

## AIAKOS PROGRAMME

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#### Description and objectives of the AIAKOS Programme

The EJTN AIAKOS Programme is addressed specifically to future and early-career judges, giving them the opportunity to learn about other judicial systems and training curricula, enhance their knowledge of EU law and judicial cooperation instruments as well as meet with their counterparts and develop useful contacts for their future professional life.

The AIAKOS Programme's objectives are:

- To bring together future or newly appointed judges from different EU Member States;
- To foster mutual understanding of different European judicial cultures and systems;
- To raise awareness of the European dimension of their (future) work.

#### Specificity of the AIAKOS Programme in Finland

In Finland, at the moment, only judges are taking part to the AIAKOS and Finnish courts take care of the hosting of AIAKOS by themselves. Thus, the participants will see and experience the reality of the judges' work during their exchange. The hosting institution changes yearly and it will be decided later on the spring.

#### Key points for the host institution's programme

As mentioned, Finnish courts are hosting and they will make the programmes as well. In this way, every exchange is unique. There are, of course, general topics as learning the Finnish judicial system, participating to the court hearing and visits in other government agencies or courts (e.g. Ministry of Justice, The Parliament, Supreme or Supreme Administrative court, prison, prosecutors, etc. depending of the city where the exchange takes place and its possibilities). In addition, depending of the city, there are different options for free time as well, for example: sauna, swimming in the hole of ice, meeting the Santa Claus.

#### Content of the host institution's programme

As it is not known in advance which court will be hosting the AIAKOS participants in Finland, no additional information can be provided about the content.

#### Additional information

As the AIAKOS Programme is organized only for a small group of participants, 6 in total, it feels more like peer-to-peer exchange, even if it is a group exchange.

