



# THEMIS 2019 COMPETITION AGENDA

## SEMI-FINAL D

### Judicial Ethics and Professional Conduct

**2-5 July 2019**  
**Sofia, Bulgaria**

National Institute of Justice  
14 Ekzarh Yossif Str.  
BG 1000 Sofia



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## BACKGROUND

EJTN THEMIS Competition is a competition with a unique format, opened to judicial trainees from across Europe and aiming to exchange views and develop new approaches on topics related to international civil and criminal cooperation, human rights and judicial deontology.

The competition is opened to judicial trainees from all training institutions who are members or observers of EJTN. Teams of three judicial trainees accompanied by one teacher/tutor may enroll in the competition which consists of four semi-finals and a grand-final. The official language of the competition is English.

The jury of the competition is chosen from a pool of experts appointed by EJTN Members, that are well-regarded professionals in the field of the given semi-

final/final. As a general rule, experts must not have the same nationality as the competing team they will have to assess.

The jury members assessed the overall quality and the originality, the critical thinking and the anticipation of future solutions, the reference to relevant case law, but also the communication skills and the consistency.

Each semi-final had three stages: a written paper on a topic relevant for the subject of the semi-final, an oral presentation of that paper and a discussion with the jury. The maximum number of teams participating in a semi-final is eleven. The winner and runner up of each semi-final will enter the grand-final, consequently there are eight teams in the grand-final. The prize for the winning team is a one-week study visit, organised and financed by EJTN, in any European judicial institution.

Venue location: National Institute of Justice, 14 Ekzarh Yossif Str., BG 1000 Sofia

## AGENDA

Tuesday 2 July 2019		
09:30	Opening Ceremony	<p><b>Miglena TACHEVA</b>, Director of the National Institute of Justice</p> <p><b>Wojciech POSTULSKI</b>, EJTN Secretary General</p> <p><b>Arno VINKOVIC</b>, EJTN</p>
09:45	Lecture – The National Institute of Justice of Bulgaria: overview of the role and the activities of the Institute	<b>Silviya DIMITROVA</b> , Deputy Director of the National Institute of Justice
10:15	Coffee Break & Group Photo	
10:45	Presentation of Rules & Jury introduction	<p><b>Arno VINKOVIC</b>, EJTN</p> <p><u>Jury members:</u>  <b>Jeremy COOPER</b>  <b>Tamara TROTMAN</b>  <b>Lauris LIEPA</b></p>
11:00	Presentation and discussion – Team PORTUGAL I ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE JUDICIAL RULING	<p><b>Paulo Jorge GOMES</b>  <b>Elisa Alfaia SAMPAIO</b>  <b>João José SEIXAS</b>  <i>Tutor: Patrícia Helena COSTA</i></p>
12:15	Coffee Break	
12:30	Presentation and discussion – Team ITALY I THE COURT GOES TO THE CINEMA: EXPLORING JUDICIAL ETHICS THROUGH LEGAL MOVIES	<p><b>Alessia RUSSO</b>  <b>Emanuela Antonia FAVARA</b>  <b>Francesco BORDONALI</b>  <i>Tutor: Antonella GUERRA</i></p>
13:45	Lunch	
14:45	Presentation and discussion – Team GERMANY IMPARTIALITY OF LEGAL PROFESSIONALS: LEGAL AND ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS	<p><b>Katharina MÜLLER</b>  <b>Carmen ISELE</b>  <b>Claus GAWEL</b></p>

16:00	<b>End of day 1</b> Jury deliberation
18:30	<b>GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF SOFIA</b> - meeting point at NIJ (duration 1.5h) - the tour is offered to the participants by the National Institute for Justice

### Wednesday 3 July 2019

09:00	Presentation and discussion – Team ITALY II <b>THE JUDGE OF THE FUTURE: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND JUSTICE</b>	Pierluigi TONNARA Luigi SALVIA Camilla OVI <i>Tutor: Francesco PERRONE</i>
10:15	Coffee break	
10:45	Presentation and discussion – Team AUSTRIA <b>REVISITING THE “TRADITION OF SILENCE” - A NEW APPROACH TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION OF JUDGES</b>	Robert RENZLER Teresa SANADER Karin SEYFRIED <i>Tutor: Michael ORTNER</i>
12:00	Lunch	
13:00	Presentation and discussion – Team SPAIN <b>THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA BY JUDGES AND HOW THEIR IMPARTIALITY MAY BE AFFECTED</b>	Minia RUBIO BLANCO Axel CASADEVALL PORTAS Irene ROA ESCOBAR <i>Tutor: Jose María ASENCIO GALLEGO</i>
14:15	Coffee break	
14:30	Presentation and discussion – Team FRANCE <b>PERFORMANCE VS ETHICS: AN IMPOSSIBLE CHALLENGE FOR TODAY’S JUDGES?</b>	Arthur RIGAL Clotilde CAMUS Morgane BUFFET <i>Tutor: Lydie REISS</i>
16:00	<b>End of day 2</b> Jury deliberation	
16:15	<b>VISIT TO THE PALACE OF JUSTICE</b> - meeting point NIJ	

### Thursday 4 July 2019

09:00	Presentation and discussion – Team BULGARIA <b>RIGHT TO COURT – NOT RIGHT TO INSULT: HOW TO COPE WITH ABUSIVE LITIGANTS</b>	Boryana HRISTOVA Konstantina HRISTOVA Svetoslav IVANOV <i>Tutor: Iliyana BALTOVA</i>
10:15	Coffee break	
10:45	Presentation and discussion – Team HUNGARY <b>THE AI IS NOW IN SESSION – THE IMPACT OF DIGITALIZATION ON COURTS</b>	Dorottya PAPP Bernadett KRAUSZ Franciska Zsófia GYURANECZ <i>Tutor: Bálint KOVÁCS</i>
12:00	Lunch	
13:00	Presentation and discussion – Team PORTUGAL II <b>THE PARTICIPATION OF JUDGES IN CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS</b>	Pedro Casinhas FERREIRA Luís Filipe GUERRA Darcília Maria MATOS <i>Tutor: Marta CAVALEIRA</i>
14:15	Coffee-break	
14:30	Presentation and discussion – Team FINLAND <b>HOW TO MAINTAIN AND INCREASE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE JUDICIARY</b>	Jenny ANDERSSON-TRONTTI Matti PYÖRIÄ Katja HARAKKA <i>Tutor: Kirsti UUSITALO</i>

16:00	<b>End of day 3</b> Jury deliberation
20:00	<b>OFFICIAL THEMIS DINNER</b> <u>MOMA RESTAURANT</u> ul. "Solunska" 28, 1000 Sofia Center

Friday 5 July 2019			
09:30	<i>Welcome coffee</i>		
10:00	<table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Awards Ceremony</b></td> <td> <u>Jury members:</u>   Jeremy COOPER  Tamara TROTMAN  Lauris LIEPA </td> </tr> </table>	<b>Awards Ceremony</b>	<u>Jury members:</u>  Jeremy COOPER Tamara TROTMAN Lauris LIEPA
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12:30	<i>End of the Semi-final D</i>		
12:30	Departure of participants		

## JURY MEMBERS

### **Jeremy COOPER (UK)**

Professor, Retired Judge and Consultant to the UNODC on Judicial Integrity, Conduct and Ethics.

### **Tamara TROTMAN (NL)**

Judge, Court of Appeal of Hague; President of 'Judges for Judges' Foundation

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