

***EU Project JUST /2014/JTRA/AG/ EJTR/6869  
“European Judicial Training for Court Staff and Bailiffs”***

**Closing Conference  
Lisbon, 23-24 February 2017**

**PROGRAMME**

In its *Europe 2020* policy, the European Commission fixed the target of **700 000 legal practitioners participating in European judicial training by 2020**, which represents no less than half of all legal practitioners in the EU. In response to this challenge, the new **“European Judicial Training for Court Staff and Bailiffs”** project funded within the scope of the *EU Justice Programme 2014-2020* was launched in September 2015.

This 1½year-project contributed to the ambitious goal set by the EC by **improving and developing court staff and bailiffs training in EU law and cross-border procedures**. In particular, it aimed at:

- Improving court staff & bailiff’s judicial training in EU law and cross-border procedure in civil, criminal and commercial law via a series of common training courses as well as practical staff exchanges;
- Developing legal linguistic skills of court staff & bailiffs, that are indispensable to the European exchanges, via a linguistic course and the design of a e-learning platform on English terminology and the translation into English of another module dealing with cross-border issues;
- Strengthening cooperation between training providers thanks to a major event, showcasing best practices developed within the project lifetime;
- Creating a real European area of court staff & bailiffs training by favouring mutual recognition of judgements among Member States.

Gathering all training experiences from member states, this meeting will provide the project with a large platform to give major visibility to the project, its results and its deliverables. It will also be a great opportunity to communicate e-learning methodologies, share good training practice for court staff in UE law and cross-border procedure.

**Conference venue: Directorate General of Justice Administration – Av. D. João II, n.º 1.08.01 D/E, 1990-090 Lisbon**



Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

09.00 Reception / Coffee / Registration of the participants

09.30 Opening of the Conference by:

- Speech of the Ministry of Justice - Portugal – **Mrs RIBEIRO, State Secretary**
- Speech of the Direction General of Justice, representing the European Commission – **Mr WAGNER**
- Speech of the Director of the ENG – **Mr SENTIS**
- Speech of the President of JCI – **Mr LECRUBIER**
- Speech of Judicial Counsellor at CEJ – **Mr CASADO ROMAN**
- Speech of the Director of EIPA – **Mr GOLDSCHMIDT**
- Speech of the President of CEHJ – **Mr SANNINO**
- Speech of a representative of IFJ-IGO – **Mr DE VOS**

10.15 Presentation of the project and its results/outputs

- General presentation of the project by Justice Cooperation International (JCI) – **Mrs JEKIC**
- Presentation of the methodology and the training design of the project by the European expert of the French National School for Court staff (ENG) – **Mrs LOCHUS**
- Presentation of the linguistic module and the training of trainers' modules delivered by the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) – **Mrs OERTEL**
- Presentation of the e-learning platform on European Cooperation in civil matters designed by the European Chamber of Judicial Officers and Bailiffs – **Mrs BREBION**
- Presentation of the e-learning lessons on European Cooperation in civil matters designed by the Portuguese Directorate-General of Justice Administration (DGAJ) - **Mr GOMES GONÇALVES**

12.30 Lunch

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14.00 Thematic workshops for exchanges of practices

Each attendee will take part in a practical workshop, according to his/her professional interest or competencies. Each workshop will be conducted by representatives of the project's partners who will also play the role of speakers at the end of the session.

Through a practical case that attendees will have to solve, each practical workshop aims at:



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- highlighting the main European instruments implemented by court staff and bailiffs in their daily work (what instrument do they use?)
- identifying the roles and tasks of court staff in the EU judicial cooperation (What do they do exactly?)
- using the European tools and resources available and useful for court staff and bailiffs as EU law practitioners (How do they do? How those tools can help them?)
- promoting best practices to be adopted by court staff and bailiffs in order to improve judicial cooperation between these EU law practitioners (How to cooperate better?)

- workshop 1 – implementing EU instruments in civil and commercial matters: check points and good practices in the daily practice of court staff and bailiffs from a practical case

**Speakers: Mrs KONG and Mrs CUNHA (DGAJ) and Mrs OERTEL (EIPA)**

- workshop 2 – implementing EU instruments in family matters: check points and good practices in the daily practice of court staff and bailiffs from a practical case

**Speakers: Mr GOMES GONCALVES (DGAJ) and Mrs LOCHUS (ENG)**

- workshop 3 – implementing EU instruments in criminal matters: check points and good practices in the daily practice of court staff from a practical case

**Speakers: Mrs FERNANDEZ NIETO (CEJ) and Mrs LANSMAN (IFJ)**

15.30 Coffee break

15.45 Workshop 4 – Developing cross-border cooperation on training for court staff and bailiffs (plenary session)

The purpose of the fourth workshop consists of developing cooperation between training providers in concrete actions and training activities and all the attendees will have the opportunity to participate.

4 sub-themes will be proposed to discuss on:

- how e-learning training program can be an appropriate method to train such a specific target audience as court staff and bailiffs?
- what kind of concrete actions of cooperation training providers of court staff and bailiffs could implement to strengthen the effectiveness of EU law?
- What obstacles to cooperation between training providers could arise and what solutions could be proposed to overcome them?
- What about creating a network of EU law trainers for court staff and bailiffs attendance?

**Speakers: Mr. WAGNER (European Commission) + Mrs BREBION (CEHJ) + Mr. GOLDSCHMIDT (EIPA)**



17h30/45: Closing of the first day

18.00 Cocktail

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**Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

09.00 Plenary session:

- EJM in civil and commercial matters - **Mrs POTT**
- EJM in criminal matters - **Mrs FERREIRA**
- Presentations of the results of the workshops by each speaker
- Discussion and prospects – **Mrs MARGARIDO**

11.00 Coffee break

11.15 Closing of the conference:

- Closing speech of the Director of the French National School for court staff – **Mr. SENTIS**
- Closing speech of the Directorate General of Justice Administration – **Mrs AZEVEDO**, Deputy Director

