



# European Judicial Training Network ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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## About EJTN

*Founded in 2000 by the Bordeaux Charter, the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) is an international non-profit association governed by Belgian law. EJTN unites judicial training institutions from all EU Member States to pursue a general European interest: that of developing and implementing training and exchange activities for European justice practitioners. These activities cover initial and continuous training and are delivered in close cooperation with EJTN Members, Associate Members, Observers and Partners.*

*EJTN plays a vital role in promoting networking among its members and serves as a key platform for them to share experiences and exchange ideas in areas of joint interest.*



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# Message from the EJTN Secretary General

2024 was a year of progress, collaboration and innovation for the European Judicial Training Network. Throughout the year, we remained dedicated to empowering Europe's judges, prosecutors and court staff with the expertise, knowledge and tools they need in areas such as the digital transformation of justice, the use of Artificial Intelligence in legal proceedings, the Rule of Law, judicial accountability, and more.

This spirit of innovation is also reflected in the format of this 2024 Annual Report. For the first time, the report adopts a hybrid format aligned with our goals of digitalisation and sustainability. It features a dedicated website, a downloadable summary PDF and a limited number of printed copies available at key events throughout the year.

In 2024, EJTN reaffirmed its commitment to judicial training excellence by organising 971 activities, delivering 36,726.5 training days and training a total of 10,921 European judges, prosecutors, court staff and trainers – a 17% increase in participants from the previous year. These remarkable achievements were made possible by the EJTN Members, who develop impactful training initiatives and ensure their wide and effective dissemination.

Digital transformation of justice was a key priority in 2024. The Working Group on Digitalisation launched its first activities, laying the foundation for comprehensive digital training initiatives and a strategic approach to this critical topic. We also advanced gender diversity in the judiciary by establishing the 'Women in Justice' project, led by the Working Group on Judicial Training Methods. Additionally, EJTN supported the detection and prosecution of anti-competitive infringements through a dedicated project executed under the Single Market Programme of the European Union, among other important achievements.

Strategic partnerships also played a central role in 2024. EJTN strengthened ties with longstanding partners, including the CJEU, the Council of Europe, the ECtHR, the EPPO and Eurojust, while building new collaborations with organisations such as UNESCO and the European Law Institute. Existing collaborations thrived, as exemplified by new countries applying for long-term training periods at the CJEU. EJTN also stepped onto the global stage at the 11th International Conference on Training of the Judiciary, organised by the International Organization for Judicial Training, sharing insights with international stakeholders.

Thanks to the continuous support of the European Commission, EJTN remains committed to its mission of strengthening a shared European judicial culture and contributing to a unified area of justice, while also championing the digital transformation of justice and upholding the Rule of Law.

I extend my gratitude to EJTN Members, Associate Members, Observers and Partners for their invaluable cooperation throughout 2024. Together, we will ensure that European Justice remains efficient, resilient and prepared to meet the challenges of the future.

**Judge Ingrid Derveaux**  
EJTN Secretary General



“ 2024 was a year of progress, collaboration and innovation for EJTN.”

“ EJTN remains committed to strengthening a shared European judicial culture.”

# 2024 Key figures

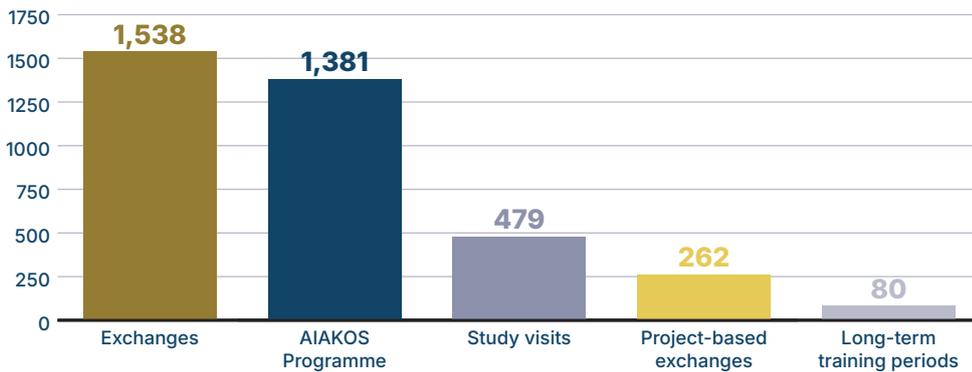
Throughout 2024, EJTN continued to provide high-quality judicial training activities, including exchanges, study visits, seminars and more. Through this highly specialised offering, EJTN reached a wide range of participants from across the EU, offering both face-to-face and online learning opportunities. Below are some of the key figures from 2024.

