

EJTN YEAR IN REVIEW 2016

2016 HIGHLIGHTS / FOREWORD

“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.

Judge Wojciech Postulski
EJTN Secretary General



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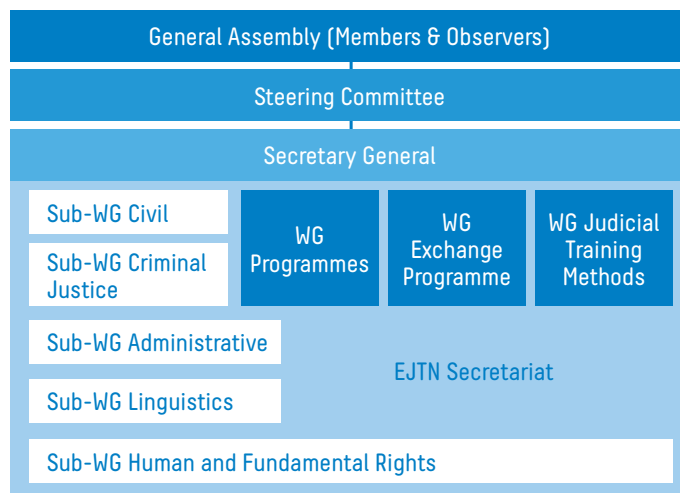
The European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) is an international non-profit association governed by the provisions of Belgian law relating to such associations. EJTN brings together judicial training institutions from all European Union (EU) Member States and supports the interests of over 120,000 European 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 35 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 2016, some 225 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 2016 ACTIVITIES

In 2016, 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.

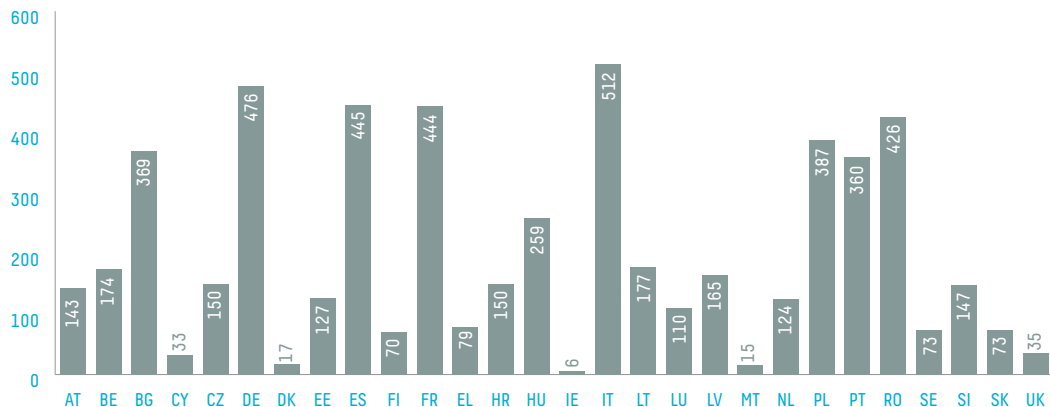
Additionally, EJTN has produced or co-produced many acclaimed publications. All publications are available from the Methodologies & Resources section of EJTN's website at www.ejtn.eu

	<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"> • 2,217 participants • 1,045 exchanges/study visits • 25 EU Member States involved
	<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"> • 415 participants • 9 events • 23 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"> • 389 participants • 14 events • 25 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"> • 286 participants • 6 events • 24 nationalities 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"> • 275 participants • 7 events • 26 nationalities participating
	<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"> • 173 participants • 5 events • 16 nationalities participating
	<p>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.</p>	<p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 232 participants • 3 events • 27 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"> • 163 participants* • 6 events • 25 nationalities participating <p>*Including a special meeting on projects with external funding</p>
	<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"> • 252 participants • 30 events • 17 nationalities participating
	<p>EJTN offers its Catalogue of training 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"> • 1,214 participants • 186 events • 12 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"> • 63 podcasts • 4 eLearning courses • 4 blended learning modules

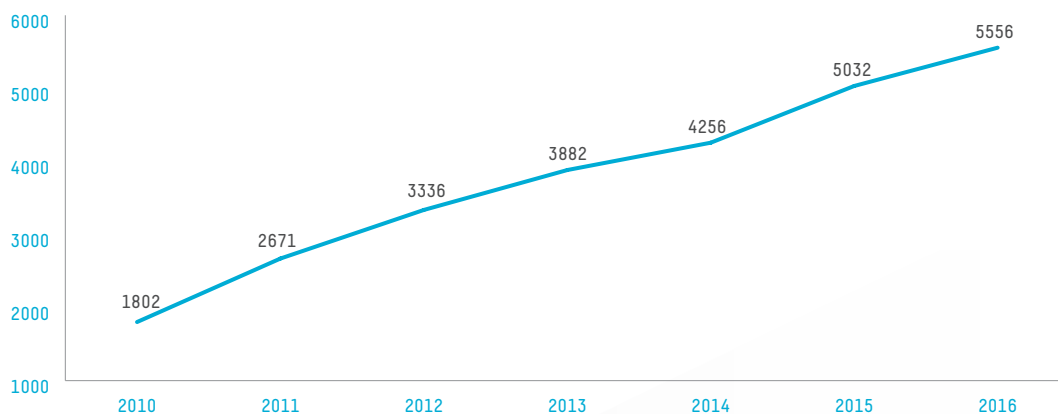
ACHIEVEMENTS

EJTN tracks its annual achievements in order to determine how many EU judges and prosecutors attended training in a given year, compare results from year to year, illustrate over time the growth in training participation and calculate EJTN's working efficiency.

EJTN 2016 Activities – Participating nationalities



EJTN Activities – Yearly Attendance for all EJTN Activities



EJTN Individual Training Days – Yearly and Across All Topics

