

AIAKOS PROGRAMME

COMMON DESCRIPTION OUTLINE

- **Brief description of the AIAKOS Programme (current description in EJTN brochure):**

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 AIAKOS 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**

Centro de Estudos Judiciários (CEJ – Portugal) is the Portuguese institution responsible for both the initial and on-going training of judges and public prosecutors, as well as training initiatives at an international level.

The initial training is divided into 3 cycles: 1st cycle – one year theoretical and practical phase for trainees at the CEJ headquarters in Lisbon; 2nd cycle – one year as trainees at the Portuguese courts, placed taking into consideration their previous option to become judges or public prosecutors and supervised by mentor judges and prosecutors; 3rd cycle – one year probationary period, appointed as trainee judges or public prosecutors by the respective High Council.

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

- Criminal Law
- Family and/or Civil Law
- Judgecraft

- **Content of the host institution's programme**

- Brief presentations of the national judicial systems
- Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Law Matters
- Visits to other relevant judicial institutions

- **Additional information**

- activities organised in plenary sessions
- workshops on some topics presented in plenary sessions (namely, criminal law and family and/or civil law), with practical cases to discuss
- study visits to other judicial institutions organised in smaller groups