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participants

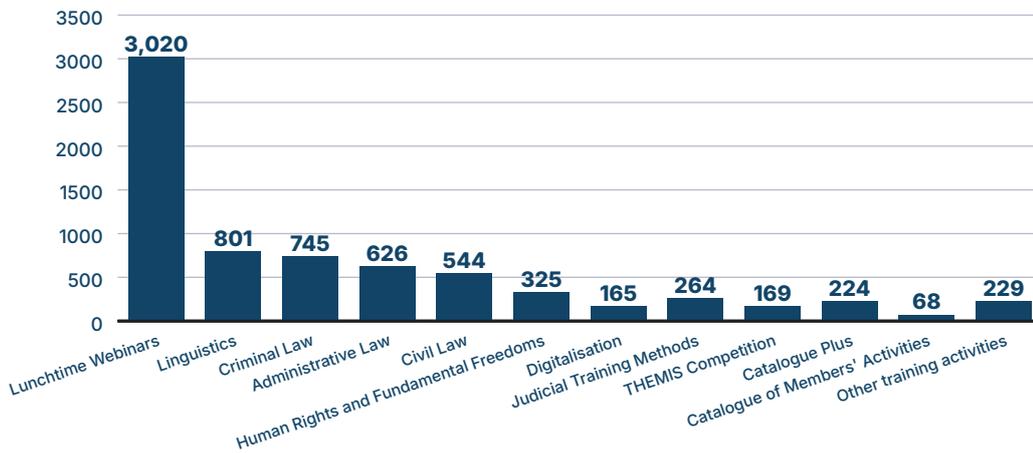
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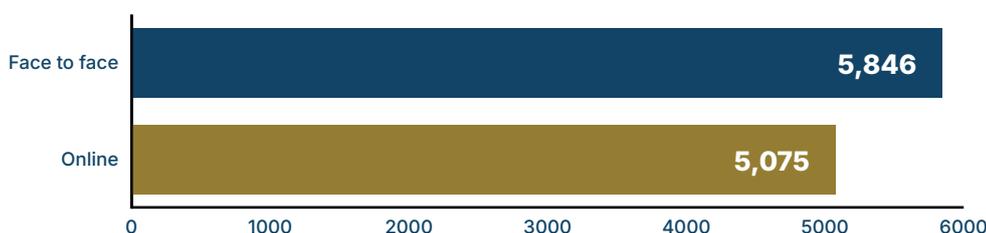
Participants in EJTN exchanges, study visits and other programmes in 2024



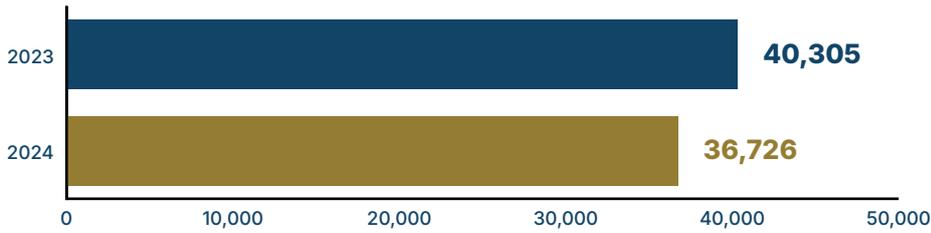
Participants in EJTN training activities, webinars and catalogues-related activities in 2024



