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About the European Judicial Training Network

Founded in 2000 by the Bordeaux Charter, the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) is an international non-profit association governed by Belgian law. EJTN unites judicial training institutions from all EU Member States to pursue a general European interest: that of developing and implementing training and exchange activities for European justice practitioners. These activities cover initial and continuous training and are delivered in close cooperation with EJTN members, associate members, observers and partners.

EJTN plays a vital role in promoting networking among its members and serves as a key platform for them to share experiences and exchange ideas in areas of joint interest.



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Message from the EJTN Secretary General

2025 was a landmark year for the European Judicial Training Network: for a quarter of a century, EJTN has stood at the heart of judicial training and cooperation in Europe, supporting judges, prosecutors and court staff in carrying out their responsibilities independently, impartially and in full respect of the Rule of Law. Over 25 years, together with our members, associate members, observers and partners, EJTN has evolved to meet the changing training needs and challenges of European justice systems.

The year 2025 was no different. Through a range of impactful training activities, EJTN continued its mission to foster judicial cooperation, mutual trust and a common European judicial culture, while contributing to a strong Europe of justice.

In 2025, EJTN organised 947 activities, delivered 38,452 training days, and reached 13,915 judges, prosecutors, court staff and trainers from across Europe – an increase of 27% in participation from the previous year. The impact of these activities was made possible by the strong engagement of our members, who, in collaboration with partners, innovate and design training tailored to the real-life needs of the judiciary.

The digital transformation of justice continued to drive our activities. Building on work initiated the previous year, EJTN strengthened its strategic approach to digitalisation through innovative initiatives with the multiplier effect at their core. One key example was the EJTN Digital Ambassadors Programme, which empowered over 130 justice practitioners from more than 20 EU Member States to act as agents of digital change. This pioneering initiative, first launched in 2025 and now entering its second year, demonstrates that digital transformation is not only about tools, but also about empowering people and fostering a culture open to change.

Alongside digitalisation, EJTN remained committed to the Rule of Law, fundamental rights, competitiveness and gender equality in justice. Reflection on the wellbeing of justice practitioners was also launched, and we plan to explore this important theme in future activities. Partnerships with key institutions continued to grow in scope and impact, as demonstrated by the 2025 THEMIS Competition Grand Final held at the Court of Justice of the European Union and the second round of long-term training periods at the European Public Prosecutor's Office.

While this year had a special focus on celebrating EJTN's past achievements, it was also an opportunity to look ahead and prepare for the next 25 years of judicial training and cooperation. Together with key stakeholders, we initiated discussions on EJTN's next Strategic Plan and began shaping initiatives that will define the next chapter of our Network.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all EJTN members, associate members, observers and partners for their commitment throughout 2025, as well as to the European Commission for their continuous support. I look forward to continuing to build on the great work achieved in 2025, and to working towards greater coordination of our members' actions in order to support the implementation of the Commission's Judicial Training Strategy 2025–2030.

I hope you enjoy reading this report!

Judge Ingrid Derveaux
EJTN Secretary General



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2025 Key figures

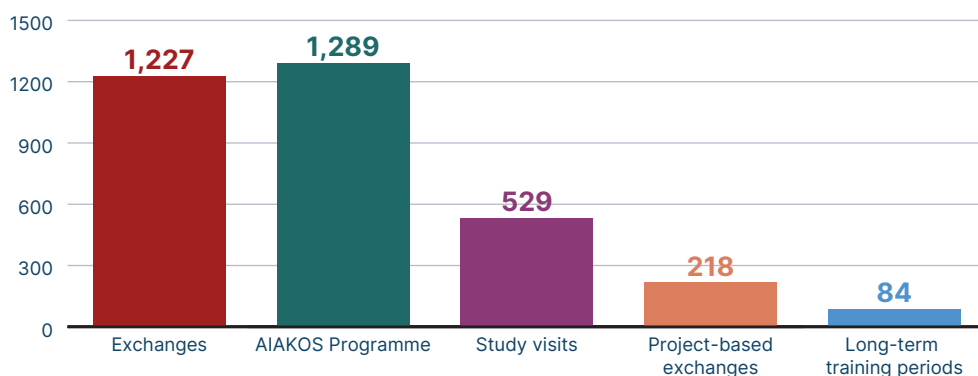
Throughout the special 25th anniversary year, EJTN continued to provide high-quality judicial training activities. These included seminars, online training, digital training, study visits, long-term training periods, exchanges, and more. With this highly specialised training offer, tailored to the needs of Europe's justice practitioners, EJTN reached a wide range of participants from across the EU. Below are some of the key figures from 2025.

