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The Prosecutor General's Office  
of the Republic of Latvia  
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**EJTN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SEMINAR-CR/2021/12**  
**THE EUROPEAN INVESTIGATION ORDER IN PRACTICE**

**ADVANCED TRAINING**

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This day-and-a-half day training is aimed at enhancing effective cooperation and mutual trust among the European judiciary. This advanced seminar will deal with obtaining evidence in complex cross border cases. The seminar focuses on the Directive on the European Investigation Order (EIO) and similar legal instruments and their mutual interference, including the latest international case law.

Plenary sessions are limited and aimed at providing a forum to introduce different legal and practical obstacles. Different case scenarios are developed to further discuss those obstacles more in detail in international workshops guided by experts. In addition thereto, the participants will also have the opportunity to seat together in a bilateral workshop, working closely together with

another country to overcome the legal and practical differences in gathering, obtaining and using evidence amongst them in a specifically tailored case scenario. The exchange of best practices and experiences on how differences in national systems can affect EU cross-border investigations will be at the core of the seminar. The training will gather judges and prosecutors from several countries of the EU. They will work in national breakout sessions and international groups directed by the experts.

The training activity is aimed at highlighting differences of the legal systems and reaching common conclusions on how to use the evidence in cases with a cross border dimension in order to make prosecutions successful in another Member State (the issuing/ executing state).

## DRAFT AGENDA

THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2021		
8.30	Arrival at the premises and registration of participants	
<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTION</b>		
9.00	<b>Official opening of the seminar</b>	N.N. Representative Prosecutor General's Office Mónica MARTÍ, Senior Project Manager Presentation of the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)
9.15	<b>Introduction to the seminar's methodology -</b>	Mónica MARTÍ, Senior Project Manager
<b>Session 1 – Plenary (including knowledge assessment)</b>		
9.30	1.1 <i>Cross-border gathering and use of evidence in criminal matters: The EIO and the EUs level playing field</i>	CHAIR: N.N. Representative Prosecutor General's Office Prof. dr. Wendy DE BONDT Ghent University (Belgium)
10.00	1.2 <i>Enhanced cooperation and evidence gathering: Knowledge of instruments, the spirit of cooperation and use of the most appropriate tools for cooperation</i>	Luc DE HOUWER Federal magistrate at the Federal Prosecutors' Office in Brussels (Belgium) Henri TILLART Senior Public Prosecutor Public Prosecution Office of North-Holland-The Netherlands
10.30	Coffee Break	
<b>ISSUE 1 – International parental abduction: Hearing parents and children &amp; settling territoriality questions</b>		
<b>Session 2 – Plenary (including knowledge assessment)</b>		
10.45	2.1 <i>Practical experience overcoming legal obstacles</i>	CHAIR: N.N. Representative Prosecutor General's Office Prof. dr. Wendy DE BONDT
11.00	2.2 <i>Legal Framework, case law and academic perspectives</i>	Luc DE HOUWER & Henri TILLART
<b>Session 3 – National &amp; International groups</b>		
11.15	Room 1 – LT – NL – EL – CZ Room 2 – PL – ES – IT – LV	Luc DE HOUWER & N.N. Representative Prosecutor General's Office Henri TILLART & Wendy DE BONDT
12.15	Lunch break	
<b>ISSUE 2 – Heroin trafficking: Cross-border controlled deliveries &amp; existing and newly discovered evidence</b>		

	<b>Session 4 – Plenary (including knowledge assessment)</b>	CHAIR: N.N. Representative Prosecutor General's Office
13.15	4.1 <i>Practical experience overcoming legal obstacles</i>	Prof. dr. Wendy DE BONDT
13.30	4.2 <i>Legal Framework, case law and academic perspectives</i>	Luc DE HOUWER & Henri TILLART
	<b>Session 5 – National &amp; International groups</b>	
13.45	Room 1 – LT – NL – EL – CZ - Room 2 – PL – ES – IT – LV -	Luc DE HOUWER & N.N. Representative Prosecutor General's Office Henri TILLART & Wendy DE BONDT
14.45	Coffee-break	
<b>ISSUE 3 – Returning illicitly trafficked cultural heritage: Statute of limitations &amp; lack of or parallel criminal procedures</b>		
	<b>Session 6 – Plenary (including knowledge assessment) -</b>	CHAIR: N.N. Representative Prosecutor General's Office
15.00	6.1 <i>Practical experience overcoming legal obstacles -</i>	Prof. dr. Wendy DE BONDT
15.15	6.1 <i>Legal Framework, case law and academic perspectives</i>	Luc DE HOUWER & Henri TILLART
	<b>Session 7 – Bilateral communication and preparation of a European investigation order</b>	Luc DE HOUWER & N.N. Representative Prosecutor General's Office
15.30	Room 1- LT – NL – EL – CZ Room 2- PL – ES – IT – LV	Henri TILLART & Wendy DE BONDT
16.30	<b>Session 8 – Plenary -</b> <i>Short debriefing, practical information</i>	Mónica MARTÍ & N.N. Representative Prosecutor General's Office
17.00	End of the first day	
20.00	SOCIAL DINER-TBC	

## FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER 2021

8.30	Arrival at the premises and registration of participants	
<b>ISSUE 4 – Financial investigations into legal persons: Legal position of actors involved &amp; handling vast amounts of data</b>		
	<b>Session 9– Plenary (including knowledge assessment) -</b>	CHAIR: N.N. Representative Prosecutor General's Office
9.00	9.1 <i>Practical experience overcoming legal obstacles</i>	Prof. dr. Wendy DE BONDT
9.15	9.2 <i>Legal Framework, case law and academic perspectives</i>	Luc DE HOUWER & Henri TILLART
	<b>Session 10 – National &amp; International groups</b>	
9.30	Room 1 – LT – NL – EL – CZ - Room 2- PL – ES – IT – LV	Luc DE HOUWER & N.N. Representative Prosecutor General's Office Henri TILLART & Wendy DE BONDT
10.30	Coffee Break	
<b>CONCLUSIONS &amp; CLOSING</b>		
	<b>Session 11 – Plenary -</b>	CHAIR: Mónica MARTÍ -EJTN Luc DE HOUWER & Henri TILLART
10.45	11.1 <i>Interviews with participants</i>	
11.30	11.2 <i>Feedback from the practitioners</i>	Prof. dr. Wendy DE BONDT

11.45	11.3 General conclusions of the seminar	
12.00	Post-Training Knowledge Assessment-TT	Mónica MARTÍ -EJTN-, Senior Project Manager
12.15	Closing remarks	N .N. Representative Prosecutor General's Office
12.30	End of Day 2 and End of the seminar	

## SPEAKERS AND CHAIR PERSONS

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