



Best Practices in training of judges and prosecutors

Category of practice: **Innovative Curricula or Training Plan in any Given Area**

Type of practice: **Good Practice**

Country: **Bulgaria**

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Title of practice	Delivery of Training to Judges and Prosecutors in Conjunction with Other Professions
<i>Key features:</i>	<p>Whenever it becomes clear that the work of judges and prosecutors cannot be examined separately, as it may intermingle with a variety of other professions, both legal and non-legal, some training institutions highlight the added value of the training provided to a combined audience.</p> <p>It is claimed that this approach is very successful, based on the added value for each target group of participants who are able to see how a given process develops from another profession's viewpoint. This enables all the players within and outside the judicial field to demonstrate understanding and a higher level of awareness towards the justice administration as a whole.</p> <p>In Bulgaria, a generic blended approach towards training is applied across the board in many aspects of judicial training. Training activities have been expanded to include: blended training groups within and outside the judiciary, blended training teams, blended training formats and blended institutional trainings within and outside the judiciary. The blended training groups are composed of various professionals and may include: judges, prosecutors, judicial investigators, judicial administration, investigating police, Ministry of Justice employees, bank legal experts, media experts/journalists.</p> <p>This approach has proven to be very successful, as it is valuable for every target group of participants to be able to see the process from another profession's viewpoint. This allows all the players within and outside the judicial community to develop an understanding and a higher level of awareness of the justice administration as a whole.</p>

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<p><i>Other comments</i></p>	<p>Training institutions may wish to consider the transferability of the system described above, which can be qualified as a GOOD PRACTICE, in particular circumstances if they are empowered to organise training events addressed to other professions other than their own or in partnership with other national institutions.</p>

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