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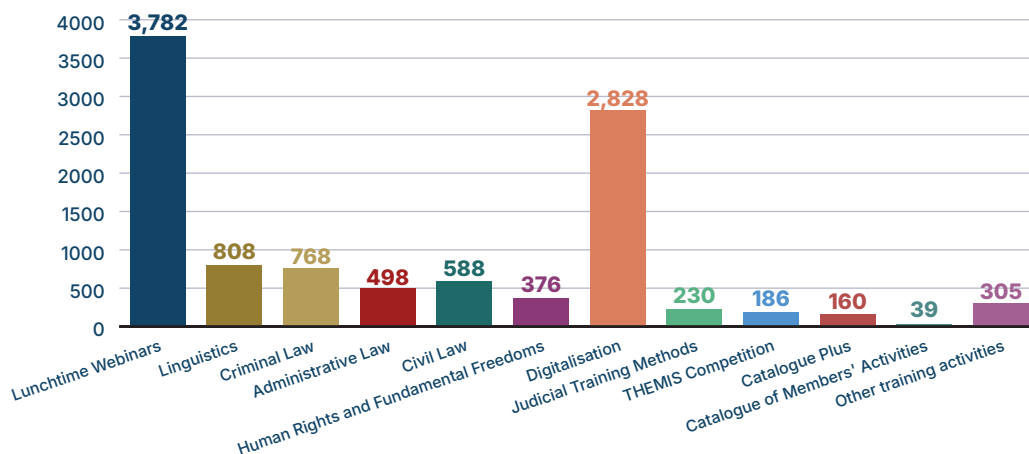
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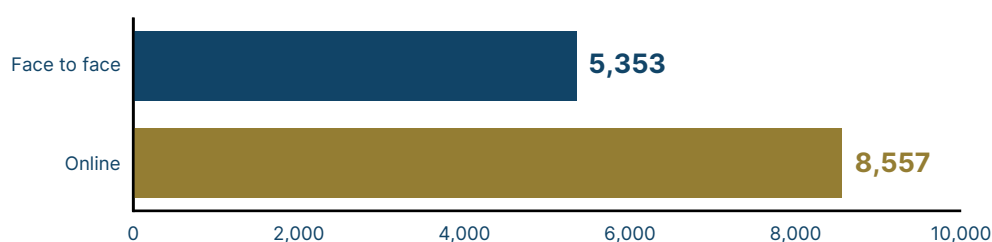
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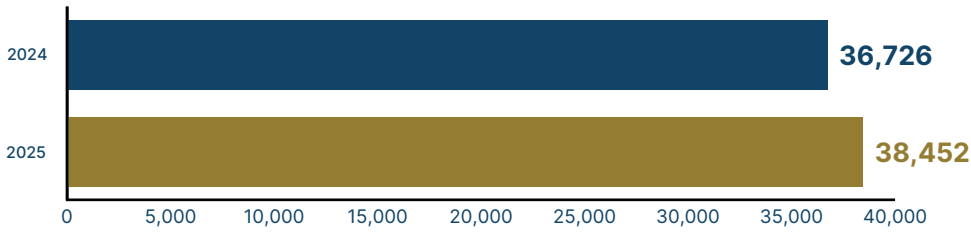
Participants in EJTN training activities, webinars and catalogues-related activities in 2025