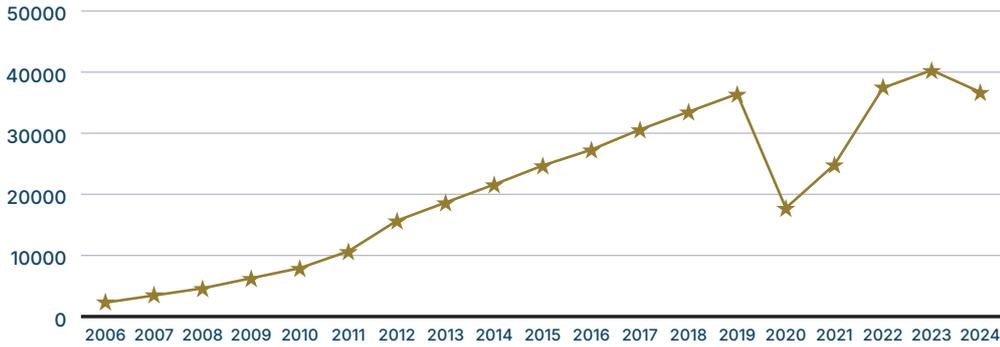
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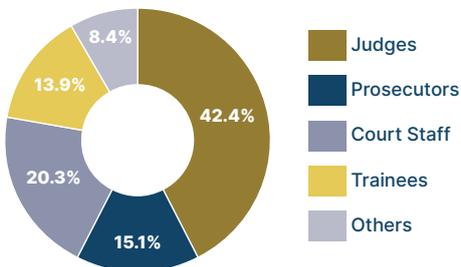
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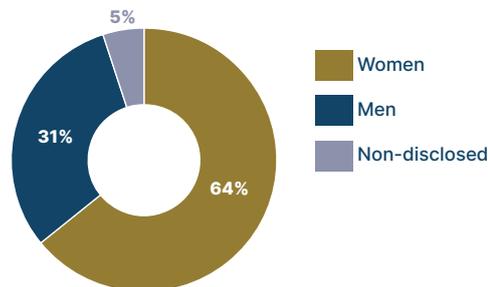
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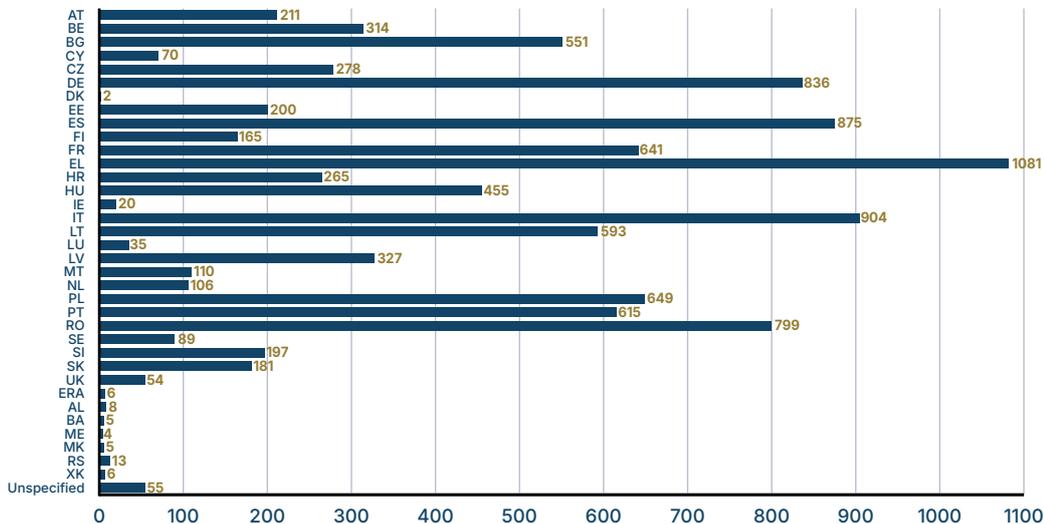
### Number of participants trained by functions



### Gender balance of participants



### Number of participants trained by nationalities



# 2024 Highlights

The year 2024 was filled with special moments and achievements for the European Judicial Training Network! Below are just a few key highlights to remember.

JAN

The 2024 Training Needs Assessment brought together key stakeholders and paved the way for an impactful year full of training activities



FEB

In collaboration with ERA, EJTN continued the project of training court staff on European cross-border civil and criminal procedures and legal English

MAR

EJTN's partnership with the Court of Justice of the European Union resulted in the production of insightful educational videos, deepening knowledge of the EU judiciary's operations

APR

The EJTN Working Group on Digitalisation met for the first time in-person in Paris, France, marking a crucial step in advancing the digital transformation of Justice across Europe

MAY

New key initiatives were launched at an online training session aimed at the EJTN Activity Coordinators

JUN

The EJTN Extraordinary General Assembly held in Brussels, Belgium brought over 100 delegates together to discuss key topics shaping the Network's future



JUL

An important, first-time partnership event with UNESCO on Artificial Intelligence and the Rule of Law took place



AUG

New communication and support channels were introduced in autumn 2024, including the EJTN Newsletter, EJTN Intranet and Digi Helpdesk

