

THE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME IN BRIEF

ACTIVITY	LENGTH	LANGUAGE	LOCATION
JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS			
General exchanges	10 days*	Host country's or <i>lingua franca</i>	Courts, prosecution offices
Specialised exchanges	5 days	Host country's or <i>lingua franca</i>	Courts, prosecution offices
Bilateral exchanges	5 days	Host country's or <i>lingua franca</i>	Courts, prosecution offices
Study visits	2 to 5 days	English or French	CJEU, ECtHR, Eurojust, EU institutions, FRA, HCCH
Long-term training periods	3 to 12 months	English or French	CJEU, ECtHR, Eurojust
COURT PRESIDENTS AND CHIEF PROSECUTORS			
Judicial leaders' exchanges	3 to 5 days	Host country's or <i>lingua franca</i>	Courts, prosecution offices
FUTURE OR EARLY-CAREER JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS			
AIAKOS Programme	2 weeks (1 week abroad and 1 week in home country)	English	Judicial training institutions, courts, prosecution offices
JUDICIAL TRAINERS			
Trainers' exchanges	5 days	Host country's or <i>lingua franca</i>	Judicial training institutions

* Some general exchanges may last 5 days depending on the host institution.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Travel and daily expenses are covered by EJTN through the payment of a per diem or, where applicable, the reimbursement on a real cost basis.

HOW TO APPLY

A call for applications is launched during the autumn of each year and communicated through EJTN's Member and partner institutions and on the EJTN website.

Candidates with a strong professional motivation and good knowledge of the working language of the activity location are invited to submit their interest via the application forms available on the EJTN website.

EJTN works with its Member and partner institutions to preselect and allocate applicants according to available places in the participating countries or institutions.

Selected candidates are notified by EJTN within 2 months after the closing of the application period.



The Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities



"In my opinion, EJTN activities are the best. They give practitioners an opportunity to share their knowledge with colleagues from other EU countries, which is invaluable."

A Polish prosecutor

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ABOUT

Launched in 2005 at the initiative of the European Parliament, the Exchange Programme for judicial authorities is the EJTN flagship programme. Through this programme, EJTN provides quality activities that meet the current and future needs of the European judiciary. Today, EJTN is recognised as best placed to implement exchanges between judicial authorities.



Mock trial
AIAKOS programme
Bordeaux, France

"It was a great pleasure to participate in the study visit. Such an interesting and fruitful experience for European judges!"

A Greek judge

The Exchange Programme's main purpose is to enhance the European judiciary's practical knowledge of other judicial systems as well as European and human rights law through direct contacts, exchange of views and experiences between judges, prosecutors and trainers from different EU Member States (EU MS).

The Exchange Programme also aims to develop a European judicial culture based on mutual trust between judicial authorities in the common European judicial area.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE...

Short-term exchanges in EU MS

- **General exchanges:** Organised either individually or in groups of judges and prosecutors from several EU MS, general exchanges allow participants to receive an introduction to the judicial system of the host country, attend hearings and exchange with their counterparts from the visited court or prosecution office.
- **Specialised exchanges:** Judges and prosecutors can extend their expertise in a specific area of law in a court or prosecution office of another EU MS. Over 15 specialisations are offered each year in various EU MS.
- **Bilateral exchanges:** On their own initiative, groups of judges or prosecutors from the same court or prosecution office spend a week in a court or prosecution office of another EU MS and exchange experiences and best practices on a specific topic of common interest.
- **Judicial leaders' exchanges:** Designed for court presidents and chief prosecutors, these exchanges aim to shape vital skills by focusing on issues such as leadership and management for professionals, communication and relation with the media, financial and IT management and human resources.
- **Trainers' exchanges:** Judicial trainers learn more about the host country's methodologies, pedagogical tools and programmes as well as exchange best practices with their colleagues about the training of judges and prosecutors in the EU MS.

AIAKOS Programme

The programme is addressed specifically for future and early-career judges and prosecutors, giving them the opportunity to learn about other judicial systems and training curricula, strengthening their knowledge of EU law and judicial cooperation instruments and developing beneficial contacts with counterparts that will enhance their future careers.

What the programme offers you...

- Gain knowledge of EU MS judicial systems
- Exchange best practices
- Boost your professional network
- Improve your language skills



General exchange
Venice, Italy

Training activities in European and international organisations

- **Study visits:** Organised for groups of participants from different nationalities at the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), Eurojust, the EU institutions in Brussels, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and The Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH), these provide beneficiaries with insights into the functioning and procedures of the host institutions.
- **Long-term training periods:** Offered on an individual basis at the CJEU, the ECtHR and Eurojust, these allow for an in-depth immersion of the participants into the work of the host institution.

"For me, the exchange was the most fruitful and challenging professional experience up to the present."

A Czech judge

"It surpassed all my expectations. Discussing with a colleague-president who has the same issues as I have, but operates in a different context, was a great experience!"

A Belgian court president