

**To the attention of Miglena Tacheva**  
Director, National Institute of Justice

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*Dear Miglena,*

Brussels, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Ms Tacheva,

Please received my sincerest congratulations for the NIJ's 15th anniversary and my warmest thanks for your kind invitation to attend the conference organized to celebrate this milestone.

I deeply regret I had to decline the invitation and hereby nominate Markus Brückner, Secretary General elect, to attend the conference in the name of the European Judicial Training Network.

The celebration of any judicial training institute is worth celebrating. We cannot underestimate the importance of the training of our magistrates, those who "say the law", who make a court decision in a dispute. Their functions, their assignments, the fields of law they cover are manifold, but they all have in common their training at their national judicial training institute.

Modern democracies are experiencing a period of deep turbulence and questioning about their future and I am convinced that the office of the magistrate, and consequently the schools in charge of their training, is at the heart of the issue. Now more than ever, the necessity to rethink and question together the pedagogical methods that have been or will be for the future shall be the guarantee of the quality of the training of magistrates.

The European Judicial Training Network has been very lucky that the European dimension of the profession of magistrate has been fully taken into account by the National Institute of Justice. We are grateful for your support and commitment provided to the Network and very much look forward to welcome you among the Steering Committee's members as of 2020. I have no doubt NIJ and EJTJN shall continue and nurture this very successful partnership.

Sincerely,



**Wojciech Postulski**  
Judge, Secretary General