



**Réseau Européen de Formation Judiciaire
European Judicial Training Network**



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Subject: Hosting a colleague in the framework of the specialised exchanges 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities implemented by the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) has enabled judges and prosecutors from different EU Member States to discover another judicial system and establish direct contacts with each other for more than fifteen years. It promotes exchange of views and experiences, thus strengthening mutual trust and cooperation within the European Judicial area.

In 2022, nearly 1.500 judges, prosecutors and court/prosecution staff benefitted from such an opportunity, funded by EJTN.

The success of the Programme relies on the commitment of judges and prosecutors (tutors) as well as court presidents and chief prosecutors in all EU Members States who agree to receive their European counterparts. EJTN therefore counts on the support of all these actors to further develop specialised exchanges in the framework of the Exchange Programme.

In 2015, in cooperation with several European associations and networks of practitioners, we launched a new type of exchanges dedicated to judges and prosecutors specialised in competition law, environmental law, labour law, refugee law and mediation. In light of the success of this initiative, we now offer specialised exchanges in 20 different areas of law as part of the Exchange Programme call for applications published every year in September. The demand for specialised exchanges is constantly increasing and we need your support.

By hosting a European colleague in your court or prosecution office in the framework of the Exchange Programme 2024, you will contribute to the success of this Programme but above all you will help building a European Judicial area. As a host, you will be the main contact person of the participant for the content of the exchange while the EJTN member training institution in your country (cf. list of EJTN contact points in attachment) can provide support for the logistical organisation of the exchange.

Please find in attachment the Exchange Programme Guidelines where you can find useful information about the role and responsibilities of each of the actors of the Exchange Programme as well as recommended content for exchanges (e.g. attending a hearing, access to files, discussions with practitioners, etc). Please note that the length of the exchange is between 3 (minimum) and 5 (maximum) working days and that the language can be either the one of the host country or a common language such as English or French.

Hosting does not imply any cost to be paid for by your court or prosecution office. The travel and daily expenses of the hosted colleague are covered by EJTN via the payment of a *per diem* or, where applicable, the reimbursement on a real cost basis.

Thank you very much for your cooperation,

Yours sincerely,



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