SEP

Key priorities for judicial training were defined during the meetings of the EJTN Working Groups and Sub-Working Groups to discuss ongoing activities and develop future initiatives

OCT

The THEMIS Competition turned 15 years, and we celebrated by reflecting on the key milestones and achievements of this prestigious platform



NOV

The third Judges@Europe Forum took place in Syracuse, Italy, exploring key themes of freedom of expression and judicial impartiality in the digital age



DEC

EJTN-HELP crash course on judicial accountability in the digital era was made available to the public, with a dedicated launch event taking place in Strasbourg, France



# 2024 Activities

## INITIAL TRAINING

### AIAKOS Programme

- A record of 1,381 participants attended 44 exchanges that took place in 27 judicial institutions and in 24 EU Member States
- Luxembourg and Malta joined the AIAKOS programme for the first time
- Italy, Luxembourg and Spain made participation in the programme mandatory



### THEMIS Competition

- The THEMIS Competition celebrated its 15th anniversary
- 43 teams from 16 countries participated, with Romania winning the Grand Final, followed by Germany and Spain
- A semi-final dedicated to administrative law was introduced for the first time



“ *The THEMIS competition has been perhaps the most valuable learning experience of our initial training, mixing teamwork and cooperation with our exceptional colleagues throughout Europe.*

– The winning team from Romania

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# CONTINUOUS TRAINING

## Exchanges

- 1,538 justice practitioners from 29 countries, including 368 tutors, took part in an exchange
- Digitalisation was a key focus, becoming a specialisation in court staff exchanges and central theme in exchanges for judicial leaders
- An informational video was produced to explain the different exchange formats and guide applicants through the application process



## Project-Based Exchanges

- 262 participants from 18 EU Member States joined project-based exchanges
- Cross-functional EJTN-CEPOL exchanges improved cooperation between the judiciary and law enforcement
- In the judiciary learning grant programme, EU justice practitioners discussed critical topics like prosecutorial practices in combating hate crimes, discrimination, and domestic violence



## Long-Term Training Periods

- 80 participants from 18 EU Member States joined long-term training periods in four host institutions
- The first long-term training period at the EPPO was successfully launched
- Exchange Programme Working Group began reviewing the evaluation tools for long-term training periods



## Study Visits

- 15 study visits with 479 participants from 24 countries took place
- A key highlight of 2024 was the joint study visit to the CJEU and the EPPO
- Participants observed key hearings, including *Kovačević v. Bosnia and Herzegovina* at the ECtHR and Austria's appeal in Case T-101/18 at the CJEU



## Administrative Law

- 16 training activities brought together 626 justice practitioners from 25 EU Member States
- A key innovation was the increase of training activities available to court staff, and the introduction of four new topics, such as the protection of cross-border EU investment, the framework for tax crimes and the basic notions of antitrust law
- Training activities covered topics such as the judiciary's role, digital market, taxation, digitalisation and the use of AI in administrative procedures



## Civil Law

- 544 participants from 27 EU Member States joined 13 training activities
- The overall purpose of the year's activities was aimed at advancing the digital transformation of justice, with a strong focus on tools such as e-CODEX
- Two forward-looking initiatives were launched, including an online course with the Council of Europe and the EJTN Member Scuola Superiore della Magistratura, and a learning video on the 1958 New York Convention with the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA)



## Criminal Justice

- 31 training activities were attended by 745 participants from 25 EU Member States, with 69 participants attending EJTN-CEPOL training activities
- Key successes included seminars on the European Investigation Order, which highlighted the importance of access to justice through the e-Evidence Digital Exchange System (eEDES)
- The EJTN-ERA Consortium completed its training activities for the year under the Framework Contract for Services JUST.EPPO/LUX/2020/OP/000



## Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

- 325 participants from 22 EU Member States and one Western Balkan country joined 12 training activities
- Key partnerships with the HELP Programme, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, the Association of European Administrative Judges and the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology were successfully continued
- Key training topics included the Rule of Law, access to justice, and the dialogue between courts in the digital era



## Digitalisation

- The first in-person meeting of the EJTN Working Group on Digitalisation took place with strategic initiatives, such as the 'Digital passport' project, approved
- 165 participants attended the three dedicated training activities held under the digitalisation portfolio
- EJTN partnered with UNESCO for seminars on AI, hosted a key seminar on the digital transformation and instruments of cooperation, organised its first Digital Park and supported the launch of member initiatives, such as a virtual classroom