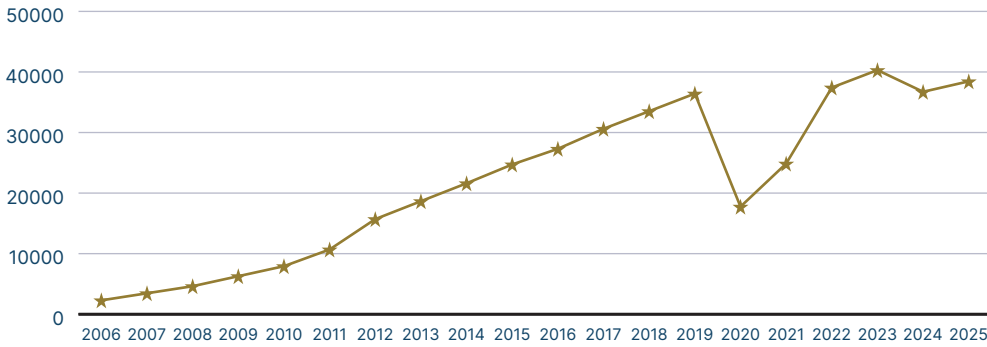
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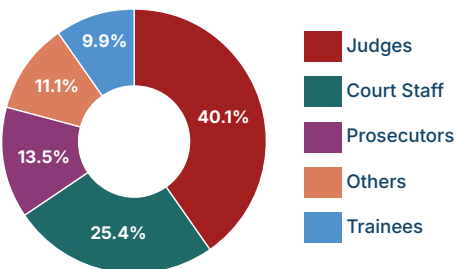
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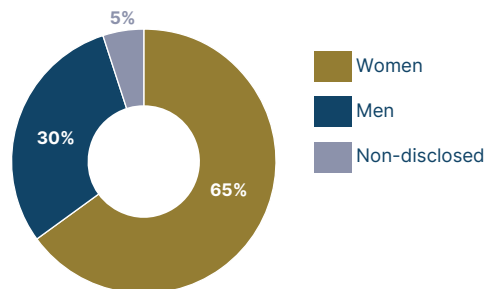
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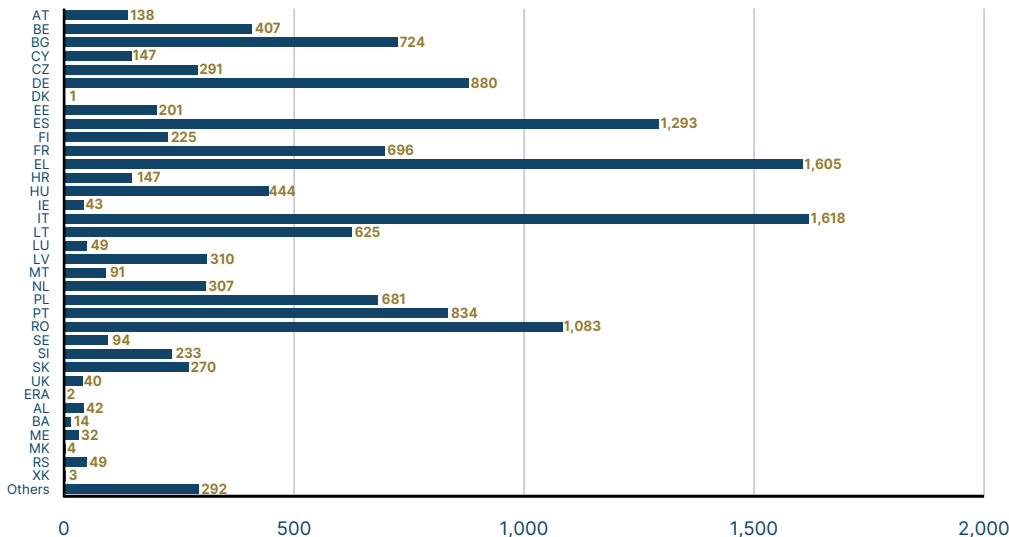
Number of participants trained by functions



Gender balance of participants



Number of participants trained by nationalities



2025 Highlights

The year 2025 was a very special milestone for the European Judicial Training Network. It marked 25 years of contributing to the creation of a strong Europe of Justice and delivering high-level judicial training activities across Europe. Below are just a few of the year's key highlights to remember.

EJTN at 25 celebrated throughout the year

In 2025, EJTN marked its 25th anniversary with celebrations held at key moments throughout the year, including a special anniversary event in Bordeaux, the birthplace of the Network. Partners such as the CJEU, Eurojust, the EPPO and the European Court of Human Rights joined the festivities, underlining EJTN's strong institutional ties and broad range of expertise. The anniversary year offered an opportunity to highlight EJTN's commitment to high-quality judicial training and cross-border cooperation, while reaffirming its vision for the future: shaping a future of justice that is increasingly digital, innovative and resilient.



