

Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities (2016)

Exchanges for court presidents and heads of prosecution offices

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Background:

In the framework of its highly acclaimed Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities, the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) is launching in 2016 a pilot programme of exchanges specially dedicated to the heads of the courts and prosecution offices of the EU Member States (EU MS).

This pilot programme is developed in the framework of the EJTN training activities focusing on leadership in justice. Exchanges specially dedicated to court presidents and heads of prosecution offices are considered as an important tool in shaping the leadership skills amongst members of the judiciaries.

Format:

- Target group: the call is addressed to all Court presidents/heads of prosecution offices of the EU MS.
- Length: 3 working days (minimum) with the possibility to extend to 5 working days (maximum);
- Type of exchange: the exchange can either be individual or for a small group of 2-3 participants.
- Period: the exchanges should take place between 1st September and 31st December 2016.

Content:

Exchanges for court presidents and heads of prosecution offices should focus on the following common topics of interest:

- Fields of tension (triangle: independence / finance / ratio - courts 'Council of Jurisdiction')
- Leadership for professionals (Management and Development aspects)
- Media and influence on jurisdiction
- Change Management (Jurisdiction would benefit from consistency, but how should this be done in an ever-changing environment).
- Information and Communication technologies

Application procedure:

The call for applications is disseminated through the national contacts points of the EJTN Exchange Programme in the EU MS as well as published on the EJTN website. Interested court presidents/heads of prosecution services are invited to apply online through the EJTN Exchange

Programme platform: <http://ejtn-exchange.azurewebsites.net/>. The list of available places per country, level of jurisdiction and working language can be found in annex of the present document as well as in the online application form. The deadline for applications is 15 July 2016.

Financial conditions:

Exchanges for court presidents/heads of prosecution offices will be governed by the financial rules of the EJTN Exchange Programme. Each participant will receive a per diem for his/her subsistence expenses during the stay abroad and will be reimbursed their travel expenses from the court/prosecutor's office of origin to the visited court/prosecutor's office in conformity with the financial rules laid down in the "Practical Guide to the Exchange Programme 2016".

Evaluation:

After the exchange, all participants will be requested to fill in an online evaluation form through the EJTN Exchange Programme platform.



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ANNEX

List of available places

Hosting country	Public	Level of jurisdiction	Places	Working language	Length
Belgium	Court Presidents and Heads of Prosecution Offices	1 st instance	4 (2-2)	English/French/Dutch	5 days
Bulgaria	Court Presidents and Heads of Prosecution Offices	1 st and 2 nd instance common courts and prosecution offices	6 (3-3)	English/French/German	5 days
Estonia	Heads of Prosecution Offices	Office of the Prosecutor General	5	English	3/4 days
France	Court Presidents and Heads of Prosecution Offices	1 st instance	3	French/English	3 days
Germany	Court Presidents and Heads of Prosecution Offices	1 st instance Appeal	70	German/English/French/Italian/Greek/ Romanian	5 days
Hungary	Court Presidents and Heads of Prosecution Offices	Not specified	3	English/Hungarian	5 days
Italy	Court Presidents and Heads of Prosecution Offices	1 st instance Appeal	26	Italian, English, French, German, Spanish	3 days
Romania	Court Presidents and Heads of Prosecution Offices	Appeal	6	English	5 days
Slovakia	Court Presidents and Heads of Prosecution Offices	Not specified	20	English	5 days
Slovenia	Court Presidents and Heads of Prosecution Offices	District Court District prosecution office Higher court	5	English	3/4 days
Spain	Court Presidents	Appeal or High Regional Court	12	Spanish (7)/English (3)/French (2)	3/4 days
Sweden	Heads of Prosecution Offices	1 st instance	5	English	5 days