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SERIES OF INTERACTIVE LANGUAGE TRAINING EVENTS FOR
JUDGES, LAWYERS AND MEDIATORS

MEDIATION IN THE EU: LANGUAGE, LAW AND PRACTICE



The Project

The project seeks to address the need to raise awareness of the advantages of cross-border mediation among legal practitioners in the EU. The overall objectives are to spread knowledge about mediation and encourage its use among judges, lawyers and mediators, and to develop their legal and professional English language skills, thus increasing their confidence and ability to communicate with each other during mediation procedures.

To meet these objectives, ERA in partnership with ten national judicial training institutions, six bar associations and three EU-wide mediation and judicial networks will organise nine language training activities on cross-border mediation throughout Europe.

The Concept

Each seminar will offer both interactive language training and continuous practice-oriented mediation training. Most training events will be attended by judges, lawyers and mediators from various Member States, offering cross-professional training and ensuring exchange of experiences, advice and mediation best practice.

Each event will deal with one of the following topics:

- Civil and commercial mediation
- Family mediation

Each seminar will have a duration of 2.5 days and will be organised in the partnering Member States. The number of participants will be limited to 30 per event.

Training methodology

All events will cover cross-cutting issues deemed necessary for continuous mediation training. The programme will be based on knowledge development and practical skills training. Under knowledge development, attendees will learn about the mediation legal framework and the different procedural frameworks in the Member States. Certain issues addressing the peculiarities of specialised mediation will differ for the two topics of the project:

- The events on civil and commercial mediation will cover e.g. power imbalances, mediation concepts for business mediation
- The events on family mediation will discuss the model of co-mediation, the best interest of the child, etc.

Practical skills training will be provided based on comprehensive case studies developed for each topic by renowned EU law experts and used in workshops, giving the chance to participants to try different roles in the mediation process. The language training will be based on two linguistic manuals, focusing on English legalese in (cross-border) mediation and comprising written and oral comprehension, pronunciation, etc.

Trainers for the seminars will include two linguistic experts and three legal experts/mediators with long-standing experience in international cooperation. The participants will be divided into two smaller groups to ensure closer interaction between the participants and one-to-one contact with the trainers.



Calendar of events

CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MEDIATION

FAMILY MEDIATION

Sofia, Bulgaria
8-10 November 2021
Event no.: 121DT75f

For judges only

Trier, Germany
1-3 December 2021
Event no.: 121DT76f

For 15 judges and 15 lawyers & mediators

Krakow, Poland
23-25 February 2022
Event no.: 122DT20f

For 15 judges and 15 lawyers & mediators

Bucharest, Romania
9-11 May 2022
Event no.: 122DT21f

For 15 judges and 15 lawyers & mediators

Riga, Latvia
6-8 June 2022
Event no.: 122DT22f

For 15 judges and 15 lawyers & mediators

Barcelona, Spain
19-21 September 2022
Event no.: 122DT23f

For judges only

Prague, Czech Republic
9-11 November 2022
Event no.: 122DT24f

Seminar only for lawyers & mediators

Thessaloniki, Greece
8-10 February 2023
Event no.: 123DT01f

For 15 judges and 15 lawyers & mediators

Vilnius, Lithuania
24-26 April 2023
Event no.: 123DT02f

For 15 judges and 15 lawyers & mediators

Project webpage

For more information or to have free access to the specially developed training materials, please visit:
www.era-comm.eu/mediation-project

Participation conditions

This seminar series is co-funded by the European Union's Justice Programme (2014-2020).

Following terms and conditions of participation apply:

For judges

Registration

Interested judges from the partnering Member States (Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Spain and Romania) may register via their national judicial training institutions. Interested members of the Association of European Judges for Mediation (GEMME) may register via GEMME. Participation is on selection and free of charge.

Accommodation

Accommodation for 3 nights will be booked by the organisers.

Travel

Selected judges will receive a significant contribution to their travel costs upon receipt of the original invoices, tickets and receipts. Participants are asked to arrange their own travel.

For lawyers and mediators

Registration

Please note that the number of places available is limited. You may apply using the online application form available on the individual event pages. Participants should have a working knowledge of English.

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Participation fee

275 EUR (including documentation)

Accommodation

The participation fee includes hotel accommodation: maximum 3 nights at the hotel booked by ERA will be covered directly by ERA. Coffee breaks and lunches are included. ERA will invite all participants for a joint dinner.

Travel

Travel costs are not reimbursed by ERA and participants are asked to book their own travel.

Project partnership

PARTNER



Poland: National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution

www.kSSIP.gov.pl

SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS



European Association of Judges for Mediation (GEMME)

www.gemme-mediation.eu



European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)

www.ejtn.eu



International Mediation Centre for Family Conflict and Child Abduction (MiKK)

www.mikk-ev.de



Bulgaria: National Institute of Justice

www.nij.bg



Belgium: National Judicial Training Institute (IGO-IFJ)

www.igo-ifj.be



Czech Republic: Czech Bar Association (CBA)

www.cak.cz



Estonia: Supreme Court of Estonia

www.riigikohus.ee



Finland: National Courts Administration (NCA)

www.tuomioistuinvirasto.fi



Greece: Hellenic National School of Judges (ESDI)

www.esdi.gr



Bar Association of Thessaloniki

www.dsth.gr



Latvia: Latvian Judicial Training Centre (LJTC)

www.ltmc.lv



Latvian Collegium of Sworn Advocates

www.advokatura.lv



Lithuania: National Courts Administration (NCA)

www.teismai.lt



Lithuanian Bar Association

www.advokatura.lt



Romania: National Institute of Magistracy (NIM)

www.inm-lex.ro



Spain: The Judicial School of Spain, General Council of the Judiciary

www.poderjudicial.es



Barcelona Bar Association (ICAB)

www.icab.es



Slovakia: Slovak Bar Association (SAK)

www.sak.sk



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