The 2025 EJTN General Assembly elected key roles

The EJTN General Assembly, held in Gdańsk, Poland, played a central role in shaping the Network's governance through the election of key leadership positions, including the Secretary General, members of the Steering Committee and the Conveners of the Working Groups. These elections provided a solid foundation for advancing cooperation across the organisation's administrative bodies. Delegates and high-level guests also discussed the challenges and opportunities facing today's justice systems and debated EJTN's strategic goals and objectives for the 2028–2034 period.



2025 TNA shaped the future of judicial training

The 2025 EJTN Training Needs Assessment (TNA) brought together representatives of the European Commission, EJTN's strategic partners and Conveners of Working Groups to identify judicial training priorities for 2026 and beyond. Discussions highlighted core themes such as the Rule of Law, human rights, increased cooperation and the digital transformation of justice, including training on AI tools and e-learning platforms. The TNA discussions also took place in the context of the 25th anniversary of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, reinforcing the relevance of fundamental rights as a cornerstone of judicial training. Workshops explored the integration of digital skills into training and the alignment of activities with emerging EU legal priorities. The outcomes of the TNA fed directly into the development of the 2026 EJTN Catalogue of Training Activities, launched in October 2025, and informed EJTN's next multiannual strategic plan, further discussed at the 2025 General Assembly and Conference of Directors.



First EJTN Digital Ambassadors graduate as agents of digital change

In 2025, EJTN launched a pioneering initiative that resulted in the graduation of 132 Digital Ambassadors from 21 EU Member States. This milestone achievement advanced the digital transformation of justice by equipping participants with practical skills in digital tools, innovative methodologies and peer learning. Through a series of webinars, hybrid workshops and collaborative exercises, the EJTN Digital Ambassadors were prepared to drive change within their national institutions, creating a multiplier effect across Europe. The initiative reflects EJTN's strong commitment to innovation, cross-border cooperation, and preparing justice practitioners for an increasingly digital and interconnected legal environment.



The 2025 THEMIS Competition reached new heights in partnership with the CJEU

The 2025 THEMIS Competition achieved a major milestone as the competition's Grand Final was hosted for the first time at the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), reinforcing the competition's European dimension and prestige. The competition, held across four semi-finals and the grand final, brought together 38 teams from 16 countries, composed of highly motivated young judges and prosecutors at the start of their careers. This year's edition also highlighted the 25th anniversary of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, as the legal question posed to the finalists focused specifically on the Charter. The winning team came from Romania, followed by a team from France and another Romanian team. In connection with the final, EJTN also launched the special THEMIS Annual Journal marking the competition's 15th edition.



The EJTN Exchange Programme turned 20 years

The EJTN Exchange Programme celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2025, marking two decades of promoting mutual trust, professional exchange, and cooperation between European justice practitioners. It was in 2005 that the European Parliament called for the creation of exchange activities for justice practitioners, which opened a new chapter in cross-border judicial cooperation within the EU. Over two decades, the Exchange Programme has grown into a cornerstone of European judicial training, having welcomed a total of more than 30,000 justice practitioners who have wanted to engage with peers from across Europe and deepen their understanding of the EU law. To mark these 20 years, a special compendium featuring best practices identified by exchange participants was launched.



Fundamental rights remained a key EJTN priority

EJTN's 25th anniversary year coincided with the 25th anniversary of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, making the year a timely opportunity to highlight the central role of fundamental rights in EJTN's mission and daily work. Training activities across portfolios addressed core EU values and promoted awareness and the practical application of these principles among justice practitioners. A special communication campaign, featuring contributions from high-level participants such as European Commissioner Michael McGrath, further reinforced the importance of fundamental rights in judicial practice.



2025 Training activities

Initial Training

AIAKOS Programme

- 1,289 judges and prosecutors participated in 42 exchanges across 27 judicial institutions in 24 EU Member States
- EJTN conducted an EU-wide mapping of judicial trainees to assess the feasibility of achieving universal participation in the programme
- The accessibility and inclusivity of the programme's training offer were enhanced through online sessions on digitalisation, judgecraft, judicial ethics and courtroom communication



THEMIS Competition

- For the first time, the Grand Final was hosted at the Court of Justice of the European Union, marking a major milestone in the competition's 16-year history
- 38 teams from 16 countries competed in four semi-finals and the Grand Final, where Team Romania I won, followed by Teams France I and Romania II on second and third place
- The THEMIS Annual Journal, collecting contributions from the 15th THEMIS Competition, was published by an external publishing house and featured a foreword by CJEU President Koen Lenaerts



Scan the QR code to discover detailed descriptions of all our 2025 activities.



