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Connecting Borders through e-CODEX Judicial Training

## First Training Cycle under the CiviLink Project – Webinar and Transnational Seminar on “Cross-Border Judicial Cooperation and e-CODEX”

### Pre-training Webinar

8 October 2025

- ONLINE
- Half a day
- Language: EN
- 2 judicial trainers



### Transnational Seminar

30-31 October 2025

- Bucharest, RO
- 1.5 days
- Language: EN
- 4 judicial trainers



Same target group: 30 participants (22 judges, 8 court staff):

**Romanian National Institute of Magistracy – NIM: 12 judges**

**Application deadline: 11<sup>th</sup> of August**



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### *Concept paper and Agenda*

<b>Dates</b>	Webinar: 8 October 2025 Seminar: 30-31 October 2025
<b>Location</b>	Webinar : Online Seminar : Bucharest, Romania
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Participation</b>	Judges and court staff from Bulgaria, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, and Spain.

### About the CiviLink Project

*CiviLink: Connecting Borders through e-CODEX Judicial Training* is a European project coordinated by the National Institute of Magistracy (NIM - Romania), in collaboration with the Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ – Portugal), the Judicial School of the General Council for the Judiciary (CGPJ – Spain), the National Institute of Justice (NIJ – Bulgaria), the National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (KSSiP – Poland), the School of the Judiciary (SSM – Italy), and the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN).

The project aims to strengthen cross-border judicial cooperation in civil matters by equipping judges with practical skills for using the e-CODEX system in the application of Recast Regulations (EU) 2020/1783 and 2020/1784 on the service of documents and taking of evidence.

Through a comprehensive **blended learning cycle**, the project combines six transnational seminars, each preceded by an introductory webinar, and supported by e-learning tools including tutorials and reflective podcasts, all conducted in English. This structured approach not only enhances practical skills but also fosters cross-border dialogue among justice professionals, facilitating a harmonized application of EU law in civil cases across six Member States.

### CiviLink Training Cycle Description

The *CiviLink* project offers a structured, blended learning path for European judges, combining digital and in-person training to enhance cross-border cooperation in civil matters using e-CODEX and the Recast Regulations (EU) 2020/1783 and 2020/1784.

The **training cycle** includes:

- **Short video tutorials** for introductory familiarisation with the e-CODEX system..
- **Interactive webinars** for conceptual grounding and practical understanding.
- **In-person transnational seminars** for practical, case-based exercises and simulations.
- **Reflective podcasts** for post-training consolidation of key concepts.

- A **final conference** to share experiences and project results at European level.

## **Tutorials – September 2025**

Three short video tutorials will:

- Be developed in the upcoming months and will be available online starting with September 2025;
- Cover e-CODEX functionalities, workflows for service of documents and taking of evidence, and data protection principles.
- Need to be completed by participants before the 8 October 2025 webinar to ensure they are prepared for practical discussions and exercises.

## **Pre-training Webinar (8 October 2025)**

The half-day online webinar will:

- Introduce the Recast Regulations and their practical relevance.
- Present the e-CODEX system's structure, legal value, and Reference Implementation.
- Demonstrate workflows for Service of Documents (SoD) and Taking of Evidence (ToE).
- Cover data protection and cybersecurity requirements in digital judicial cooperation.
- Provide a preview of the practical seminar and address participant questions.

## **Transnational Seminar (30–31 October 2025, Bucharest)**

The 1.5-day seminar will:

- Apply the Recast Regulations in simulated cross-border civil cases.
- Provide hands-on training using e-CODEX for SoD and ToE procedures.
- Discuss practical challenges and troubleshooting in digital cooperation.
- Cover GDPR compliance and data protection responsibilities.
- Facilitate cross-border peer learning and professional networking with EU judges.

## **Who Can Apply?**

- **Civil judges** with experience in cross-border civil or commercial proceedings.
- **English language proficiency is required (training will be in English).**
- Participants committed to attending both the webinar and seminar in full.
- Participants willing to contribute to the project's reflective learning podcasts by sharing their experience and feedback after the seminar.
- Participants motivated to apply the knowledge and share it further within the judiciary.

*Gender balance, jurisdictional diversity, and geographical diversity will be pursued during selection.*

## Expected outcomes

Through this cycle, judges will:

- Strengthen their practical skills for implementing EU cross-border judicial procedures digitally.
- Gain confidence in using e-CODEX in light of its mandatory implementation starting with 2025.
- Enhance understanding of the Recast Regulations' impact on civil judicial cooperation.
- Develop networks with EU colleagues, supporting a uniform application of EU law.
- Receive a certificate of participation upon completing the full cycle.

## Participation Details

- Participation is free of charge.
- Travel, accommodation, and meals for participants will be covered by the project.
- Travel expenses, for participants from outside Bucharest, will be reimbursed within a limit of 300 EUR, based on supporting documents

## How to apply?

We kindly ask you to submit the requested documents [HERE](#), by **11<sup>th</sup> of August 2025**.

## Contact information

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# Draft agenda

## Pre-training Webinar

### Cross-Border Judicial Cooperation and e-CODEX

### 8 October 2025

Wednesday, 8 October 2025	
09.00 – 09.20	<b>Welcome</b> Introduction to the CiviLink Project and goals of the training
09.20 – 10:00	<b>Legal Framework</b> Overview of Recast Regulations 2020/1783 & 2020/1784
10:00 – 10.30	<b>e-CODEX System: Overview</b> Technical structure, legal value, and role of the Reference Implementation (RI)
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Functionalities in Practice (Live Demo)</b> Creating and managing a case in e-CODEX: SoD (Service of Documents) and ToE (Taking of Evidence) workflows
11.00 – 11.30	<b>Interactive Q&amp;A / Break</b> Practical questions from participants
11.30 – 12.00	<b>Data Protection &amp; Cybersecurity</b> e-CODEX compliance with GDPR, secure transmission, role of digital signatures
12.00 – 12.30	<b>Terminology &amp; Forms</b> Legal terminology and standard forms used in the RI interface
12.30 – 13:00	<b>Wrap-up &amp; Feedback</b> Summary, seminar preview, and participant feedback form

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**Transnational Seminar**  
**Cross-Border Judicial Cooperation and e-CODEX**  
**30-31 October 2025, Bucharest, Romania**

<b>Thursday, 30 October 2025</b>	
09.00-09.15	Registration of participants
09.15-09.45	<b>Welcome &amp; Icebreaker</b> Project overview, plenary introductions
09.45-11.00	<b>Legal Framework</b> Recast Regs 2020/1783 & 1784 – obligations, procedures
11.00-11.30	<b>Coffee Break (Group Photo)</b>
11.30-13.00	<b>Introduction to e-CODEX</b> Technical structure, user roles, authority setup
13.00-14.00	<b>Lunch break</b>
14.00 – 15.30	<b>Hands-on: Service of Documents</b> Step-by-step case simulation in the RI
15.30 – 16.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16.00 – 17.30	<b>Hands-on: Taking of Evidence</b> Use case: full ToE scenario in RI

<b>Friday, 31 October 2025</b>	
9.00 – 10.30	<b>Data Protection &amp; Common Errors -Workshop</b> GDPR compliance, common issues in SoD/ToE
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11.00 – 12.30	<b>Wrap-up &amp; Evaluation</b> Lessons learned, feedback, Q&A





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