



Resolution of the General Assembly of the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) – Varna, 15 June 2018

Further to the proposal of a Justice Programme Regulation presented by European Commission on 30 May 2018 and the Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Council meeting on 4 June 2018;

The Members of the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN),

Gathered in Varna on the occasion of the 21st EJTN General Assembly;

Considering

- EJTN's status as the only network at EU level gathering the judicial training bodies of all Member States, being in a unique position to organise exchanges for new and experienced judges and prosecutors between all Member States and to coordinate the work of the national judicial training bodies regarding the organisation of training activities on Union law and the promotion of good training practices;
- The Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union establishing a Justice Programme for the period 2014/2020, stating that EJTN "shall receive" an operating grant to finance its functioning,
- The Council of the European Union's conclusions of December 2014 recognising EJTN as "*best placed to coordinate, through its members, national training activities and to develop a cross-border training offer for judges and prosecutors*",
- The European Commission's continuous support and steadfast cooperation, including the constant increase of the amount and rate of EJTN co-financing in response to its ever-growing portfolio of activities;



Wish to draw the attention of the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union, the European Commission and all the Member States to the following:

- Judicial training remains a key tool to develop the JHA area;
- Judicial training remains a shared responsibility with the commitment to do more at both national and EU level;
- EJTN is best placed to coordinate, through its members, national training activities and to develop a cross-border training offer for judges and prosecutors;

Call the European Parliament and the Council as co-legislators, the European Commission and the Member States to:

1. Further support the national institutions responsible for judicial training;
2. Continue recognising EJTN's role as a reliable partner;
3. Ensure that the final version of the Justice Programme Regulation proposed by European Commission will foresee that *“An operating grant **shall** be awarded to the European Judicial Training Network to cover expenditure associated with its permanent work programme”*, hence ensuring its financial and operational sustainability.