## Linguistics

- A total of 56 training activities that engaged 372 participants in person and 444 participants online were delivered
- A successful pilot initiative 'English for Judicial Leaders' implemented blended learning
- A Spanish language handbook on legal terminology and judicial cooperation in civil matters was published



## Judicial Training Methods

- The Judicial Training Methods Working Group marked its 10th anniversary and hosted 13 training activities for 289 participants
- Six training activities were dedicated to judicial trainers, focusing on new technologies, Virtual Reality and pedagogical innovations
- A comparative study of judicial training institutions and a sub-group focused on Women in Justice were launched



## Catalogue+

- 12 EJTN Members contributed to the Catalogue+ programme in 2024
- 224 participants from 12 EU countries attended 23 training activities
- Participants praised the quality of training, expert facilitators, the wealth of information, and the international atmosphere



## Catalogue of Members' Activities

- 126 seminars were held under the Catalogue in 2024, attended by 69 participants
- The initiative continued to promote various judicial training events, integrating activities organised and selected by EJTN Members
- Similarly to previous years, participants strengthened their knowledge of EU law, improved language skills and gained insights into relevant national laws



## DIGITAL TRAINING & RESOURCES

### Lunchtime Webinars

- 22 Lunchtime Webinars were organised, with a total attendance of over 3,000 participants, marking a 86.5% increase compared to 2023
- The webinars addressed key topics such as online manipulation, AI in judicial decision-making and legal language
- A session focused on the benefits and risks of AI attracted over 200 participants, setting a new record in the series for active attendance



## Digital Resources, Publications and Communication Activities

- Two important digital resources, the EJTN Intranet and the EJTN Digi Helpdesk, were introduced to streamline collaboration and knowledge-sharing between EJTN and its key stakeholders even further
- Three key publications were launched, including a comprehensive bilingual publication titled 'The Rule of Law and the Good Administration of Justice in the Digital Era', a Spanish language handbook and the 2025 EJTN Catalogue of Training Activities
- The regularity and consistency of EJTN's communication activities were improved throughout the year, including the launch of a monthly newsletter, comprehensive brand guidelines and a tailored Communications & Marketing Strategy 2024-2027



## PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

### Court Staff Integration

- A total of 2,234 court staff participated in EJTN's continuous training activities in 2024, marking a 24% increase from the previous year
- In partnership with ERA, EJTN organised three seminars on European civil and criminal law aimed at court staff
- Participation in the 50th anniversary of the National School of Clerks reaffirmed EJTN's commitment to addressing court staff training needs



## Judges@Europe Forum

- The third edition of the prestigious Judges@Europe Forum gathered 48 judges selected by lot to discuss judicial impartiality, judicial independence, the impact of digitalisation on decision-making, politically sensitive cases, media influence and the role of AI algorithms
- Two significant projects initiated during the 2023 Judges@Europe Forum were successfully completed in 2024: a groundbreaking, bilingual publication 'The Rule of Law and the Good Administration of Justice in the Digital Era' with Larcier Intersentia and the 'Judges Upholding the Rule of Law Crash Course' with the Council of Europe's HELP Programme
- Now a regular activity, the Forum has become a cornerstone of EJTN's annual initiatives, reflecting the dedication and hard work of its Members



## Western Balkans II Project

- 133 national experts and future trainers attended seven in-depth workshops
- The workshops provided hands-on learning through real-life case studies, covering criminal, civil, administrative, and commercial law, as well as the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights
- Regional cooperation remained a priority, with 18 justice practitioners from the region participating in EJTN events across Europe



## Special Project under the Single Market Programme (2024–2025)

- 124 participants received training in 2024, with six additional sessions and two study visits scheduled for 2025
- These activities equip judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officials involved in financial and economic crime investigations with essential knowledge of EU competition law
- They also strengthen collaboration between competition authorities and judicial and law enforcement professionals, enhancing the detection and prosecution of anti-competitive practices

# The Network

EJTN brings together a wide network of institutions from across Europe, including Members, Associate Members, Observers and Partners. Together, all stakeholders develop, implement and promote a range of high-quality judicial training activities and initiatives.

EJTN is guided by a nine-member Steering Committee elected for three years at a time. Five Working Groups, led by elected Conveners, plan and implement projects, supported by Sub-Working Groups addressing specific topics.

