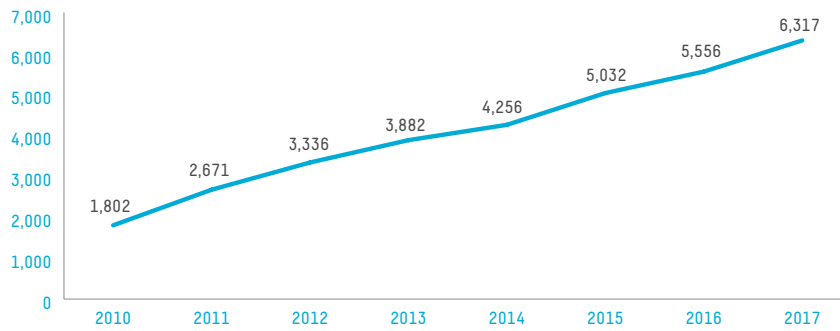
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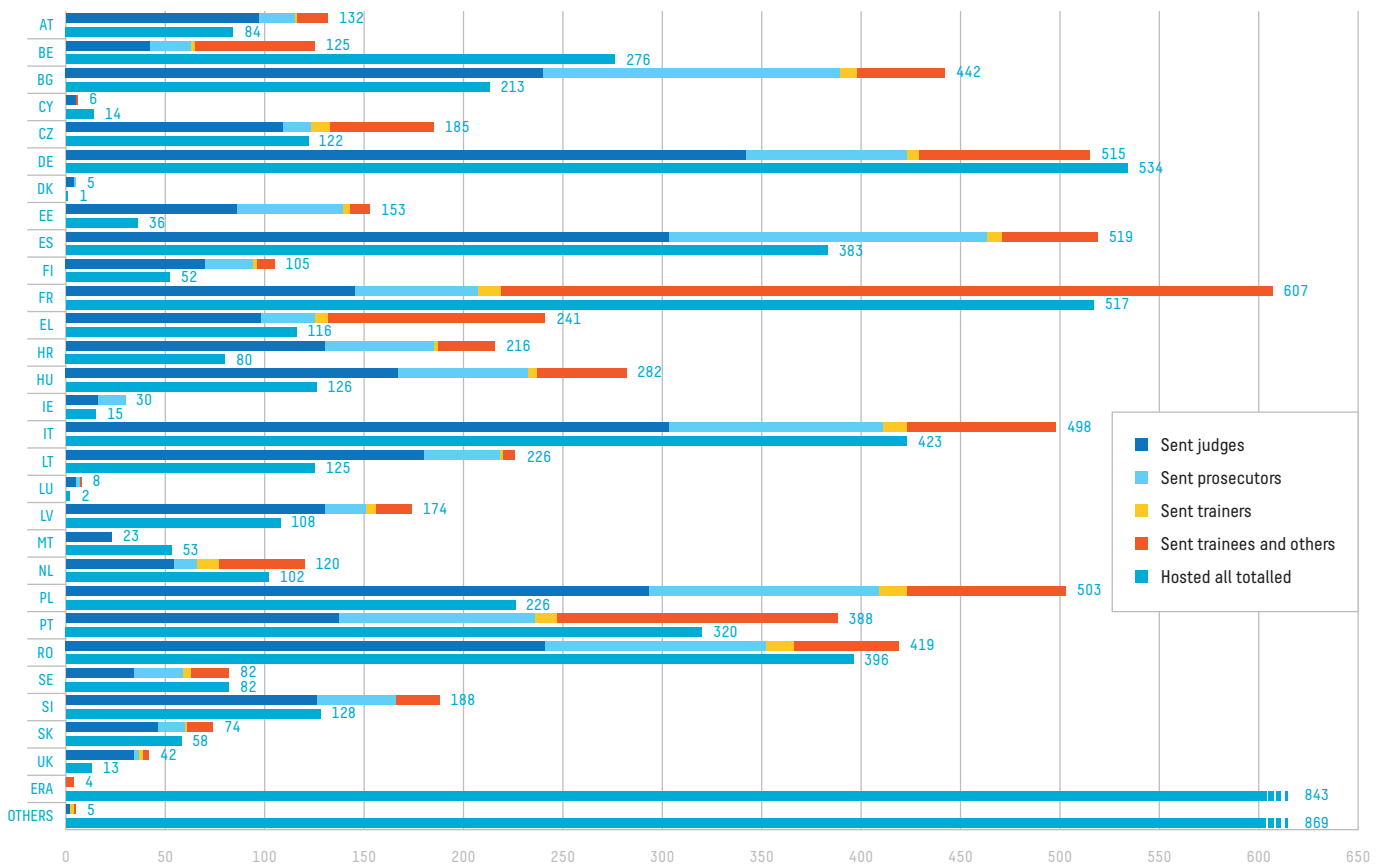
	<p>EJTN's flagship activity, the Exchange Programme, is open to judges, prosecutors and judicial trainers from across Europe. It offers short-term exchanges as well as study visits and long-term exchanges to EU institutions along with the courts, prosecution offices and judicial training institutions of EU Member States.</p>	<p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,694 participants • 1,232 exchanges/study visits • 26 EU Member States involved
	<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"> • 144 participants • 4 events • 24 nationalities 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"> • 279 participants • 6 events • 26 nationalities 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"> • 450 participants • 18 events • 24 nationalities 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"> • 130 participants • 3 events • 21 nationalities 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"> • 450 participants • 10 events • 23 nationalities 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"> • 188 participants* • 8 events • 26 nationalities 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"> • 175 participants • 5 events • 14 nationalities 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"> • 232 participants • 28 events • 14 nationalities 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"> • 1,143 participants • 143 events • 11 nationalities 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"> • 598 blended learning participants • 4 eLearning courses • 63 podcasts

ACHIEVEMENTS

Evolution of Yearly Attendance for all EJTN Activities



Sent and hosted judiciary - by Member and type



EJTN's 2017 wide range of training activities by number of participants

