

AIKOS PROGRAMME

FRANCE – NATIONAL SCHOOL FOR THE JUDICIARY



Description and objectives of the AIKOS Programme

The EJTN AIKOS 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 AIKOS 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 host institution

The French national school for the judiciary, *Ecole nationale de la magistrature (ENM)*, founded in 1958, is the only school in France for judges and prosecutors. It is a national public administrative body under the supervision of the ministry of justice. Thanks to its status, the school is autonomous in the management of its administrative and financial resources. The ENM has a budget of around 34 million euro.

The school has several missions:

- Organising competitive examinations for admission to the judiciary
- Providing professional training for future French judges and prosecutors
- In-service training for serving judges and prosecutors in France
- Training judges and prosecutors from foreign States which have cooperation agreements with France
- Training for non-professional judges and those who contribute to the justice system

These missions are divided up between two main departments:

- The Recruitment, Initial Training and Research Department based in Bordeaux
- The In-Service Training, International Relation and Professional Training Department, based in Paris



Key points for the host institution's programme

One of the aims of the ENM is to allow the construction of a common European culture and identity.

A varied programme is proposed to the trainees who may be around 300 (around one hundred foreign trainees and 200 French trainees): round tables, workshops, mock trials, English, German, Italian and Spanish classes, visits to local courts and to a detention centre, movies.

French tutors are foreseen to coach the trainees every day. National and international experts come to the ENM to hold the round tables, seminars and workshops.

Content of the host institution's programme

The provisional programme is as follows:

- Round table on fighting terrorism
- Round table on building a European professional judicial identity
- Workshop on "Becoming a judge or a prosecutor"
- Workshop on Ethics and Professional Conduct
- Workshop Judgecraft
- Conference "Mutual legal assistance in criminal matter and the role of Eurojust"
- Mock trials
- Visit of courts
- Visit of Bordeaux detention centre

Additional information

The ENM only hosts during the second term of the year.

The activities proposed to the trainees are based on seminar-like activities and working groups rather than peer-to-peer.