Below is the complete composition of the EJTN Steering Committee, Working Groups and Sub-Working Groups for 2024.

## EJTN Steering Committee

### Chair

**Netherlands** Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary (SSR)

### Members

**Austria** Federal Ministry of Justice

**Belgium** Judicial Training Institute (IFJ / IGO)

**Germany** Federal Ministry of Justice

**Italy** School for the Judiciary (SSM)

**Portugal** Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ)

**Romania** National Institute of Magistracy (NIM)

**Spain** Judicial School

**Academy of European Law** (ERA)

## Digitalisation Working Group

### Convener

**France** National School for the Judiciary (ENM)

### Members

**Belgium** Judicial Training Institute (IFJ/IGO)

**Bulgaria** National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

**Croatia** Judicial Academy

**Estonia** Office of the Prosecutor General

**France** National School of Clerks (ENG)

**Germany** Federal Ministry of Justice

**Greece** National School of the Judiciary (ESDI)

**Italy** High Council for the Judiciary

**Italy** School for the Judiciary (SSM)

**Latvia** Latvian Judicial Training Centre

**Netherlands** Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary

(SSR)

**Poland** National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (KSSIP)

**Portugal** Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ)

**Portugal** Directorate-General of Justice Administration (DGAJ)

**Romania** National Institute of Magistracy (NIM)

**Romania** National School of Clerks

**Spain** Centre for Legal Studies (CEJ)

**Spain** Judicial School

**Sweden** Prosecution Authority

## Exchange Programme Working Group

### Convener

**Belgium** Judicial Training Institute (IFJ / IGO)

### Members

**Austria** Federal Ministry of Justice

**Bulgaria** National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

**Croatia** Judicial Academy

**Czech Republic** Judicial Academy

**Estonia** Office of the Prosecutor General

**Estonia** Supreme Court

**France** National School for the Judiciary (ENM)

**France** National School of Clerks (ENG)

**Germany** Federal Ministry of Justice

**Greece** National School of the Judiciary (ESDI)

**Hungary** National Office for the Judiciary

**Italy** School for the Judiciary (SSM)

**Italy** Ministry of Justice

**Lithuania** National Courts Administration

**Netherlands** Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary (SSR)

**Poland** National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (KSSIP)

**Portugal** Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ)

**Portugal** Directorate-General of Justice Administration (DGAJ)

**Romania** National Institute of Magistracy (NIM)

**Romania** National School of Clerks

**Slovenia** Judicial Training Centre (JTC)

**Spain** Centre for Legal Studies (CEJ)

**Spain** Judicial School

## Judicial Training Methods Working Group

### Convener

**Portugal** Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ)

### Members

**Belgium** Judicial Training Institute (IFJ/IGO)

**Bulgaria** National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

**Croatia** Judicial Academy

**Czech Republic** Judicial Academy

**Estonia** Office of the Prosecutor General

**Finland** National Courts Administration (NCA)

**France** National School for the Judiciary (ENM)

**France** National School of Clerks (ENG)

**Germany** Federal Ministry of Justice

**Greece** National School of the Judiciary (ESDI)

**Hungary** Office of the Prosecutor General

**Ireland** Judicial Council

**Italy** High Council for the Judiciary (CSM)

**Italy** School for the Judiciary (SSM)

**Lithuania** National Courts Administration

**Netherlands** Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary (SSR)

**Poland** National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (KSSIP)

**Portugal** Directorate-General of Justice Administration (DGAJ)

**Romania** National Institute of Magistracy (NIM)

**Romania** National School of Clerks

**Slovenia** Judicial Training Centre (JTC)

**Spain** Judicial School

**Sweden** Judicial Training Academy

**Academy of European Law** (ERA)

### Observers

**North Macedonia** Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors

**United Kingdom** Judicial College of England and Wales

**United Kingdom – Scotland** Judicial Institute for Scotland

**Serbia** Judicial Academy

## Linguistics Working Group

### Convener

**Czech Republic** Judicial Academy

### Members

**Belgium** Judicial Training Institute (IFJ / IGO)

**Croatia** Judicial Academy

**France** National School for the Judiciary (ENM)

**Germany** Federal Ministry of Justice

**Greece** National School of the Judiciary (ESDI)

**Hungary** National Office for the Judiciary (NOJ)

**Hungary** Office