RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EUROPEAN JUDICIAL TRAINING NETWORK (EJTN)

ON THE SUSTAINABLE FUNDING OF THE EUROPEAN JUDICIAL TRAINING NETWORK FOR THE PERIOD 2028 – 2034

DUBLIN, 29 OCTOBER 2026

THE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN JUDICIAL TRAINING NETWORK,

Gathered in Dublin on the occasion of the Extraordinary General Assembly of the European Judicial Training Network on 29 October 2026,

Considering the fundamental role of judicial training as a strategic pillar of the European area of justice and an important element in safeguarding judicial independence, the rule of law and the quality and resilience of justice systems;

Recognising that judicial training is a national competence of the Member States, and the role of the European Union being to support the training of the judiciary and court staff, its priorities, content, methods and formats are determined by national judicial training bodies;

Underlining the unique position of the European Judicial Training Network, established by and for national judicial training bodies, to deliver cross-border training for judges, prosecutors and court staff across Europe, organise exchanges and coordinate national training initiatives;

Stressing that the autonomy of the European Judicial Training Network in defining and implementing its training activities, programmes and methods is essential to its credibility, to the relevance of its offer for national judicial training bodies and to the trust of its members;

Underscoring the need for digital transformation in justice systems and the European Commission's steadfast commitment to support this process through DigitalJustice@2030 Strategy and the European Judicial Training Strategy 2025–2030;

Reiterating the Varna Resolution, unanimously adopted by the General Assembly of the European Judicial Training Network in 2018, which outlined the need for continued and definitive financial support for the EJTN for the period 2021 – 2027;

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(1) **Take note with concern** of the ongoing negotiations on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2028–2034, particularly the proposed significant reduction in the overall budget of the future Justice Programme, which may pose risks to the financial and operational sustainability of the European Judicial Training Network and the cross-border training initiatives of the national training bodies;
(2) **Highlight** that the Regulation 2021/693 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Justice Programme for 2021–2027 expressly states that the Justice

Programme *shall* support the EJTN's permanent work programme through an operating grant awarded without a call for proposals;

(3) **Underline** that, at a time when the rule of law and judicial independence face significant challenges across Europe, judicial training must continue to serve not only the acquisition of technical and digital skills, but to strengthen judicial ethics, mutual trust, cross-border cooperation, soft skills, rule of law and fundamental rights. EJTN remains the most appropriate, legitimate and trusted EU-level platform for training, exchanges, cooperation and dialogue among judges, prosecutors and court staff across Europe.

(4) **Stress** that fair and constructive dialogue with EU institutions is essential to shaping the judicial training under the future Justice Programme 2028-2034 and ensuring its effective implementation.

(5) **Highlight** that, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, enshrined in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union, EU-level support for judicial training complements national efforts and focuses on measures whose objectives cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States;

Call on the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission to:

1. **Provide** adequate, predictable and sustainable funding for the EJTN, safeguarding its financial and operational sustainability throughout the next programming period and effectively support the training initiatives of national judicial training bodies;
2. **Ensure** that the final text of the Justice Programme Regulation guarantees, not merely allows, EJTN an operating grant for the period 2028 – 2034 by retaining the word *"shall"* in Article 9(6) of the proposed Justice Programme Regulation, as reflected in the Council Presidency compromise text.