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Connecting Borders through e-CODEX Judicial Training

Fourth Training Cycle under the CiviLink Project – Webinar and Transnational Seminar on “Cross-Border Judicial Cooperation and e-CODEX”

Pre-training Webinar

5 March 2026

- ONLINE
- Half a day
- Language: EN
- 2 trainers



Transnational Seminar

17-18 March 2026

- Sofia, BG
- 1.5 days
- Language: EN
- 4 trainers



Same target group: 30 participants (22 judges, 8 court staff):

National Institute of Justice - NIJ: 10 judges + 4 court staff

Application deadline: 5th of January



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Concept paper and Agenda

Dates	Webinar: 5 March 2026 Seminar: 17-18 March 2026
Location	Webinar : Online Seminar : Sofia, Bulgaria
Language	English
Participation	Judges and court staff from Bulgaria, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, and Spain.

About the CiviLink Project

CiviLink: Connecting Borders through e-CODEX Judicial Training is a European project coordinated by the National Institute of Magistracy (NIM - Romania), in collaboration with the Centre for Judicial Studies (CEJ – Portugal), the Judicial School of the General Council for the Judiciary (CGPJ – Spain), the National Institute of Justice (NIJ – Bulgaria), the National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution (KSSiP – Poland), the School of the Judiciary (SSM – Italy), and the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN).

The project aims to strengthen cross-border judicial cooperation in civil matters by equipping judges and court staff with practical skills for using the e-CODEX system in the application of Recast Regulations (EU) 2020/1783 and 2020/1784 on the service of documents and taking of evidence.

Through a comprehensive **blended learning cycle**, the project combines six transnational seminars, each preceded by an introductory webinar, and supported by e-learning tools including tutorials and reflective podcasts, all conducted in English. This structured approach not only enhances practical skills but also fosters cross-border dialogue among justice professionals, facilitating a harmonized application of EU law in civil cases across six Member States.

CiviLink Training Cycle Description

The *CiviLink* project offers a structured, blended learning path for European judges and court staff, combining digital and in-person training to enhance cross-border cooperation in civil matters using e-CODEX and the Recast Regulations (EU) 2020/1783 and 2020/1784.

The **training cycle** includes:

- **Short video tutorials** for introductory familiarisation with the e-CODEX system..
- **Interactive webinars** for conceptual grounding and practical understanding.
- **In-person transnational seminars** for practical, case-based exercises and simulations.
- **Reflective podcasts** for post-training consolidation of key concepts.
- A **final conference** to share experiences and project results at European level.

Tutorials

Three short preparatory video tutorials:

- Available online: <https://inm-lex.ro/CiviLink/tutorials/>;
- Introducing the e-CODEX system, workflows for Service of Documents and Taking of Evidence, and data protection principles.

Pre-training Webinar (5 March 2026)

The half-day online webinar will:

- Introduce the Recast Regulations and their practical relevance.
- Present the e-CODEX system's structure, legal value, and Reference Implementation.
- Demonstrate workflows for Service of Documents (SoD) and Taking of Evidence (ToE).
- Cover data protection and cybersecurity requirements in digital judicial cooperation.
- Provide a preview of the practical seminar and address participant questions.

Transnational Seminar (17-18 March 2026, Sofia)

The 1.5-day seminar will:

- Apply the Recast Regulations in simulated cross-border civil cases.
- Provide hands-on training using e-CODEX for SoD and ToE procedures.
- Discuss practical challenges and troubleshooting in digital cooperation.
- Cover GDPR compliance and data protection responsibilities.
- Facilitate cross-border peer learning and professional networking with EU judges and court staff.

Who Can Apply?

- **Civil judges and court staff with experience in cross-border civil or commercial proceedings.**
- **English language proficiency is required (training will be in English).**
- Participants committed to attending both the webinar and seminar in full.
- Participants willing to contribute to the project's reflective learning podcasts by sharing their experience and feedback after the seminar.
- Participants motivated to apply the knowledge and share it further within the judiciary.

Gender balance, jurisdictional diversity, and geographical diversity will be pursued during selection.

Expected outcomes

Through this cycle, judges and court staff will:

- Strengthen their practical skills for implementing EU cross-border judicial procedures digitally.
- Gain confidence in using e-CODEX in light of its mandatory implementation starting with 2025.
- Enhance understanding of the Recast Regulations' impact on civil judicial cooperation.
- Develop networks with EU colleagues, supporting a uniform application of EU law.
- Receive a certificate of participation upon completing the full cycle.

Participation Details

- Participation is free of charge.
- Travel, accommodation, and meals for participants will be covered by the project.

How to apply?

Each institutional partner is responsible for conducting its own national selection procedure.

In order to ensure that we follow a structured approach that guarantees a **transparent, timely, and uniform** selection process:

- We would be very grateful if you could nominate **10 judges and 4 court staff**, in a priority order, followed by a reserve list of at least six additional candidates (three judges and three court staff).
 - We kindly ask you to submit the proposed lists of participants to NIM by **5th of January 2025**.
 - When submitting the names, please submit as well their contact details, an updated CV, and a motivation letter, both in English.
 - Please note that the final selection will be operated by NIM to ensure equal opportunity, gender and age balance, and representation across jurisdictions in line with the project's principles.
 - Once the final participant list is confirmed, NIM will send official invitations to the selected participants and provide additional information, including logistical details, training materials, and preparatory resources.

Contact information

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Pre-training Webinar

Cross-Border Judicial Cooperation and e-CODEX

5 March 2026

5 March 2026	
09.00 – 09.20	Welcome Introduction to the Civilink Project and goals of the training
09.20 – 10:00	Legal Framework Overview of Recast Regulations 2020/1783 & 2020/1784
10:00 – 10.30	e-CODEX System: Overview Technical structure, legal value, and role of the Reference Implementation (RI)
10.30 – 11.00	Functionalities in Practice (Live Demo) Creating and managing a case in e-CODEX: SoD (Service of Documents) and ToE (Taking of Evidence) workflows
11.00 – 11.30	Interactive Q&A / Break Practical questions from participants
11.30 – 12.00	Data Protection & Cybersecurity e-CODEX compliance with GDPR, secure transmission, role of digital signatures
12.00 – 12.30	Terminology & Forms Legal terminology and standard forms used in the RI interface
12.30 – 13:00	Wrap-up & Feedback Summary, seminar preview, and participant feedback form

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Transnational Seminar

Cross-Border Judicial Cooperation and e-CODEX

17-18 March 2026, Sofia, Bulgaria

17 March 2026	
09.00-09.15	Registration of participants
09.15-09.45	Welcome & Icebreaker Project overview, plenary introductions
09.45-11.00	Legal Framework Recast Regs 2020/1783 & 1784 – obligations, procedures
11.00-11.30	Coffee Break (Group Photo)
11.30-13.00	Introduction to e-CODEX Technical structure, user roles, authority setup
13.00-14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.30	Hands-on: Service of Documents Step-by-step case simulation in the RI
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00 – 17.30	Hands-on: Taking of Evidence Use case: full ToE scenario in RI

18 March 2026	
9.00 – 10.30	Data Protection & Common Errors -Workshop GDPR compliance, common issues in SoD/ToE
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.30	Wrap-up & Evaluation Lessons learned, feedback, Q&A

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