



Best Practices in training of judges and prosecutors

Category of practice: **Implementation of Training Tools to Favour the Correct Application of EU Law and International Judicial Co-operation**

Type of practice: **Best Practice**

Country: **Italy**

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Title of practice	GAIUS
<i>Key features:</i>	<p>Within the wider context of decentralised training, this system relies in Italy on a network of local trainers who specialise in several areas of European law and who are also competent to organise training activities in several judicial districts and satisfy those training needs.</p> <p>Their task also includes the implementation of databases and data collection and indexes of case law of the ECJ and the ECHR. This network is integrated in the decentralised training structures that are now part of the Italian School for the Judiciary.</p> <p>The full European GAIUS project of the Italian CSM aims to achieve three different types of results. The first is to increase the number of centralised and decentralised courses on European law; the second is to provide specific training for judges who exercise jurisdiction in areas connected with European law; and the third involves the creation (as part of the COSMAG website) of a web page (electronic Gaius) capable of providing quick and easy access to past and ongoing training courses, teaching materials and national and European legislation.</p>
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This **BEST PRACTICE** is similar to others that can already be found in other EU countries – Bulgaria, Romania (EUROQUOD) and The Netherlands (EURINFRA) are good examples – using the same philosophy and with an identical purpose.

Although transferable, and recommended, the operability of this practice may collide with particularities linked to the specific judicial organisation of a given Member State, which is an area out of the range of the competences of the national training academies. Besides, at the moment of its implementation, it will be important to define its tasks properly with respect to those of other existing contact points or networks – e.g. the European Judicial Network (in criminal matters) and the European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial Matters.

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