

AIKOS PROGRAMME

THE NETHERLANDS – STUDIECENTRUM RECHTSPLEGING (SSR)



- **Brief description of the AIKOS Programme:**

The programme is addressed specifically to future and early-career judges/ prosecutors, 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.

- **General objectives of the AIKOS programme:**

- To bring together future or newly appointed judges and prosecutors 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**

Since several years, SSR integrated judgecraft in the AIKOS programme, near other topics. Judgecraft is a feature that unifies all EU judges in the similarity of the skills they require to do the job. Common training in judicial skills and judgecraft will not only improve their individual abilities but help also to build mutual confidence and trust among EU judges and to foster a genuine European judicial culture.

- **Key points for the host institution's programme**

- Ensure a stimulating learning environment by appropriate use of methodology;
- Make the programme reflect the profession of judge/member of the bench as an independent profession insofar as possible;
- Let them spend time thinking judges' traditional and magisterial competencies. Trainee judges will exchange and learn about *judgecraft*, together with other European trainee judges;
- They will also learn about the importance of reflection and intervision for judges to form proper judgements;
- Encourage the trainees to work together in educational/research teams in which they can acquire knowledge and share experiences where necessary.



- **Content of the host institution's programme**
 - National judicial system;
 - Initial training system;
 - Instrument of European cooperation (European Arrest Warrant: presentation/cases/hearings/meeting prosecutor and judges);
 - Visit to other institutions (Eurojust/ICC or eventually Europol);
 - Ethics, deontology (Parrhesia, ethics and conducts in court and in the judges and prosecutors' personal life);
 - Judgecraft (rethinking your thinking);
 - Social event

