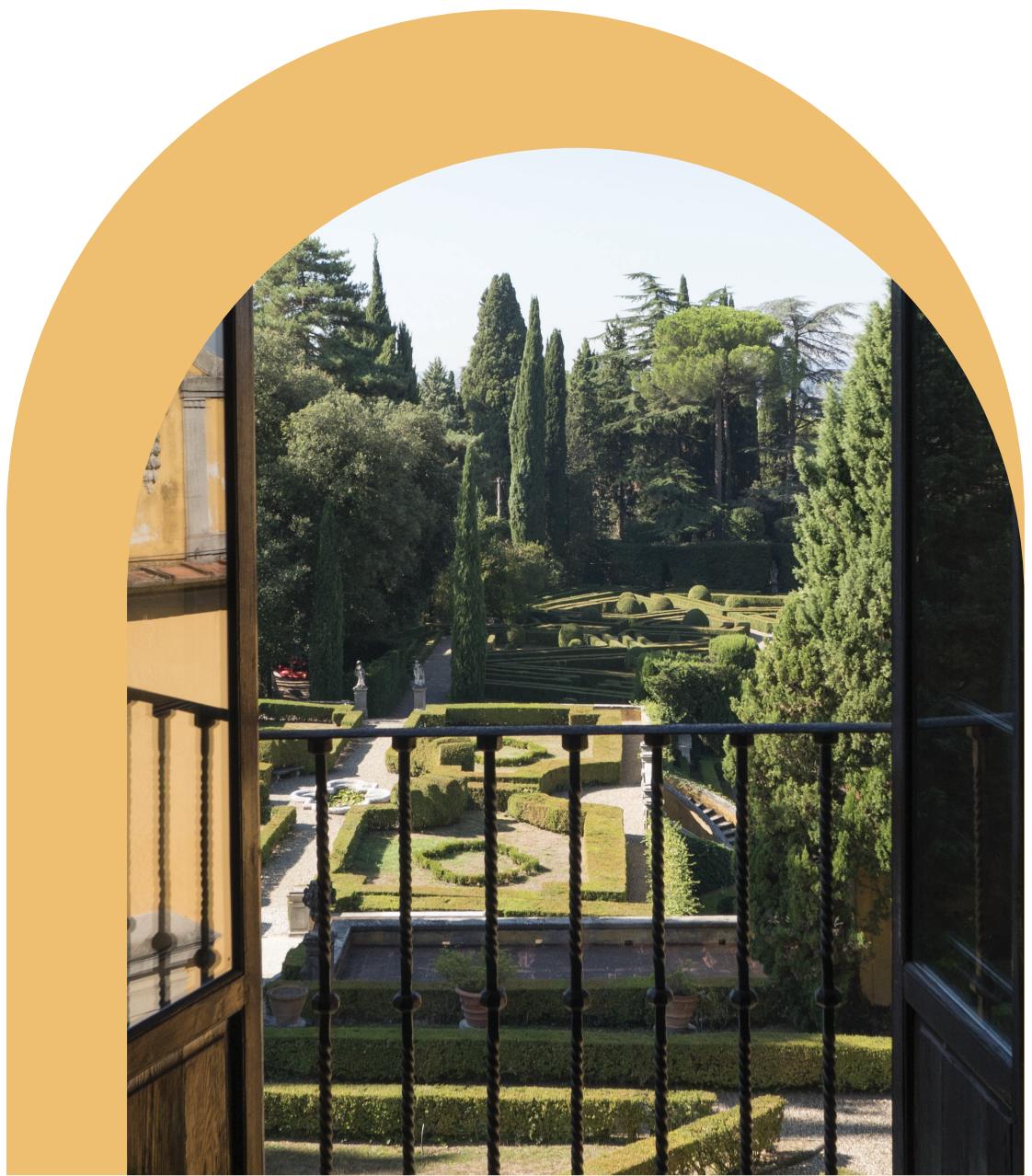


ENTRANCE TRAINING OF NATIONAL JUDGES IN EU COMPETITION LAW 2026 EDITION



SUMMARY

Following the successful organization of the fourteen previous editions, the Centre for a Digital Society (CDS) at the European University Institute (EUI) welcomes applications from judges of EU Member States to participate in ENTraNCE for Judges 2026, a project co-financed by the Directorate-General for Competition of the European Commission.

ENTraNCE for Judges is a training course addressed to 30 national judges from EU Member States interested in deepening their knowledge and sharing experience on recent developments on the interplay between EU competition law and regulation in digital markets.

Key features of the 2026 programme:

1. Residential training at the EUI campus in Florence: all selected judges attend three days of advanced training on the recent developments on both cross-cutting legal and economic concepts and the recent case law and enforcement practice regarding digital markets;
2. Interactive classes featuring frontal lectures and group exercises under the lead of prominent competition scholars with an interdisciplinary approach in law and economics;
3. Online activities: participants access background materials, including readings and lectures recordings on a dedicated e-learning platform;
4. Coaching: the ENTraNCE scientific team supports individual participants who have theoretical and practical questions concerning real competition law issues;
5. Final Workshop: all selected judges will be invited to attend the Final Workshop in person, at the premises of the European University Institute at Badia Fiesolana in Florence. During the workshop, the selected participants will present a case note summarizing a national ruling in the field of EU competition law.

ENTraNCE for Judges 2026 is suitable for administrative judges who are confronted with regulatory and competition law issues in reviewing the decisions of national competition authorities ('NCA').

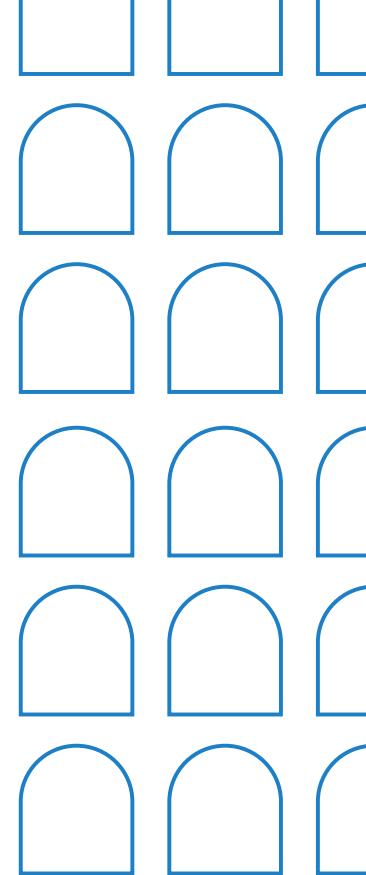
It is also ideal for judges from civil courts who deal with the private enforcement of EU competition law and regulations such as the Digital Markets Act.

Requirements

Nationality of EU member States. Judges from Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein, as well as from Kosovo, Montenegro and the Republic of North Macedonia are also eligible to apply.

Funding

Participation in ENTraNCE for Judges 2026 is free of charge. The project will cover travel and accommodation costs for all selected participants.



AGENDA

- **March - April 2026:** e-learning activities.
- **22-24 April 2026:** Three-days residential training in Florence.
Main topics:
 1. The interplay of competition law, the DMA and national regulation in digital markets and the role played by national courts
 2. Market definition and market power assessment in digital markets
 3. Recent case law and enforcement practice in digital markets
- **18-20 November 2026:** Final workshop at the European University Institute, Florence
- **November 2026 - January 2027:** online follow-up activities.

APPLICATION

Judges interested in participating in ENTraNCE for Judges 2026 can apply online.

Applicants commit to attending the full duration of both the Residential Training and the Final Workshop.

Apply Here

Deadline 31 January 2026

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