

## **Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities (2018)**

### **EXCHANGES FOR COURT PRESIDENTS AND CHIEF PROSECUTORS**

#### **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

##### Background:

Building on the success of the pilot programme implemented in 2016 and 2017, the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) is repeating and enhancing in 2018 the specific exchanges dedicated to the court presidents and chief prosecutors of the EU Member States (EU MS) in the framework of its highly acclaimed Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities.

This special programme falls within the scope of EJTN training activities focusing on leadership in justice. Exchanges specially dedicated to judicial leaders are considered as an important tool in shaping the leadership skills amongst members of the judiciaries.

##### Format:

- Target group: the call is addressed to all Court presidents/Chief prosecutors of the EU MS.
- Length: 3 working days (minimum) with the possibility to extend to 5 working days (maximum);
- Language: language of the host country or common language such as English or French;
- Type of exchange: the exchange can either be individual or for a small group of 2-3 participants.
- Period: the exchanges should take place in the course of 2018 (and no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018).

##### Content:

Exchanges for court presidents and chief prosecutors should focus on the following common topics of interest:

- Fields of tension (triangle: independence / finance / ratio - courts 'Council of Jurisdiction')
- Leadership for professionals (Management and Development aspects)
- Media and influence on jurisdiction
- Change Management (Jurisdiction would benefit from consistency, but how should this be done in an ever-changing environment).
- Information and Communication technologies

Financial conditions:

Exchanges for court presidents/prosecution offices will be governed by the financial rules of the EJTN Exchange Programme. Each participant will receive a per diem for his/her subsistence expenses during the stay abroad and will be reimbursed their travel expenses from the court/prosecutor's office of origin to the visited court/prosecutor's office in conformity with the financial rules laid down in the "Practical Guide to the Exchange Programme 2018".

Evaluation:

After the exchange, all participants will be requested to fill in the Exchange Programme online evaluation form through the EJTN Exchange Programme platform and complete a specific survey for court presidents and chief prosecutors.

Application procedure:

The call for applications is disseminated through the national contacts points of the EJTN Exchange Programme in the EU MS as well as published on the EJTN website.

Interested court presidents/chief prosecutors are invited to apply online through the EJTN Exchange Programme platform: <http://ejtn-exchange.azurewebsites.net/>.

The list of available places per country, level of jurisdiction and working language can be found in the online application form.

The selection of participants to the EJTN Exchange Programme is the sole prerogative of EJTN's Member organisations.

The deadline for applications is 15 December 2017.



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