

## AIKOS PROGRAMME

### GERMANY, LOCAL COURTS AND PROSECUTION OFFICES



#### 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

Germany is a federal country. All future or newly appointed judges and prosecutors work in the different states (Länder). The role of the Federal Office of Justice is to distribute participants to the different Länder which organise the AIKOS programme on their own responsibility.

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

German AIKOS participants are not trainees anymore, but newly appointed judges. Our AIKOS programme has a very strong peer-to-peer component. There are group activities, but in principle each of our guests has an individual host who is responsible for the success of the exchange programme.

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

Every host/hosting institution will create a programme on its own responsibility, there is no standard programme for the AIKOS programme in Germany. However, there are some elements that are in principle included: A host will be provided as a counter-partner for the assistance of each guest. The guests are given the opportunity to get to know the individual workplace of their hosts and their daily work routine for several hours. The fixed part of the specialist programme includes an introduction into German civil procedure law, German criminal procedure law and into German court organisation as well as a visit of a court hearing. In addition, the groups will, as a rule, visit further institutions such as prisons, Faculties of Law or bar associations. With the supporting cultural programme the focus is placed on getting to know each other personally and on the regional culture.

#### Additional information

As said above, the details of the programme depend from the specific host/hosting institution.

