EJTN TRAINING
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)
IN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
8 – 9 October 2015 — Higher Administrative Court of Saxony – Bautzen – Germany

PANEL OF SPEAKERS

Holger BÖHMANN (Germany)
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Holger Böhmann, appointed judge in 1996, holds a lifetime appointment at the High Administrative Court of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and has served in justice administration functions at courts, the Federal Ministry of Justice in Berlin, the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), and as several Election Observer with the OSCE and the Council of Europe. He is currently the acting head of the personnel department of the Ministry of Justice of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. Judge Böhmann became a certified mediator in 2005, and has a longstanding experience in court mediations for administrative cases.

He has extensive experience as a trainer and expert-speaker for several German and European Institutions, in particular through his position as Vice-President of the Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ), Co-chair of the AEAJ Working Group on Asylum and Migration, former President of the Board of the Association of Administrative Judges of the Federal State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (VEV M-V), Delegate for Europe of the German Federal Association of Administrative Judges (BDVR), and his work with the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation. He has been a trainer at the EJTN since 2012, under the framework of the EJTN-AE AJ partnership in the field of administrative law judicial training.

Lecture/Workshop:

- Seminar Moderator
- Legal Certainty and Legal Protection (Friday, 9 October 2015, 10:30-11:30)

Avi SCHNEEBALG (GEMME)
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Avi Schneebalg is a civil Judge in Belgium and the President of the Belgian Chapter of the European Association of Judges for Mediation (GEMME). He is a pioneer in civil and commercial mediation at the national and EU levels and has over thirty years of experience as a mediator and practicing attorney in Civil and Commercial Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution, providing mediation, mediation advocacy and negotiation strategy services in
both national and transnational commercial disputes. He has mediated civil and commercial cases at the request of judges and court systems, individual and corporate parties, chambers of commerce and attorneys.

Mr Schneeba is also a member of the International Mediation Institute, and a lecturer of Negotiation and Mediation at the University of Antwerp, the University of Ghent, and the Belgian Judicial Training Institute (IGO-IFJ). He has a longstanding experience as a trainer and expert-speaker at European and international conferences in the fields of mediation, negotiation and conflict resolution.

Lecture/Workshop: Mediation vs Judicial Proceedings: Advantages & Disadvantages (Thursday, 8 October 2015, 09:30 – 10:45)

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Ingo Weustenfeld studied law at the Universities of Passau and Bonn, Germany and at Université Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris. He worked for about three years as judge at the Court of Appeal in Cologne, Germany.

In 2001, he was seconded to the German Federal Ministry of Justice where he worked in the unit for International Criminal Law Co-operation. Being responsible for the international fight against money laundering, he was also in charge of the liaison to the Financial Action Task Force against Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (FATF). His main achievements in that time were the negotiations of the UN convention against Corruption, of the European Arrest Warrant as well as of the (at that time) 8 FATF Special Recommendations against the Financing of Terrorism.

From 2003 until 2008, he worked at the European Commission Information Society Directorate-General (now DG Connect) where he contributed to the drafting of the two Roaming Regulations which led to considerable price cuts for mobile telephone communications within the EU.

In 2008, he started to work at the Justice, Freedom and Security Directorate General (the part which then turned into DG Home Affairs) of the European Commission where he was in charge of developing policies and legislative proposals to counter the financing of terrorism and money laundering.

In January 2013, he moved to the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Justice. He works in the unit for General Justice Policies and Judicial Systems and has in particular been responsible for developing and drafting the EU’s general strategy in the field of justice policy. He is also in charge of administrative law within the Directorate-General.

Workshop/Lecture: Mediation and other ADR Methods in the European Context (Thursday, 8 October 2015, 11:15 – 12:00)
### Romina CANESSA (Italy)
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Romina Canessa is a lawyer and a consultant for the Italian firm, ADR Center Srl. She holds a Juris Doctor Degree in Law from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York and a Bachelor of Science Degree in International Politics from the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.

Ms. Canessa has served as an expert for the development of ADR systems and mechanisms worldwide, most notably she has been extensively involved in launching and implementing the project “Establishing the Afghanistan Center for Dispute Resolution,” the first commercial dispute resolution center in Afghanistan located in Kabul. Prior to joining the ADR Center, Ms. Canessa worked in Peru on anti-corruption, judicial and electoral reform projects.

She is the co-author of “Re-booting the Mediation Directive: Assessing the Limited Impact of its Implementation and Proposing Measures to Increase the Number of Mediations in the EU,” as well as a contributor to various law journals and studies in the fields of ADR and Mediation.

**Workshop/Lecture:** *Workshop: Mandatory Mediation* (Thursday, 8 October 2015, 13:30 – 17:00)

### Eric LANCKSWEERDT (Belgium)
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Eric Lancksweerdt is a senior lecturer of Negotiation and Mediation at the University of Hasselt School of Law, with extensive publications in the field of administrative law, mediation, citizen rights and participation, philosophy of law, and legal reform.

Between 1984 and 1987, Mr Lancksweerdt was as a civil servant for the Belgium government and later an assistant in administrative law at the University of Ghent School of Law. Between 1990 and 2014, he served as a magistrate at the Belgium Council of State, as well as an assistant professor for Negotiation and Mediation and a guest lecturer on spatial planning at the University of Antwerp School of Law.

Professor Lancksweerdt’s most recent publications focused on issues of procedural fairness in administrative law, citizen’s participation, and law and development.

**Workshop/Lecture:** *Workshop: ADR Simulation* (Thursday, 8 October 2015, 13:30 – 17:00)

### Domingos Miguel SOARES FARINHO (Portugal)
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Domingos Soares Farinho is a lecturer and researcher at University of Lisbon School of Law, a member of the Portuguese Institute for Legal and Political Sciences (ICJP), and the President of the Centre of Arbitration and
Dispute Resolution of the University of Lisbon School of Law. He has previously served as the Director of the Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution of the Portuguese Ministry of Justice.

His research interests cover the areas of Fundamental Rights, Administrative Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Third Sector Law. He has been a speaker at conferences and trainings and has published extensively in these fields.

Professor Soares Farinho is also a practicing attorney specialized in Public Law and Third Sector Law, and a partner of a Third Sector consultancy firm that assists the non-profit sector to developing and delivering its goals.

Workshop/Lecture: Quality Standards & Certification for Mediators: Determining Quality Criteria in Mediation (Friday, 9 October 2015, 09:00 – 10:00)

Gerda ZIMMERER (Germany)
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Gerda Zimmerer is a Judge at the High Administrative Court of Bavaria, as well as a conciliator and coordinator of mediation for Bavarian administrative courts. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the Association for Bavarian Administrative Judges, and was an active participant in the Bavarian Pilot Project on Mediation in Administrative Courts (2009-2011).

Judge Zimmerer obtained her law degree from the Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich and served as a scientific assistant at the University’s Institute for International Law from 1987 to 1990. She held the position of State Attorney at the Administrative Court of Munich from 1990 to 1993, and was later Head of Department at the district administrative office in Munich, entrusted with matters of public security. Between 1997 and 2002, she was a civil servant and the head of division for policy guidelines of the State of Bavaria, and later served at the Administrative Court of Munich until 2011, specializing in tax law and immigration matters.

Workshop/Lecture: Best Practices in ADR: Pilot Project in Bavaria for Administrative Courts (Friday, 9 October 2015, 11:30 – 12:30)

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