



Best Practices in training of judges and prosecutors

Category of practice: **Implementation of Training Tools to Favour the Correct Application of EU Law and International Judicial Co-operation**

Type of practice: **Good Practice**

Country: **Hungary (Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia)**

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| Title of practice | Judges and Prosecutors from Neighbouring Countries/Regions are Trained Together in EU Law (and Language), Reflecting the Existing 'Operational Co-operation' |
| <i>Key features:</i> | <p>The judicial training institutions of Visegrad group countries (V4) have established a firm regional co-operation, consisting of organising training activities on judicial co-operation in Europe. The institutions participating in the co-operation are: the National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution of Poland; the Judicial Academy of the Czech Republic; the Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic; the Hungarian Academy of Justice appointed within the National Office for the Judiciary in Hungary and the Office of the General Prosecutor of Hungary.</p> <p>These institutions believe that historical reasons, their geographical closeness, and their similar experiences with EU integration mean they share the same needs in the training of judges and prosecutors in the area of European judicial co-operation. In the last three years, various training events have been organised.</p> <p>One example is the project developed by the judicial training institutions of three of the Visegrad countries (Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland) and Croatia, called 'Language Training for Judges and Prosecutors'. The project is coordinated by the Hungarian Ministry of Public Administration and Justice and is financially supported by the European Commission.</p> <p>The project aims at improving the legal, professional and English-language knowledge and skills of the participating criminal judges and prosecutors. The language training focuses on the legal terminology of general European Union law and Union legal acts, and especially on the legal terminology used in the field of judicial co-operation in criminal matters. The practice is applied in continuous training.</p> |

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| | <p>Another example is a series of training seminars on the following topics: "Judicial co-operation in criminal matters in EU, specifically within V4 Group", "Evidences in criminal proceedings. Progress in Forensic Science. Role and importance of examination of Crime Science", "Remedies for breach of EU law", "Exchanging criminal records and taking into account of convictions in the EU", "Acquisition and admissibility of foreign evidence in the EU: from mutual assistance to mutual recognition", "Extradition and surrender: EAW", "Professional ethics of the judge and prosecutor", " Fight against corruption", and "Judicial co-operation in criminal matters – European and regional".</p> <p>At each event, every partner can appoint 10 participants, judges or prosecutors. The trainers are invited from the countries of origin of the co-operation's partnership. The training events (apart from the travel costs) are financed by the hosting institutions. The working languages are English and the language of the hosting institution.</p> <p>Besides these training events, the project has resulted in the creation of a pool of experts in the region in this area of law. Moreover, it has proven to be a perfect tool to create mutual understanding among judges and prosecutors from the region, tightening their mutual relations and networks.</p> |
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| <p><i>Other comments</i></p> | <p>This practice is applied for training events for continuous training. It is transferable, especially when structures for regional co-operation already exist.</p> |

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