Continuous Training

Exchanges

- The EJTN Exchange Programme celebrated its 20th anniversary, having engaged over 30,000 participants since its launch in 2005
- 450 exchanges across 26 EU Member States benefited 895 participants and 332 tutors
- The first-ever Compendium of Best Practices was launched, capturing insights from over 1,000 participants in EJTN judicial exchanges



Project-Based Exchanges

- 55 project-based exchanges involved 218 judges, prosecutors and court staff from 19 EU Member States
- A pilot project within the judiciary learning grant programme enabled participants to tackle cross-border family law cases
- Bilateral, regional and learning-grant exchanges were merged into a flexible format, allowing practitioners to design projects with clear thematic specialisation and professional relevance



Long-Term Training Periods

- 84 participants from 22 EU Member States took part in long-term training, welcoming Malta and Luxembourg for the first time thanks to strengthened cooperation with the CJEU
- The long-term training periods at the EPPO were reaffirmed for the second year
- The revision of the evaluation process and tools for long-term training was finalised, and the first participant focus group was held



Study Visits

- 529 participants from 25 countries took part in 17 study visits, a 10% increase compared to the previous year
- A study visit at the CJEU included long-term trainees from the CJEU and EPPO, fostering cross-programme connections and insights
- A new informational video explained the study visit offer and application process, thus improving accessibility and awareness



Administrative Law

- 16 administrative law activities engaged 498 participants throughout the year
- Training on the Preliminary Ruling Procedure was filmed at the CJEU, providing foundational learning material for EJTN members
- Other milestones included a strengthened partnership with the EUAA and the release of the portfolio's first learning podcast



Civil Law

- 13 civil law training activities engaged 588 judges, prosecutors, and court staff
- A scenario-based training game on consumer protection was initiated, introducing an innovative, interactive learning tool for 2026
- Activities combined in-person and online formats, ensuring accessibility and practical application in cross-border cases



Criminal Justice

- 27 criminal justice activities engaged 768 participants from 26 EU Member States, including 49 in joint EJTN-CEPOL events
- Two new webinar topics covered AI in forensic evidence, and EPPO cases and judicial review
- An important focus of the year was on the digital transformation of justice systems across the EU, including the digital cross-border criminal justice initiative



Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

- 12 training activities engaged 376 participants from 27 countries, a 12% rise in participants from the previous year
- Training activities highlighted the Rule of Law and marked the 25th anniversary of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, among other key topics
- A webinar focused on the rights of vulnerable people was delivered for the first time also in international sign language



Digitalisation

- 21 training activities engaged 78 participants in-person and 2,750 participants online
- The EJTN Digital Ambassador Programme was successfully launched, certifying 132 participants from 21 EU Member States
- Tailored webinar series addressed topics such as Case Management Systems and Artificial Intelligence



Linguistics

- Eight face-to-face seminars and two Summer Schools engaged 287 participants
- A record 54 Online Conversation Classes were delivered in multiple languages, attracting 521 participants
- The portfolio continued to strengthen legal language skills and support cross-border judicial cooperation across the EU



Judicial Training Methods

- 14 training activities involved 230 participants, including two activities dedicated to training EJTN Activity Coordinators
- The 'Women in Justice and Gender Equality' project delivered its first activities, including an online conference and a leadership training
- Work on the landmark publication 'State of Judicial Training in Europe' began in 2025, supported by a database of judicial training institutions



Catalogue of Members' Activities

- The Catalogue of Members' Activities offered 117 training events in 2025, with 39 participants joining through EJTN scholarship fund
- The initiative enabled cross-border access to national-level training organised by EJTN members and associate members
- Participants included judges, prosecutors and other legal professionals from a range of EU Member States, thus strengthening cross-border judicial exchange

Catalogue+

- 13 EJTN Members contributed to the Catalogue+ programme in 2025
- 160 participants from 15 EU Member States took part in 20 cross-border training activities
- Participants praised the smooth organisation of activities, relevance of content, and quality of training materials

