



## Language Training in the Field of Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters in the EU

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## Description of and practical information on the EU co-funded project “Language Training in the Field of Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters in the EU” (JUST/2013/JPEN/AG/4603)

### 1. Financing and Partners

The Project is **co-financed by the European Union (80%) and by the below Partners (20%)** under the “Criminal Justice” Programme of the European Union.

The Partners of the Project are judicial academies, ministries of justice or office of the prosecutor general of the **participating countries** which are **Croatia, the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary**. The following institutions are the Partners of the project:

- Ministry of Justice of Croatia
- Judicial Academy of the Czech Republic
- National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution of Poland
- Ministry of Public Administration and Justice of Hungary
- National Office for the Judiciary of Hungary
- Office of the Prosecutor General of Hungary

The Ministry of Public Administration and Justice of Hungary is the coordinator of the Project.

### 2. Objective of the Project

The Project aims at **improving legal professional English language knowledge and skills of the participants**.

The English language training will focus, on the one hand, on the general legal terminology related to criminal justice and the general terminology on European Union (EU) law and, on the other hand, especially on the legal terminology related to the field of judicial cooperation in criminal matters in the EU. Thus, the Project aims at providing for the opportunity of acquiring **thorough knowledge related to EU law in the field of judicial cooperation in criminal matters**.

Through the language courses the Project also aims at **improving the substantial knowledge** of the participants related to the field of judicial cooperation in criminal matters in the EU.

The Project will provide for **interactive participation of the participants**.

Moreover, at the end of the Project an **English language glossary will be elaborated by the lecturers** of the Project which will contain the main terms, expressions and legal institutions dealt with during the seminars. This glossary will be made **available electronically** to all participants of the Project.

### 3. Language

English is the sole official language of the Project.

### 4. Participants

Each Partner is responsible for selecting 5 legal practitioners, except for the National Office for the Judiciary of Hungary and the Office of the Prosecutor General of Hungary which are responsible for selecting 3-3 **legal practitioners having an adequate level of knowledge of English language (B2 or C1 level)** who are going to participate in the seminars to be implemented within the Project. Accordingly, **21 participants will attend each seminar of the Project**.

The **target groups are criminal judges and public prosecutors**.

The partners are entitled to select the same participants for all 4 seminars of the Project, however, taking into account their internal practices and the individual needs and requests of the applicants, Partners may ensure the participation of the applicants only in one or more given seminar(s).

### 5. Planned schedule and content of the seminars

The Project consists of **4 seminars**. Each seminar will last for **5 days** and will be held in one of the Partner institution's country.

The **first seminar** will be organized **between 7 and 11 April 2014 in Budapest (Hungary)**. This seminar will focus on **general legal terminology related to criminal justice and the legal and institutional framework of the EU** relevant in the field of judicial cooperation in criminal matters.

The **second seminar** will be held **between 9 and 13 June 2014 in Valbandon (Croatia)**. It's primary focus will be on the **principles applicable in and the rights ensured by EU law in the field of criminal justice**.

The **third seminar** is going to take place **between 28 July and 1 August 2014 in Kroměříž (Czech Republic)**. It will concentrate on the topic of **harmonisation of substantive criminal law**, i.e. on the so-called **European crimes**.

The **fourth seminar** will be held **between 1 and 5 September 2014 in Krakow (Poland)**. It is going to deal with issues related to **jurisdiction and EU criminal procedure law**.

**The detailed draft content of the seminars is outlined in the Annex.**

**Annex:**  
**Draft content of the seminars**

**1<sup>st</sup> seminar: Judicial cooperation in criminal matters (I) – Introduction, legal and institutional framework**

(7–11 April 2014, Budapest, Hungary)

- General legal terminology in criminal justice
- Access to EU legislation
- EU legal framework in the field of judicial cooperation in criminal matters (before and after the Lisbon Treaty),
- EU Institutional framework of the judicial cooperation in criminal matters (Commission, Council, European Parliament, European Judicial Network, EUROJUST, Europol, OLAF, the proposed European Public Prosecutor's Office)
- EU decision-making procedures applied in the field of judicial cooperation in criminal matters
- Harmonisation of national law with EU law
- Procedures before the Court of Justice of the European Union: preliminary ruling procedure, infringement procedure, action for annulment

**2<sup>nd</sup> seminar: Judicial cooperation in criminal matters (II) – Principles and rights**

(9–13 June, Valbandon, Croatia)

- The concept of area, security and justice
- Principle of mutual recognition of decisions and related EU framework decisions
- Fundamental rights enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union
- Procedural rights (right to interpretation and translation, decisions rendered in the absence of the person concerned at the trial)
- Rights, support and protection of victims of crime; compensation to crime victims
- Protection of personal data processed in the framework of police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters

**3<sup>rd</sup> seminar: Judicial cooperation in criminal matters (III) – Harmonisation of substantive criminal law, European crimes**

28 July – 1 August, Kroměříž, Czech Republic)

- EU framework decisions and directives related to:
  - organised crime,
  - fraud,
  - counterfeiting in connection with the introduction of the euro,
  - corruption,
  - illicit drug trafficking
  - terrorism,
  - money laundering,
  - attacks against information systems
  - racism and xenophobia
  - trafficking in human beings,
  - sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography.
- Protection of the European Union's financial interests

**4<sup>th</sup> seminar: Judicial cooperation in criminal matters (IV) – Jurisdiction, EU criminal procedure law**

(1–5 September 2014, Krakow, Poland)

- Jurisdiction (prevention and settlement of conflicts of exercise of jurisdiction in criminal proceedings)
- Mutual legal assistance in criminal matters between the Member States
- European arrest warrant and the surrender procedures between Member States
- European evidence warrant
- European protection order
- Freezing, seizing and confiscation orders
- Exchange of information extracted from the criminal record between Member States - European Criminal Records Information System (ECRIS)
- Case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union