



Digitalisation of Cross-Border Civil Justice in the European Union

Pan-European Legal Academy for Court Staff and Bailiffs / Judicial Officers

Trier and Online, 19–23 October 2026



EXCELLENCE IN
EUROPEAN LAW¹

Speakers

Key topics

- Legal framework of cross-border civil cases
- Digitalisation of judicial cooperation
- E-CODEX
- Taking of evidence
- Service of documents
- Brussels I Regulation (recast)
- European Payment Order
- European Small Claims Procedure

Language
English

Event number
126DT121

Organiser
ERA (Daniel Gärtner)

Monday, 19 October 2026

- 12:30 Arrival of participants and registration/Opening of the platform
- 12:45 **Opening session: Welcome words and introduction to the project**
Daniel Gärtner, ERA
- 13:00 **The e-CODEX system and secure cross-border judicial communication**
- Regulation (EU) 2022/850
 - Interoperability and practical implementation challenges
- 14:00 **The European legal framework for the digitalisation of justice**
- Regulation (EU) 2023/2844
 - Digital access to justice in cross-border civil matters
- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:30 **Digitalisation in the daily practice of the court**
- Electronic notifications and communication platforms
 - Digital case management systems
 - Electronic files and workflow management
 - Exchange of best practices
- 17:00 End of the first day
- 19:00 Seminar dinner

Tuesday, 20 October 2026

- 09:00 **Electronic service of documents – Digital procedures and secure transmission under Regulation (EU) 2020/1784 (Recast)**
- Scope and objectives of Regulation (EU) 2020/1784 on the service of documents
 - Secure and reliable transmission methods between competent authorities
 - Common operational challenges and solutions in cross-border practice
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Case studies, digital workflows and operational exercises in small working groups**
- Drafting and processing requests for service of documents
 - Managing multilingual and cross-jurisdictional issues
- 12:30 Lunch break
- 13:30 **Legal framework, digital tools and practical judicial cooperation under Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 (Recast)**
- Overview and objectives of Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 on cooperation between courts in the taking of evidence
 - Remote taking of evidence by videoconference and other distance communication technologies
 - Practical challenges for courts, court staff and bailiffs/judicial officers
- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:30 **Interactive case studies and simulation exercises in small working groups**
- Preparation and transmission of requests for taking of evidence
 - Managing technical, linguistic and procedural difficulties
- 17:00 End of the second day
- 19:00 Seminar dinner

Objective

This pan-European legal academy aims to strengthen the legal and digital capacities of court staff and bailiffs/judicial officers involved in cross-border civil cooperation within the European Union. It will support European judiciaries in the effective implementation of digitalised judicial procedures and tools by improving participants' understanding of the evolving EU legal framework and developing practical digital skills for daily judicial work.

Who should attend?

Court staff and bailiffs/judicial officers from EU Member States who need to apply EU law procedures to fulfil judicial or procedural functions. Participation is only possible upon nomination by the project partners.

Online participation option

The event will be streamed live online. You have the option to follow the conference on Zoom, enabling you to ask questions and take part in the discussion with participants in Trier.

Venue

ERA Conference Centre
Metzer Allee 4
D-54295 Trier

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Wednesday, 21 October 2026

VISIT TO THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EU (for face-to-face participants)

- 07:00 Departure from ERA for the hearing at the CJEU
- 08:20 Arrival and registration at the CJEU
- 08:45 **Briefing on a pending case**
- 09:30 **Hearing of a pending case**
- 12:30 Return to ERA
- 13:30 Lunch and free afternoon

Thursday, 22 October 2026

- 09:00 **The Brussels I Regulation in cross-border civil and commercial litigation – Jurisdiction, recognition and enforcement of judgments within the EU**
 - Overview and objectives of the Brussels I Recast Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012)
 - Interaction between the Brussels I Regulation and digital judicial cooperation tools
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Digital enforcement procedures and cross-border recovery of claims – Practical use of EU simplified civil procedures and electronic judicial tools**
 - The European Payment Order procedure (Regulation (EC) No 1896/2006)
 - The European Small Claims procedure (Regulation (EC) No 861/2007)
- 12:30 Lunch break
- 13:30 **Interactive workshop: Managing a digital cross-border civil case**
 - Electronic filing
 - Service of documents
 - Videoconferencing
 - Enforcement measures
- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:30 **Presentation and discussion of workshop results**
- 16:30 End of the fourth day
- 19:00 Seminar dinner