Digital Training & Resources

Lunchtime Webinars

- 20 Lunchtime Webinars attracted over 3,700 participants, a 31% increase from 2024, with popular topics including time management, civil liability due to AI, and legal English
- A record 319 participants joined a session on plain language in judicial proceedings, the highest attendance since the series began in 2020
- A special session on sexual violence in armed conflicts was delivered with Stand Speak Rise Up!, co-founded by HRH Grand Duchess Maria Teresa of Luxembourg

Digital Resources, Publications and Communication Activities

- A new EJTN Learning and Training Hub was introduced to the EJTN Intranet, populated with key learning materials from partners
- Key publications included the THEMIS Annual Journal with a foreword by CJEU President Koen Lenaerts, the first-ever Compendium of Best Practices produced by the Exchange Working Group, and the 2026 EJTN Catalogue of Training Activities
- Communication activities highlighted EJTN's 25th anniversary year, with key achievements including a 37% increase in newsletter subscribers, social media campaigns on the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and gender equality in justice, and reaching 10,000 LinkedIn followers



Projects & Initiatives

Court Staff Integration

- In 2025, EJTN continued its efforts to strengthen the integration of court staff in judicial training
- Participation in the Working Group on Court Staff of the European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial Matters and the Congress of European Union of Rechtspfleger (EUR) highlighted EJTN's active role in promoting court staff training
- EJTN worked closely with partners, notably EUR, to identify and address future training needs of court staff



Judges@Europe Forum

- The 2025 Judges@Europe Forum was attended by 48 judges, selected by random lot from over 500 applicants, under the theme 'Being a Judge in the Digital Era'
- Organised for the first time under an EU Presidency, discussions focused on the Rule of Law, judicial independence, and contemporary challenges such as disinformation, digital evidence, and freedom of expression
- The forum was made possible through the active contribution of EJTN Members and partners, reinforcing its role as a key annual training platform for European judges



Special Project for EPPO Legal & Operational Training

- In 2025, EJTN in collaboration with the Academy of European Law delivered specialised training for the EPPO under a 2025–2027 framework contract
- Six webinars and one in-person event were held on EPPO legal terminology and operational skills for European Delegated Prosecutors and EPPO staff
- Training activities will continue to be delivered in 2026 aligned with training needs identified by EPPO



Pilot Action on Judicial Training (2022–2025)

- The Pilot Action on Judicial Training (Western Balkans II Project) concluded in 2025, strengthening judicial training capacities and EU *acquis* expertise in the Western Balkans
- In 2025, three national seminars on EU administrative law, the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and EU intellectual property law trained 61 justice practitioners
- Across the project's full duration, two Training Needs Assessments and ten national seminars were completed, with 201 practitioners receiving specialised EU law training and 88 Western Balkan professionals participating in EJTN activities

EJTN Single Market Programme (2024–2025)

- The EJTN Single Market Programme (2024–2025), implemented in partnership with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Competition, concluded in June 2025
- The programme raised awareness of EU competition law among judges, prosecutors and law enforcement authorities and supported the dissemination and the creation of the publication '*Enforcement of EU Competition Law: Practical Guidelines for Investigative Judges, Prosecutors, and Police Officers involved in the Investigation of Financial and Economic Crimes*'
- Across its full duration, the programme delivered 13 training activities and two study visits to DG COMP, reaching 206 judicial and law enforcement professionals

The Network

EJTN brings together a wide network of institutions from across Europe, including members, associate members, observers, and partners. Together, all stakeholders develop, implement, and promote a range of high-quality judicial training activities and initiatives.

EJTN is guided by a nine-member Steering Committee elected for three years at a time. Five Working Groups, led by elected Conveners, plan and implement projects, supported by Sub-Working Groups addressing specific topics.

Below is the complete composition of the EJTN Steering Committee, Working Groups and Sub-Working Groups for 2025. In 2025, the Steering Committee

members and conveners of the EJTN Working Groups for the 2026–2028 period were elected during the EJTN General Assembly.

