The European Judicial Training Network

Training of the EU judiciary on victims' rights in the EU in practice

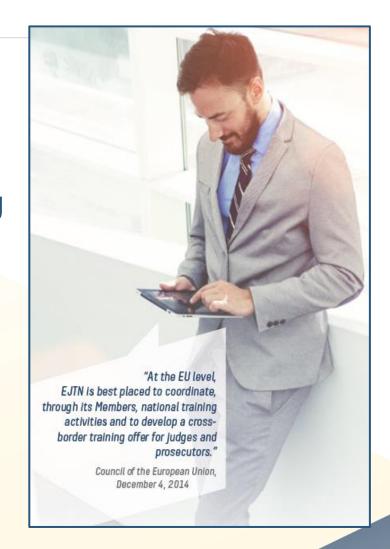
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About EJTN

- Non-profit international organisation founded in 2000
- Supports the interests of more than 120,000 European judges, prosecutors and judicial trainers.
- Principal platform and promoter for the development, training and exchange of knowledge and competence of the EU judges and prosecutors and judicial trainers.
- EJTN develops training standards and curricula, co-ordinates judicial training exchanges and programmes and fosters cooperation between EU national training bodies.
- Only body to gather together all 36 judicial training institutions of all 27 EU MS (and ERA) plus Observers and over 25 Partner organisations.
- In 2019 EJTN trained 7,349 individual judges, prosecutors, trainers and trainees.
- In 2020 EJTN trained 5,074 individual judges, prosecutors, trainers and trainees.
- In 2021 integration of the Court staff and their training providers in the activities of our network



The EJTN Criminal Justice SWG-members

Centro de Estudios Jurídicos-CEJ (Convenor-Spain)

Bundesministerium für Justiz (Austria)

Instituut voor Gerechtelijke Opleiding- IGO/ Institut de Formation Judiciaire -IFJ (Belgium)

National Institute of Justice-BG

Judicial Academy (Croatia)

Judicial Academy (Czechia)

European Law Academy-ERA-Trier

Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature - (ENM-France)

German Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection in coordination with the Bavarian Ministry of Justice (Germany)

National School of Judges (Greece)

Scuola Superiore della Magistratura (Italy)

The Prosecutor General's Office of the Republic of Latvia

Office of the Prosecutor General of the Republic of Lithuania

Swedish Prosecution Authority (Sweden)

Centro de Estudos Judiciários (Portugal)



Meeting of the Criminal Justice SWG in Madrid last September-Office of the Prosecutor General of Spain



Training Needs Assessment in the field of Victims 'Rights

- In 2012, the European Union (EU) adopted legislation intended to ensure that victims of crime can rely on the same level of protection and support across the EU
- Directive 2012/29/EU training should be promoted for lawyers, prosecutors and judges and for practitioners who provide victim support or restorative justice services (Recital 61 and Article 25).
- Identification of Training Needs of the Judiciary by EJTN
- Insufficient training of practitioners at EU level on Victims' Rights
- Enhance knowledge and common guidelines to better practically and comprehensively approach victims in the EU in practice
- Need to share experiences and best practices among the EU judiciary
- Practical knowledge of practitioners in order to improve the rights of all victims of crime



1. EJTN actions on Victims' Rights

CR/2019/15- VICTIMS' RIGHTS IN THE EU IN PRACTICE-Brussels 3-4 December 2019

- Training aimed at providing knowledge and common guidelines on how to better practically and comprehensively approach victims in the EU taking into consideration the context and the events (crisis management) and the long course during the procedure (identification, assistance, judicial interview)
- Workshops on Victims of collective accidents, terrorist attacks and disasters

CR/2021/28-Webinar on VICTIM'S RIGHTS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS-23 November 2021

Webinar aimed at sharing knowledge and best practices presenting the protection of victims in France and Belgium in regard to the EU framework (efficient communication of the judicial authorities with victims of terrorist acts /cooperation when victims of terrorist attacks come from another EU country/compensation of victims of terrorist attacks)

CR/2021/15- VICTIMS' RIGHTS IN THE EU IN PRACTICE: violence against women and children-Brussels 6-7 December 2021

Training focused on those vulnerable victims who require targeted and integrated support and protection: victims of domestic violence, child sexual abuse and gender-based violence



2. EJTN actions on Victims' Rights in 2022

EU Strategy on victims' rights (2020-2025)

The Commission will also focus on training activities that effectively reach actors who are in contact with victims, such as judicial authorities and other judicial staff in contact with victims such as lawyers, prosecutors, court staff, prison and probation staff. In this regard, the Commission will strengthen its cooperation with the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)

Series of webinars on Victims' Rights in 2022-Target groups Judges, prosecutors and court staff

- First Webinar

Hate crimes: protecting citizens against racism, homophobia, transphobia, sexism (29 March 2022).

- Second Webinar

The protection of victims of terrorism in the EU in practice (2 June 2022)

-Third webinar

Victims of crimes: the restitution of criminal assets- offenders' compensation and state compensation (29 September 2022)

Seminar CR/2022/16- VICTIMS' RIGHTS IN THE EU IN PRACTICE: violence against women and children- 1-2 December 2022 Stockholm- 2022-Target groups Judges, prosecutors and court staff



Thank you!

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