

EJTN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME FOR JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES

OBJECTIVES FOR COURT STAFF EXCHANGES

The main objectives of the EJTN Exchange Programme are:

- To build trust and mutual recognition amongst the European judiciary;
- To foster a common European judicial culture;
- To enhance EU MS court staff's knowledge of EU law, Union instruments and foreign judicial systems;
- To improve the language skills of the EU judiciary.

Through an exchange for court staff, each participant will observe, understand, compare and learn about:

- **the judicial environment of the host country:** The participant is to discover the purpose, the organisation and the functioning of the main judicial institutions of the host country. S/he shall be given the essential information related to the national law of the host country as well as regarding the judicial practice and the legal guarantees offered by legislation of the host country.
- **the good practices of the host country:** The participant and his/her European counterpart are to exchange good practices, including but not limited to digital practices, EU procedures.
- **the implementation or references to Union instruments, the European Convention of Human Rights or the judicial cooperation instruments at the level of the host country:** The participant is to improve the treatment of EU files by discovering 1. how Union instruments are implemented, 2. the relevance given by the members of the judiciary to the European Convention of Human Rights and 3. how judicial cooperation instruments are used into the daily practice.

A court staff exchange should allow the participant to improve his/her individual practice, no matter if related to finding better solutions, to help interpretating EU law in similar ways, or simply by giving confidence and the feeling that they truly are European court staff, no different from colleagues from other Member States. Additionally, court staff exchanges should support the dissemination of information and facilitate networking among EU court staff for future cooperation.

Even if a good level of the official language of the exchange is an essential pre-condition for the participation in the exchange, the exchange should enable the participants to improve their language skills.