EJTN Steering Committee

Chair

Netherlands Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary (SSR)

Members

Austria Federal Ministry of Justice
Belgium Judicial Training Institute (IFJ / IGO)
Germany Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection
Italy School for the Judiciary (SSM)

Portugal Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ)
Romania National Institute of Magistracy (NIM)
Spain Judicial School
Academy of European Law (ERA)

Digitalisation Working Group

Convener

France National School for the Judiciary (ENM)

Members

Belgium Judicial Training Institute (IFJ/IGO)
Bulgaria National Institute of Justice (NIJ)
Croatia Judicial Academy
Estonia Office of the Prosecutor General
France National School of Clerks (ENG)
Germany Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection
Greece National School of the Judiciary (ESDI)
Italy High Council for the Judiciary
Italy School for the Judiciary (SSM)
Latvia Judicial Academy

Netherlands Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary (SSR)
Poland National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (KSSIP)
Portugal Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ)
Portugal Directorate-General of Justice Administration (DGAJ)
Romania National Institute of Magistracy (NIM)
Romania National School of Clerks
Spain Centre for Legal Studies (CEJ)
Spain Judicial School
Sweden Prosecution Authority

Exchange Programme Working Group

Convener

Belgium Judicial Training Institute (IFJ / IGO)

Members

Austria Federal Ministry of Justice
Bulgaria National Institute of Justice (NIJ)
Croatia Judicial Academy
Czech Republic Judicial Academy
Estonia Office of the Prosecutor General
Estonia Supreme Court
France National School for the Judiciary (ENM)
France National School of Clerks (ENG)
Germany Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection
Greece National School of the Judiciary (ESDI)
Hungary National Office for the Judiciary
Italy School for the Judiciary (SSM)
Italy Ministry of Justice

Lithuania National Courts Administration
Netherlands Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary (SSR)
Poland National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (KSSIP)
Portugal Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ)
Portugal Directorate-General of Justice Administration (DGAJ)
Romania National Institute of Magistracy (NIM)
Romania National School of Clerks
Slovenia Judicial Training Centre (JTC)
Spain Centre for Legal Studies (CEJ)
Spain Judicial School

Judicial Training Methods Working Group

Convener

Portugal Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ)

Members

Belgium Judicial Training Institute (IFJ/IGO)

Bulgaria National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

Croatia Judicial Academy

Czech Republic Judicial Academy

Estonia Office of the Prosecutor General

Finland National Courts Administration (NCA)

France National School for the Judiciary (ENM)

France National School of Clerks (ENG)

Germany Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection

Greece National School of the Judiciary (ESDI)

Hungary Office of the Prosecutor General

Ireland Judicial Council

Italy High Council for the Judiciary (CSM)

Italy School for the Judiciary (SSM)

Lithuania National Courts Administration

Netherlands Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary (SSR)

Poland National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (KSSIP)

Portugal Directorate-General of Justice Administration (DGAJ)

Romania National Institute of Magistracy (NIM)

Romania National School of Clerks

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Spain Judicial School

Sweden Judicial Training Academy

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Observers

North Macedonia Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors

United Kingdom Judicial College of England and Wales

United Kingdom – Scotland Judicial Institute for Scotland

Serbia Judicial Academy

Linguistics Working Group

Convener

Czech Republic Judicial Academy

Members

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Croatia Judicial Academy

France National School for the Judiciary (ENM)

Germany Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection

Greece National School of the Judiciary (ESDI)

Hungary National Office for the Judiciary (NOJ)

Hungary Office of the Prosecutor General

Italy School for the Judiciary (SSM)

Italy Ministry of Justice

Lithuania National Courts Administration

Lithuania Office of the Prosecutor General

Poland National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (KSSIP)

Portugal Directorate-General of Justice Administration (DGAJ)

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Spain Centre for Legal Studies (CEJ)

Spain Judicial School

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Croatia Judicial Academy

Czech Republic Judicial Academy

Finland National Courts Administration (NCA)

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Germany Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection

Greece National School of the Judiciary (ESDI)

Hungary Office of the Prosecutor General

Italy School for the Judiciary (SSM)

Italy High Council for the Judiciary (CSM)

Italy Ministry of Justice

Latvia Judicial Academy

Lithuania National Courts Administration

Lithuania Office of the Prosecutor General

Poland National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (KSSIP)

Portugal Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ)

Portugal Directorate-General of Justice Administration (DGAJ)

Romania National Institute of Magistracy (NIM)

Romania National School of Clerks

Slovenia Judicial Training Centre (JTC)

Spain Centre for Legal Studies (CEJ)

Spain Judicial School

Sub-Working Group on Administrative Law

Convener

Romania National Institute of Magistracy (NIM)

Members

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Bulgaria National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

Croatia Judicial Academy

Finland National Courts Administration

Greece National School of the Judiciary (ESDI)

