



Digitalisation of Cross-Border Criminal Justice in the European Union

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

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EXCELLENCE IN
EUROPEAN LAW

Speakers

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Key topics

- EU judicial cooperation in criminal matters: EAW and EIO
- Electronic evidence and the EU e-evidence rules
- EJN, Eurojust, Europol and EPPO
- Digital justice tools: JUDEX, e-CODEX and eEDES
- Secure communication and videoconferencing
- Recognition, enforcement and practical cross-border case management

Language
English

Event number
327DT011

Organiser
ERA (Cornelia Riehle)

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Monday, 25 January 2027

13:00 Arrival of participants and registration / Opening of the platform

SESSION I: THE EUROPEAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE LANDSCAPE

13:30 **Opening session: Welcome words**
Cornelia Riehle, ERA

13:45 **When Criminal Cases Cross Borders: Understanding EU Judicial Cooperation**

- European criminal justice and digitalisation in everyday court work
- Evolution of EU judicial cooperation: MLA and Mutual Recognition
- Interactive exercise: Identify the appropriate cooperation route in a short cross-border scenario

14:30 Short break

14:45 **Meet the EU Criminal Justice Agencies: Who Does What?**

- Eurojust, the European Judicial Network (EJN), Europol and the EPPO: What are their roles and powers?
- When and how can they support national courts and practitioners?
- Interactive exercise: decide which European body or network can best support a series of practical situations

15:15 Coffee break

15:45 **Your European Toolbox: How the EJN Can Support You in Practice**

- Live navigation of the EJN website and practical tools
- Find the right information, contact point and resource for a given request
- Interactive exercise: compare how participants would resolve the same practical cross-border problem

Maija Hedvall and Ele-Marit Eomois (online)

17:00 End of the first day

19:00 Seminar dinner

Tuesday, 26 January 2027

09:00 Arrival and registration / Opening of the platform

SESSION II: UNDERSTANDING THE INSTRUMENTS

09:15 **The European Arrest Warrant & European Investigation Order: Key Tools for Cross-Border Criminal Justice**
Purpose and scope of the EAW and EIO, key features and relevant CJEU case law
Silvia Allegrezza

10:00 Coffee break

10:15 **The role of courts and court staff in handling EAWs**

- Key checks, documents and deadlines
- Communication and problem-solving
- Interactive exercise: Work through a sample incoming EAW, identify the checks and decide the next action

Silvia Allegrezza and Maija Hedvall

11:15 Short break

11:30 **The role of courts and court staff in handling EIOs**

- Key checks, documents and deadlines
- Coordination and communication
- Interactive exercise: Review a sample EIO, identify missing information and prepare the appropriate follow-up

Silvia Allegrezza and Maija Hedvall

Objective

This pan-European legal academy is designed to help court staff and bailiffs/judicial officers handle cross-border criminal matters more effectively in their daily work. Through practical case work, participants will develop their understanding of the main EU instruments for judicial cooperation, the authorities and networks that support their application, and the digital tools and procedures increasingly used to manage cross-border cases.

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
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D-54295 Trier

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- 12:30 Lunch break
- 14:00 **Accessing electronic evidence across borders: the new EU e-evidence rules explained**
European Production and Preservation Orders; role of service providers; practical workflow and key checks
Celso Alexandre Rocha
- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:30 **Accessing electronic evidence across borders: the new EU e-evidence rules applied**
- Selecting the appropriate e-evidence instrument and recipient
 - Key information, requirements and deadlines
 - Interactive exercise: Review a fictional case and determine the appropriate communication route and next action.
- Celso Alexandre Rocha*
- 16:45 End of the second day
- 19:00 Seminar dinner

Wednesday, 27 January 2027

SESSION III: THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EU

- 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
- Online participants
- 11:00 **The CJEU in Criminal Matters: Role, Procedures and Practical Relevance**
Enrique Arnaldos Orts (online)
- 12:00 End of the third day

Thursday, 28 January 2027

- 09:00 Arrival and registration / Opening of the platform

SESSION IV: DIGITAL CROSS-BORDER JUSTICE

- 09:15 **How JUDEX and Other Digital Tools Support Your Work**
- What is changing in cross-border judicial cooperation?
 - From EU legislation to practical digital implementation: how new digital justice tools are developed and introduced
 - JUDEX, e-CODEX, eEDES and the different digital channels
- Christoph Czaplik and Henning Bierhaus*
- 10:00 Short break
- 10:15 **From Paper to Digital: How Does It Work in Practice?**
- What digitalisation means in practice for court staff and bailiffs
 - Choosing the appropriate digital channel and required information
 - *Interactive exercise: Using JUDEX in a practical cross-border scenario*
- Christoph Czaplik and Henning Bierhaus*

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
France: National School of Clerks
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

- 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:30 **Beyond Documents: Videoconferencing and Secure Communication**
- Videoconferencing and secure cross-border communication
 - Data protection, confidentiality and interoperability
 - Interactive exercise: Identify the appropriate communication method and key safeguards in a practical scenario
- Christoph Czaplik and Henning Bierhaus*
- 12:30 Lunch break
- 14:00 **Recognition and Enforcement in Practice: Orders and Sanctions**
- Purpose, scope and key features of EU rules on freezing and confiscation orders, financial penalties, custodial sentences and alternative sanctions
- 15:00 Coffee break
- 15:30 **The Role of Courts and Court Staff in Recognition and Enforcement**
- Key checks, documents and deadlines
 - Communication and practical challenges
 - Interactive exercise: Work through a short enforcement scenario, identify the appropriate instrument and decide the next action
- 16:45 End of the fourth day
- 19:00 Seminar dinner

Friday, 29 January 2027

- 08:45 Arrival and registration / Opening of the platform

SESSION V: PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER: INTEGRATED SIMULATION ON CROSS-BORDER CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- 09:00 **A cross-border request arrives: What do I do?**
- EAW; EIO, financial penalty
- Wendy de Bondt*
- 09:45 Short break
- 10:00 **I need evidence or procedural action in another Member State: What do I do?**
- EIO; electronic evidence; transmission/communication channels
- Wendy de Bondt*
- 10:45 Coffee break
- 11:15 **A foreign criminal decision has to be recognised or enforced: What happens?**
- Fine, Confiscation order, Custodial sentence
- Wendy de Bondt*
- 12:00 **Something appears legally problematic: What do I do?**
- Fundamental rights, Translation and language requirements, Defective or incomplete requests, Jurisdiction
- Wendy de Bondt*
- 12:45 **Wrap-up, Key Takeaways and Closure**
- 13:00 End of the seminar

Programme may be subject to amendment.



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 **15 October 2027**. 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.
6. In case of a cancellation after the attendance has been confirmed by the participant, a €40 administration fee will be invoiced to the participant.

Other services

7. 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

8. Participation at the whole seminar is required and participants' presence will be recorded.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. A certificate of attendance will be distributed electronically after the end of the seminar.

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