



NATIONAL SCHOOL  
OF JUDGES



Dear Colleagues,

The National School of Judges, Greece, is organising, supported by the European Union Programme Hercule III (2014-2020), an action entitled “Fraud against the EU by illegal subsidies in agricultural products and tobacco smuggling”. The aim of the training is to update judges and prosecutors further on the general problem of unlawful acts against the interests of the Union, in particular in connection with agricultural subsidies and the smuggling of tobacco products. A conference, scheduled for the 3rd and 4th of November 2016 for 33 legal practitioners (judiciary, magistrates, and prosecutors) representing nine Member States and three candidate countries, will be held in Thessaloniki, Greece.

The objectives of the action are to: a) raise awareness among the judiciary and other branches of the legal profession of the protection of the financial interests of the Union; b) improve cooperation between the judiciary, academics and national and international bodies in charge of protecting the EU's financial interests; exchange information with colleagues from other Member States, in order to identify best practice; c) cooperate with non-judicial bodies in charge of protecting the EU's financial interests, e.g. customs, police, representatives of industry; d) establish an observatory to facilitate the exchange of information, experiences and best practice; apply a framework of best practices and organise an international observatory; and e) enhance legal and judicial protection of the EU's financial interests against fraud by promoting comparative law analysis.

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This call is about the Conference, to be held on 3rd and 4th of November 2016. Three (3) judges, magistrates or prosecutors originating in your country may participate in the conference. We would, very much appreciate the attendance of three (3) judges, magistrates or prosecutors, originating in your country, for the Conference.

Travel and subsistence expenses of the participants will be covered by the program.

Therefore, we would like to invite you to provide us the names and contact details of two participants, members of your training Organization who are specialized or vastly interested in the above field, originating in your country. Please provide us the contact details (name, e-mail address and mobile telephone numbers of the participants to submit their interest, electronically ([herculestraining@esdi.gr](mailto:herculestraining@esdi.gr)), by Monday the 10th of October 2016. All further communication will be held by us.

The participants selected will be informed promptly. A password for a special part of the site <http://www.esditraining.com/> will be delivered to each selected participant where they can register for the conference, book a room to a pre-booked hotel in Thessaloniki, find material about the conference and the town.

More information can be found at the action web site <http://www.esditraining.com/>. For any other question, please, contact us on the afore mentioned mail accounts or <http://www.esdi.gr>.



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For more information see  
<http://ec.europa.eu/antifraud/policy/hercule/indexen.htm>

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