

EJTN STUDY VISITS 2020
PRESENTATION, CALENDARS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. **STUDY VISITS AT THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS (ECtHR)**

Presentation

The study visits will be organised at the European Court of Human Rights. The aim of these visits is to provide a deeper knowledge of the Court, its functioning and its case law. The visits will include:

- Presentations on the Court's competencies, procedures and case law
- Meeting with a Judge of the Court
- Possibility to attend a hearing session

Requirements

To participate in study visits at the ECtHR, you need to be:

- A judge, a prosecutor or a judicial trainer

Calendar

Five study visits will be organised during 2020 at the ECtHR, amongst which three in the 1st semester:

Period	Location	Length	Working Language	Number of places available
2 – 4 March	Strasbourg, France	2.5 days	English	35
16 – 18 March	Strasbourg, France	2.5 days	French	35
22 – 24 June (dates to be confirmed)	Strasbourg, France	2.5 days	English	35

Financial conditions

A daily allowance of 190 € will be paid to participants by EJTN during the whole period of the study visit. Transport costs will be reimbursed on a real-cost basis up to a maximum of 400 € upon receipt of original transport documents. National participants will be reimbursed on a real-cost basis. Further information can be found in the Financial conditions document.

Deadline for applications

The deadline for applications is **Friday 17 January 2020, 18:00 Brussels time**.

The application process for the study visits in autumn will be published in the second call for applications to be released in the Spring 2020.

2. STUDY VISITS AT THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (CJEU)

Presentation

The study visits will be organised at the Court of Justice of the European Union. The aim of these visits is to provide a deeper knowledge on the powers, organisation and functioning of the Court. The visits will include:

- Presentations on the Court's competencies, procedures and case law
- Attendance to a hearing session

Requirements

To participate in study visits at the CJEU, you need to be:

- A judge, a prosecutor or a judicial trainer

Calendar

Five study visits will be organised during 2020 at the CJEU, amongst which three in the 1st semester:

Period	Location	Length	Working Language	Number of places available
9 – 10 March	Luxembourg	1.5 days	English	40
4 – 5 May	Luxembourg	1.5 days	French	40
6 – 7 July	Luxembourg	1.5 days	English	40

Financial conditions

A daily allowance of 180 € will be paid to participants by EJTN during the whole period of the study visit. Transport costs will be reimbursed on a real-cost basis up to a maximum of 400 € upon receipt of original transport documents. National participants will be reimbursed on a real-cost basis. Further information can be found in the Financial conditions document.

Deadline for application

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3. STUDY VISITS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION INSTITUTIONS

Presentation:

The study visits will be organised at the European Commission, the Council of the European Union, the European Parliament, the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) and the European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF). The study visits are designed to provide beneficiaries with an insight into the EU law making process and the host institution's functioning and procedures. The role of the European Anti-Fraud Office will also be explained.

Requirements

To participate in study visits in EU Institutions, you need to be:

- A judge, a prosecutor or a judicial trainer

Calendar

Two study visits will be organised during 2020 at the EU institutions, amongst which one in the 1st semester.

Period	Location	Length	Working Language	Number of places available
27 – 29 April (dates to be confirmed)	Brussels, Belgium	3 days	English	30

Financial conditions

A daily allowance of 180€ will be paid to participants by EJTN during the whole period of the study visit. Transport costs will be reimbursed on a real-cost basis up to a maximum of 400 € upon receipt of original transport documents. National participants will be reimbursed on a real-cost basis. Further information can be found in the Financial conditions document.

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4. STUDY VISIT AT EUROJUST

Presentation

This visit aims at raising the participants' awareness of the role of Eurojust and its organisation as well as increasing their understanding of the powers given to Eurojust National Members and judicial cooperation instruments in criminal matters.

Requirements

To participate in the study visit at EUROJUST, you need to be:

- Prosecutors or investigating judges

Calendar

One study visit will be organised at EUROJUST in 2020:

Period	Location	Length	Working Language	Number of places available
22 – 24 June	The Hague, The Netherlands	3 days	English	28 places

Financial conditions

Daily allowances of 200 € will be paid to the participants for the whole period of the study visit. Transport costs will be reimbursed on a real-cost basis up to a maximum of 400 € upon receipt of original transport documents. National participants will be reimbursed on a real-cost basis. Further information can be found in the Financial conditions document.