of the Prosecutor General

**Italy** School for the Judiciary (SSM)

**Italy** Ministry of Justice

**Lithuania** National Courts Administration

**Lithuania** Office of the Prosecutor General

**Poland** National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (KSSIP)

**Portugal** Directorate-General of Justice Administration (DGAJ)

**Romania** National Institute of Magistracy (NIM)

**Romania** National School of Clerks

**Slovenia** Judicial Training Centre (JTC)

**Spain** Centre for Legal Studies (CEJ)

**Spain** Judicial School

**Academy of European Law** (ERA)

### Observers

**North Macedonia** Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors

## Programmes Working Group

### Convener

**Academy of European Law** (ERA)

### Members

**Austria** Federal Ministry of Justice

**Belgium** Judicial Training Institute (IFJ / IGO)

**Bulgaria** National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

**Croatia** Judicial Academy

**Czech Republic** Judicial Academy

**Finland** National Courts Administration (NCA)

**France** National School for the Judiciary (ENM)

**France** National School of Clerks (ENG)

**Germany** Federal Ministry of Justice

**Greece** National School of the Judiciary (ESDI)

**Hungary** Office of the Prosecutor General

**Italy** School for the Judiciary (SSM)

**Italy** High Council for the Judiciary (CSM)

**Italy** Ministry of Justice

**Latvia** Latvian Judicial Training Centre (LJTC)

**Lithuania** National Courts Administration

**Lithuania** Office of the Prosecutor General

**Poland** National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (KSSIP)

**Portugal** Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ)

**Portugal** Directorate-General of Justice Administration (DGAJ)

**Romania** National Institute of Magistracy (NIM)

**Romania** National School of Clerks

**Slovenia** Judicial Training Centre (JTC)

**Spain** Centre for Legal Studies (CEJ)

**Spain** Judicial School

## Sub-Working Group on Administrative Law

### Convener

**Romania** National Institute of Magistracy (NIM)

### Members

**Austria** Federal Ministry of Justice

**Bulgaria** National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

**Croatia** Judicial Academy

**Finland** National Courts Administration

**Greece** National School of the Judiciary (ESDI)

**Italy** School for the Judiciary (SSM)

**Italy** High Council for the Judiciary

**Portugal** Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ)

**Portugal** Directorate-General of Justice Administration (DGAJ)

**Slovenia** Judicial Training Centre (JTC)

**Academy of European Law** (ERA)

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## Sub-Working Group on Civil Law

### Convener

**Italy** School for the Judiciary (SSM)

### Members

**Belgium** Judicial Training Institute (IFJ/IGO)

**Bulgaria** National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

**Croatia** Judicial Academy

**Finland** National Courts Administration (NCA)

**France** National School for the Judiciary (ENM)

**France** National School of Clerks (ENG)

**Germany** Federal Ministry of Justice

**Greece** National School of the Judiciary (ESDI)

**Poland** National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution

**Portugal** Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ)

**Portugal** Directorate-General of Justice Administration (DGAJ)

**Romania** National Institute of Magistracy (NIM)

**Romania** National School of Clerks

**Spain** Judicial School

**Academy of European Law** (ERA)

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## Sub-Working Group on Criminal Justice

### Convener

**Spain** Centre for Legal Studies (CEJ)

### Members

**Austria** Federal Ministry of Justice

**Belgium** Judicial Training Institute (IFJ/IGO)

**Bulgaria** National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

**Croatia** Judicial Academy

**Czech Republic** Judicial Academy

**Finland** National Courts Administration

**France** National School for the Judiciary (ENM)

**France** National School of Clerks (ENG)

**Germany** Federal Ministry of Justice

**Greece** National School of the Judiciary (ESDI)

**Hungary** Office of the Prosecutor General

**Italy** School for the Judiciary (SSM)

**Italy** High Council for the Judiciary

**Poland** National School for Judiciary and Public Prosecution (KSSIP)

**Portugal** Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ)

**Portugal** Directorate-General of Justice Administration (DGAJ)

**Romania** National Institute of Magistracy (NIM)

**Romania** National School of Clerks

**Spain** Judicial School (CGPJ)

**Academy of European Law** (ERA)

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## Sub-Working Group on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

