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Agenda

Round table for practice sharing on the development of curricula on international judicial cooperation in criminal matters by judicial training institutes

13-15 September, Brussels, Belgium

Background information

The activity is part of a two complementary and connected round table events organized under the Technical assistance facility (TAF) of the EuroMed Justice Programme - financed by the European Commission and implemented through Eurojust – by the Romanian National Institute of Magistracy (NIM), the Belgium Judicial Training Institute (Institut de Formation Judiciaire Belge IGO- IFJ) and EuroMed Justice Programme.

Organisers

EuroMed Justice Programme, the Belgian Judicial Training Institute (IGO-IFJ) and the Romanian National Institute for Magistrates (NIM)

Venue

Belgian Judicial Training Institute (IGO-IFJ), Avenue Louise 54, 1050 Brussel (13-14 September 2022)

Official visit to the Federal Prosecutors office and possible visit to the Palace of Justice (September 15, 2022)

Working languages

English and Arabic with simultaneous interpretation

Objectives

Following the debates of the first Round Table organised in Bucharest 8 -10 March 2022, the objective of the Brussels meeting - bringing together high representatives of judicial training schools from both shores of the Mediterranean together with representatives of EJTN, European and International training institutes - is two folded:

1. To identify best practices and common standards for the development of curricula on international judicial cooperation in criminal matters between criminal justice practitioners from EU and SPCs.
2. To explore the possibility of increasing the synergies, coordination and exchanges with Euro-Arab Judicial Training Network (EAJTN) together with its visibility; to reflect on the coordination EMJ Programme - EAJTN and the EAJTN role in the next EMJ phase.



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Tuesday September 13, 2022

09:00 Registration of the participants

09:30 Opening of the round table, welcome words

- **Raf Van Ransbeeck**, Judge, IGO-IFJ Director
- **Cristina Rotaru-Radu**, Judge, NIM Director
- **Virgil Constantin Ivan-Cucu**, Programme Coordinator, EuroMed Justice Programme
- **Frederic Van Leeuw**, Federal Prosecutor of Belgium
- **Lucia Dreser**, President of the High Council of Justice of Belgium

Opening of the works of first day

Moderator - **Virgil Constantin Ivan-Cucu**, Programme Coordinator, EuroMed Justice Programme

10:00 Short presentation of the results of the first round table (Bucharest, Romania, March 2022) and introduction on the purpose and objectives of the second round table

Raf Van Ransbeeck, Director IGO-IFJ

Nadia-Simona Taran, Romanian National Institute for Magistrates, Head of Office for International Relations, Externally Financed Projects and Public Policies

Alexandru Frunză-Nicolescu, Legal Officer, EuroMed Justice Programme

10:20 International Organisations active in the Judicial training Field (15 minutes/ intervention)

- Presentation of the European Judicial training network (EJTN),
Markus Brückner, Secretary general of EJTN network
- Presentation of European Commissions training activities concerning International cooperation in Criminal matters,
Wojciech Postulski, European Commission
- Presentation of Council of Europe Help Programme, **Eva Pastrana**, Council of Europe
- Presentation of Academy of European Law (ERA) training activities concerning international cooperation in Criminal matters, **Cornelia Riehle**, Deputy Head of Section

11:20 Coffee break

11:50 International Organisations active in the Judicial training Field

- Presentation of the EuroArab Judicial Training Network, **Dr. Jamal Haraoun**, Director General of the Judicial Institute of Jordanian;

Presentation of UNODC work on capacity building for judiciary, **Jorge Antonio Valverde Luna Pizarro**, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer



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- Presentation of Euromed Justice programme training component
Alexandru Frunză-Nicolescu, Legal Officer, EuroMed Justice Programme,
Alessandro D'Autilio, Associate –Fondazione SAFE (SAFE/ EPLO Consortium implementing EuroMed Justice Training Component)

12:30 Lunch

13:45 International judicial cooperation in criminal matters actors involved, the Belgian Perspective (recommended duration of each presentation 15 minutes)

- Role of the local prosecutor
Dirk Merckx, Senior Prosecutor at the Brussels Public Prosecutor's Office
- Role of the Central Authority
Kris Van Opdenbosch, EJN contactpoint
- Role of Federal Prosecutor
Lieve Pellens, Federal Magistrate at the Belgian Federal Prosecutors Office
- Role of Eurojust
Hilde Vandevoorde, National Member for Belgium at Eurojust
- Role of a liaison Magistrate
Amal Lamniai, Liaison Magistrate of the Kingdom of Morocco in Belgium

Questions and answers

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 Current state of play by training schools' representatives on national experience in the field of judicial cooperation in criminal matters – Algeria, Bulgaria, Egypt, France, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia (recommended max. 10 minutes intervention)

17:15 Closing of the round table of the first day

19:00 Group dinner



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Wednesday September 14, 2022

09:30 Round table in break out rooms (2 break out groups)

- Introduction remarks by the Moderator
Moderator –Jacqueline De Mol, Federal Magistrate at the Belgian Federal Prosecutors Office

10:00 Break-out session topics:

- Needs analysis to develop a stronger collaboration between Euromed countries
- Best practices to develop curricula
- Possibility to cooperate in developing curricula
- Possibility to develop joint curricula
- Possibility to organize joint trainings
- Reflection on possible topics
- Possibility to organize exchanges
- Possibility of cooperation with Euro-Arab Judicial Training Network (EAJTN)

11:00 Coffe-break

11:30 Continuation of break-out sessions

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Continuation of break-out sessions and formulations of recommendations round table in break out rooms

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 Debriefing in the Plenary

Development of common conclusions and recommendations

17.00 End of the round tables of the second day

Thursday 15 september, 2022

10.00-12.30 **Study visit to the federal prosecutors office**, Rue aux Laines, 66 boite 1, 1000 Bruxelles