Friday, 23 October 2026

- 09:00 **Future developments in EU digital justice – Emerging technologies, cybersecurity, data protection and artificial intelligence in cross-border judicial cooperation**
 - Priorities and future initiatives in the digitalisation of justice within the EU
 - Cybersecurity challenges affecting courts, judicial authorities and enforcement bodies
 - Artificial Intelligence in judicial environments: opportunities, limitations and ethical considerations
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Challenges and opportunities in digital justice – Concluding interactive session and participants' feedback**
- 12:30 End of the seminar

Programme may be subject to amendment.

About the project

The seminar is part of a large-scale project co-funded by the European Commission entitled "Training court staff and bailiffs/judicial officers on the digitalisation of judicial cooperation in civil and criminal law procedures". The project brings together 25 organisations from different countries that will tackle the deficiencies of court staff and bailiffs' training by adopting a modern and practical approach to EU judicial training. 10 language training events and 4 pan-European legal academies will be offered in face-to-face, hybrid and online formats.

Project partnership

Beneficiaries

Belgium: Judicial Training Institute
Bulgaria: Institute of Justice
Poland: National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution
Romania: School of Clerks
UEHJ: European Union of Judicial Officers

Associated partners

Albania: School of Magistrates
Austria: Federal Ministry of Justice
Czechia: Judicial Academy
Estonia: Office of the Prosecutor General
EJTN: European Judicial Training Network
Spain: Centre for Legal Studies
EUR: European Union of Rechtspfleger
Finland: National Courts Administration
Croatia: Judicial Academy
Lithuania: National Courts Administration
Latvia: Judicial Academy
Moldova: National institute of Justice
Malta: Court Services Agency
The Netherlands: Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary
Slovenia: Ministry of Justice - Judicial Training Centre
Ukraine: Prosecutor's Training Center
Ukraine: National School of Judges
Kosovo: Academy of Justice

Project webpage

If you are interested in more information about the seminar project or would like to have free access to the specially developed training materials, please visit our project webpage under the following link:

csab.legaltraining.eu

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Terms and conditions of participation

Selection

1. Participation is on selection and free of charge. The number of places available is limited (45 places face-to-face participation and 20 places online participation). Participants should have a working knowledge of English.
2. Interested court staff may register via their respective national training institutions. Interested bailiffs may register via UEHJ. Applications should be submitted before **24 June 2026**. A response will be sent to every applicant after this deadline. **We advise you not to book any non-refundable travel or accommodation before you receive our confirmation.**

Travel and accommodation for face-to-face participants

3. Participants will receive a fixed contribution towards their travel expenses and are asked to book their own travel. The condition for payment of this contribution is to sign all attendance sheets at the event. The amount of the contribution will be determined by the **EU unit cost calculation guidelines**, which are based on the distance from the participant's place of work to the seminar location and will not take account of the participant's actual travel costs.

No travel and accommodation cost is paid for local participants travelling less than 50 km one way from their place of work to the venue.

Participants travelling a distance of 50-400 km one way from the place of work to the venue receive contributions according to the EU's respective unit costs. (Brussels, 31.7.2024 C(2024)5405 final)

A fixed sum of €365 is paid for travel of a distance of 401-1600 km one way from the place of work to the venue.

A fixed sum of €429 is paid for travel over a distance of 1600 km one way from the place of work to the venue.

4. In Trier, a fixed sum of €119 per night is paid for accommodation (maximum 4 nights). Participants are responsible for booking their own accommodation
5. Successful applicants will be sent the relevant claim form and information on how to obtain payment of the contribution to their expenses. Please note that no payment is possible if the registered participant cancels their participation for any reason.

Other services

6. Beverages consumed during the event, three lunches and three joint dinners are offered by the organiser. No per diems will be offered. Participants will receive seminar documentation.

Participation

7. Participation at the whole seminar is required and participants' presence will be recorded.
8. A list of participants including each participant's address will be made available to all participants unless ERA receives written objection from the participant no later than one week prior to the beginning of the event.
9. The participant will be asked to give permission for their address and other relevant information to be stored in ERA's database in order to provide information about future ERA events, publications and/or other developments in the participant's area of interest.
10. A certificate of attendance will be distributed electronically after the end of the seminar.

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