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Serbia Judicial Academy

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Observers

Serbia Judicial Academy

Sub-Working Group on Criminal Justice

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Spain Centre for Legal Studies (CEJ)

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Poland National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (KSSIP)

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Romania National School of Clerks of Serbia

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Serbia Judicial Academy

Sub-Working Group on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

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Latvia Judicial Academy

Lithuania Office of the Prosecutor General

Malta Court Services Agency

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From our participants

“The one-year long-term traineeship at the CJEU enabled me to engage with the broader EU judicial environment and to work in a truly international and multilingual setting. As part of the programme’s knowledge-sharing dimension, I prepared and delivered a presentation on recent CJEU intellectual property case law at a seminar organised by the Latvian Patent Office in September 2025. This experience strengthened my understanding of the EU legal order and the role of the CJEU within it, enhanced my legal reasoning skills, and confirmed the exceptional value of the EJTN Exchange Programme for judicial professional development.”

Iлона Rūķe, Judge, Latvia

“With the ‘democratisation’ of Artificial Intelligence, it is essential that justice practitioners acquire basic knowledge so that, in their daily work, they can address and respond adequately to the challenges posed by AI, while always ensuring respect for human rights. The approach to AI and data protection delivered by EJTN proved to be both practical and comprehensive. In addition to highlighting essential issues (such as transparency and technological security), it demystified concerns surrounding the controlled use of AI systems. It was an enlightening and enriching training experience.”

Ana Silva, Judge, Portugal

“The THEMIS Competition was, for me, the most valuable experience as a judicial trainee. It laid the foundation for mutual trust and taught me that EU law is much closer to the national magistrate than it might seem at first glance. Moreover, this competition is not only about EU law and a better understanding of our role as future European magistrates; it is also a fun experience that allows us to connect with peers from other EU Member States.”

Teodor-Georgian Căpățină, member of the 2025 THEMIS Competition winning team, Romania

“EJTN – quality content in a variety of formats! From hard-law topics such as state aid and public procurement to future outlooks (the inevitable AI...) and workplace issues such as resilience and the progress of generations, the activities are cutting-edge. And with choices ranging from traditional seminars, in person and online, to quick and easy Lunchtime Webinars, there is no excuse not to make full use of what is on offer. It has been a privilege to participate and to learn alongside colleagues from all over Europe.”

Sami Sarvilinna, Judge, Finland

“The AIAKOS Programme experience was highly enriching. It allowed me to connect with what matters most in international exchanges between legal professionals: the sharing of different ideas and perspectives, and the search for solutions to issues that raise questions both within domestic legal systems and at the European level. This exchange of ideas

highlights the importance of communication among us: while we come from different national backgrounds, we all belong to a shared judicial culture.”

Lorenzo Cuvier, judicial trainee, France

“The training offered by EJTN has been an important step in my professional growth. Thanks to EJTN, I was able to improve my legal English and learn to use the European Court of Human Rights’ caselaw search tools with confidence. By meeting colleagues from other countries and comparing court practices, I found it much easier to handle international letters rogatory and the service of documents abroad. The focus on highly relevant topics helped me deepen my knowledge of European law and apply the interpretations of the highest courts in my daily work, no longer solely in a national but in a European context. The organisation of the courses is always impeccable, and the training offer is both varied and engaging.”

Viviana Mele, First instance civil judge, Italy

“Participating in EJTN training activities has given me a lot of experience for my professional development. The sessions (on-site or online) combined theoretical elements with practical insights and a strong European perspective, helping me to find ways to get better at what I do and to improve my skills in a concrete and applicable way. The exchanges with European colleagues from different European countries and jurisdictions were particularly enriching and useful, which reinforced the importance of continuous judicial training in a changing legal and digital context. In particular, my participation in the leadership training encouraged me to reflect on my judicial role, decision-making, and communication.”

Txomin Bellido Pérez, Judge, Spain

“Digital justice is less a question of tools than of judgment, responsibility, and system design. The EJTN AI Webinar Series demonstrated that meaningful integration of such tools in the judiciary depends on how workload, responsibility, and decision-making are structured under digital conditions. By shifting the focus away from technology alone, the training clarified that ethical responsibility and professional judgment are not by-products of digitalisation but core design requirements of digital justice systems.”

Sonja Ewerdt-Schlaak, Judicial Adviser, Germany

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