### Convener

**Slovenia** Judicial Training Centre (JTC)

### Members

**Austria** Ministry of Justice

**Bulgaria** National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

**Croatia** Judicial Academy

**France** National School for the Judiciary (ENM)

**Germany** Federal Ministry of Justice

**Greece** National School of the Judiciary (ESDI)

**Hungary** Office of the Prosecutor General

**Italy** School for the Judiciary (SSM)

**Latvia** Latvian Judicial Training Centre

**Lithuania** Office of the Prosecutor General

**Malta** Court Services Agency

**Poland** National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (KSSIP)

**Portugal** Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ)

**Spain** Centre for Legal Studies (CEJ)

**Spain** Judicial School

**Academy of European Law** (ERA)

# From our stakeholders

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*"EJTN and the Court of Justice are key partners for upholding the EU Rule of Law. We can be proud of our long-term training programme and other areas of cooperation, which enhance knowledge about EU law by national justice professionals and thus contribute to building up a common judicial culture in Europe."*

**Koen Lenaerts**

President of the Court of Justice of the European Union

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*"Through its cross-border training initiatives, EJTN promotes knowledge of EU law among national justice professionals, thereby contributing to its uniform application across the Member States and to greater mutual understanding between their judicial authorities in cross-border proceedings."*

**Alfredo Calot Escobar**

Registrar at the Court of Justice of the European Union

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*"In times when Europe is implementing the AI Act, the partnership between UNESCO and EJTN has proven transformative in preparing Europe's judges for the AI age while protecting human rights and upholding the Rule of Law. UNESCO greatly values the cooperation with EJTN in delivering high-quality training programmes adapted for the European judiciary. We look forward to expanding our collaboration to chart new frontiers and shape the future of the judicial system in the digital age."*

**Guilherme Canela**

Director for Digital Inclusion and Policies and Digital Transformation, UNESCO

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*"Practice and professional development go hand in glove, making Eurojust and EJTN natural partners. I am deeply grateful for the European esprit de corps EJTN fosters among judicial practitioners, uniting them in purpose and enabling vital cross-border judicial cooperation."*

**Michael Schmid**

President of Eurojust

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*"Integrating the judiciary perspective into police training is crucial, just as a judicial understanding of law enforcement realities, capabilities, and operational methods is vital for effective adjudication. The exchange of expertise through EJTN-CEPOL joint training programmes plays a critical role in ensuring that the expectations of EU citizens regarding environmental protection and the fight against climate change are met. These programmes provide an essential platform for law enforcement and judicial officers to discuss emerging crime trends, innovative investigative methods, and the practical application of cross-border cooperation tools."*

**Montserrat Marín López**

Executive Director of CEPOL

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*"Through the dialogue between European judges and diverse participants in its conferences, EJTN not only trains judges but also enables horizontal cooperation between practitioners in the field, which is an essential factor in identifying strengths and obstacles. The recent forum held in Syracuse was attended by many high-level female judges and speakers, and it was particularly fruitful. The discussions held in the group on high-profile cases allowed for an opportunity to see how similar the challenges faced in each of the participating countries were, and to reflect together on the actions to be taken to overcome them. Such exchanges obviously contribute to strengthening the Rule of Law."*

**Madeleine Mathieu**

President of the ENCJ

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*"As a key player in the exchange of judicial practices within the European area, EJTN must now contribute, through training and exchange of experience, to the great challenge of the digital transformation of justice. GEMME is very honoured to be able to contribute its expertise in this field. Let's work together to build a 21st century justice system that preserves the human element."*

**Frédérique D'Agostini**

President of GEMME

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*"Study visits and long-term training through EJTN offer judicial practitioners a unique opportunity to gain firsthand experience and actively engage with institutions like the European Public Prosecutor's Office, deepening their understanding of a transnational prosecution office in action."*

**Laura Codruța Kövesi**

European Chief Prosecutor, EPPO

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*"Training, experience and knowledge-sharing and peer support are key to promoting integrity and instilling strong ethical values among the members of the judiciary. EJTN plays an active role in fostering these values through its initiatives, and we are always pleased to collaborate in advancing our shared goals and creating positive change."*

**Tatiana Veress**

Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer,  
Coordinator of the Global Judicial Integrity Network,  
UNODC

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*"Equipping justice professionals with the skills and knowledge necessary to uphold the Rule of Law is more important than ever. EJTN's work in this regard is invaluable. I have witnessed first-hand how EJTN's courses and initiatives have not only enhanced expertise of judges and prosecutors in the field of international and transnational criminal law but have also fostered individual and institutional cooperation and collaboration."*

**Beti Hohler**

International Criminal Court Judge

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