Deadline for applications

The deadline for applications is **Friday 17 January 2020, 18:00 Brussels time**.

5. STUDY VISIT AT THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS (FRA)

Presentation

The study visit will be organised at the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) in Vienna, Austria. It will be complemented by a visit at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The aim of the study visit is to introduce the participants to the work of the visited institutions in the judicial context. Among the topics tackled will be the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, FRA's work in the area of Non-Discrimination, LGBTI, Access to Justice, Asylum and Migration, Hate Crime, the Rights of the Child and Data Protection.

Requirements

To participate in this study visit, you need to be a judge, a prosecutor or a judicial trainer

Calendar

Two study visits will be organised at FRA in 2020, amongst which one in the 1st semester:

Period	Location	Length	Working Language	Number of places available
4 – 5 June	Vienna, Austria	2 days	English	40

Financial conditions

A daily allowance of 170 € will be paid by EJTN to participants during the whole period of the study visit. Transport costs will be reimbursed on a real-cost basis up to a maximum of 400 € upon receipt of original transport documents. National participants will be reimbursed on a real-cost basis. Further information can be found in the Financial conditions document.

Deadline for applications

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6. STUDY VISIT AT MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY “Addressing Cultural and Religious Diversity in the Courtroom”

Presentation

The study visit will be organised at the **Department ‘Law & Anthropology’ at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology**. The Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, located in the city of Halle in Eastern Germany, is a leading centre for research in socio-cultural anthropology. The Department ‘Law & Anthropology’ aims to offer a stimulating interdisciplinary forum where both anthropologists and lawyers can engage constructively and conduct cutting-edge, policy-relevant research linked to intensified interactions within and between societies, communities and cultures in contemporary Europe and beyond. These interactions call for an in-depth assessment of the ways in which different normative orders and systems of morality coexist at various levels of decision-making.

The aim of the study visit is to provide a deeper knowledge and comparative perspective on how to adequately address cultural and religious diversity in the courtroom.

Through a mixture of presentations, collaborative team-work exercises with Department researchers, self-study and joint discussion sessions, participants are offered the opportunity to develop in-depth contextual understanding of diversity dimensions that are of direct relevance to their judicial practice. Crucially, participants will be encouraged to engage in mutual exchange about their experiences and shared challenges.

For the year 2020, the following study theme will be offered for participants:

“Family law and cultural/religious diversity in contemporary Europe”

Family life realities have become increasingly diverse over the past few decades, and there is no sign of abating. This is linked to several factors, most notably, the principle of non-discrimination, the principle of personal autonomy, and migration from outside as well as within the EU, which makes practices that have not traditionally been part of European or national experiences more visible.

While distinct, these three factors interact with each other. Non-discrimination provisions combined with an increased protection of personal autonomy have, in less than 40 years, led to an explosion of different ways to organizing family ties. As a result, it is no longer possible to say that Europe today is homogeneous in terms of kinship relations and family structures. Moreover, each of these factors triggers its own set of legal questions, and often complicates the task of judges to adjudicate family life issues whenever a conflict of interests arises. This is all the more complex when elements of culture and religion come in, as judges are required to accommodate diversity in their judgments.

Private international law offers some solutions, but not all. The aim of the Judicial Study Visit Program is to enable judges to jointly explore some of the questions they are confronted with in their home jurisdictions. Diversity is to be seen not only as coming from the outside, but also one that is specific to internal developments within European societies.

Requirements

Judges and prosecutors with a keen interest in questions of sociocultural and religious diversity in judicial practice and a strong motivation to building bridges between legal practice and academia. Applicants are asked to submit a short letter of motivation in which they indicate which of the above-mentioned field they are interested in and how/why this theme is relevant in their own judicial practice/experience. Good working knowledge of English is required as the selected participants will be expected to actively contribute throughout the study visit, including but not limited to, presenting case materials from their own jurisdiction as well as comparative background information on their home jurisdictions.

Calendar

One study visit will be organised at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in 2020:

Period	Location	Length	Working Language	Number of places available
1-5 June	Halle, Germany	5 days	English	5 places

Financial conditions

A daily allowance of 160 € will be paid to participants by EJTN during the whole period of the study visit. Transport costs will be reimbursed on a real-cost basis up to a maximum of 400 € upon receipt of original transport documents. National participants will be reimbursed on a real-cost basis. Further information can be found in the Study Visits Financial Conditions.

Deadline for applications

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