



TRAINING COURT STAFF AND BAILIFFS IN EUROPEAN CROSS-BORDER CRIMINAL LAW PROCEDURES

Advanced pan-European legal seminar focusing on Evidence, e-Evidence and Digitalisation in criminal Matters

Vilnius, 10 - 11 October 2024

EXCELLENCE IN
EUROPEAN LAW⁷

Speakers

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Key topics

- Gathering evidence through the European Investigation Order
- Obtaining e-evidence with the European Production and Preservation Orders,
- Future novelties under the digitalisation package
- Proposals for the admissibility of evidence and an e-CODEX system

Language
English

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Organisers
ERA (Cornelia Riehle) in cooperation with the National Courts Administration of the Republic of Lithuania

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Thursday, 10 October 2024

08:45 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 **Welcome and introduction**
Cornelia Riehle

SETTING THE SCENE

09:05 **An introduction to the range of EU instruments in mutual recognition and the way they interact with each other**

- European Arrest Warrant
- European Investigation Order
- Transfer of judgements and enforcement of foreign criminal sentences

Dalia Sabaliauskaitė

09:45 **How does the European Judicial Network support judicial cooperation in the Member States?**

Maija Hedvall

10:30 Coffee break

WORKING WITH THE EUROPEAN INVESTIGATION ORDER

11:00 **Practical issues concerning the European Investigative Order**

- General information about the EIO – the idea of EIOs, the meaning of EIOs in the mutual recognition system
- Possible problems with issuing and executing EIOs

Maija Hedvall

12:30 Lunch

14:00 **Practical issues with issuing and executing EIOs: Workshop**

Maija Hedvall

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **Online investigations and the challenges of dealing with electronic evidence in criminal proceedings**

- Principles of dealing with electronic evidence
- Common procedures for recognising and handling evidence on digital devices
- International investigations (search and seizure – obtaining evidence from the Internet, admissibility)

Elena Lazar

17:00 End of first day

19:00 Dinner

Friday, 11 October 2024

NOVELTIES UNDER THE E-EVIDENCE PACKAGE

Chair: *Elena Lazar*

09:00 **The European Production Order, the European Preservation Order and the involvement of service providers**

Christoph Czaplík

10:30 Coffee break

Objective

This pan-European seminar offers a platform for exchange among court staff members and bailiffs from all over the EU. Participants have the possibility to exchange experiences, look at current and forthcoming issues regarding the gathering of evidence, e-evidence and digitalisation for the judicial cooperation in criminal matters in the EU, and make personal contacts.

Methodology

The training consists of multiple modules, each covering a specific European criminal law topic. Each module starts with a presentation on the topic, followed by case studies and exercises. While solving the exercises, the participants will familiarize themselves with the legal sources and online tools relevant to the topic. The training materials have been developed by renowned EU experts and aim to aid court staff in actively applying the EU criminal law.

You will learn about...

- how to gather evidence through the European Investigation Order
- how to obtain e-evidence with the European Production and Preservation Orders,
- about the support of the European Judicial Network
- how to work with the novelties under the digitalisation package
- how to use e-Codex, eEDES

Who should attend?

Court staff and bailiffs from EU Member States who need to work with EU criminal law instruments to fulfil judicial or procedural functions. Participation is only possible upon nomination by the project partners.

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- 11:00 **e-Codex, eEDES and other projects to digitalise cross-border criminal proceedings**
Christoph Czaplík
- 12:30 **Closing remarks: Further training offers for court staff and bailiffs by ERA and EJTN**
Cornelia Riehle
- 13:00 End of the seminar

✓ **Project webpage:**

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

csab.legaltraining.eu

✓ **e-tool on European Criminal Law: Legal English for Court Staff**

Do you wish to improve your level of English in the field of European criminal law? This interactive e-tool introduces users to the main difficulties of dealing with the specific topic in English, but it also aims to improve their listening, reading and writing skills in English.

[Click here to start the e-tool](#)

Programme may be subject to amendment.

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About the Project

The seminar is part of a large-scale project co-funded by the European Commission entitled "Training court staff and bailiffs in European cross-border civil and criminal law procedures". The project brings together 18 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 11 pan-European legal seminars will be offered in face-to-face, hybrid and online formats.

Project partnership

Beneficiaries

European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)
Belgium – Judicial Training Institute
Bulgaria – National Institute of Justice
Romania – National School of Clerks

Associated partners

European Union of Judicial Officers (UEHJ)
Austria – Federal Ministry of Justice
Croatia – Judicial Academy
Czech Republic – Judicial Academy
Estonia – Estonian Prosecutor's Office
Finland – National Courts Administration
France – National School for Clerks
Lithuania – National Courts Administration
North Macedonia – Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors "Pavel Shatel"
The Netherlands – Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary
Poland – National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution
Slovenia – Ministry of Justice, Judicial Training Centre
Spain – Centre for Legal Studies

Upcoming project events on cross border criminal matters

Trier
30-31 January 2025

Terms and conditions of participation

Selection

1. Participation is on selection. The number of places available is limited. Participants should have a basic knowledge of English. Interested court staff may register via their respective national training institutions. Interested bailiffs may register via UEHJ. A response will be sent to every applicant after this deadline. **We advise you not to make any bookings before you receive our confirmation.**

Travel and Accommodation

2. 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. No supporting documents are needed. 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.

3. Travel costs from outside Lithuania: participants can calculate the contribution to which they will be entitled on the European Commission website (<https://era-comm.eu/go/calculator>). The distance should be calculated from their place of work to the seminar location.

4. For those travelling within Lithuania: the contribution for travel (round trip) is fixed at €20 (for a distance between 50km and 400km). Please note that no contribution will be paid for travel under 50km. For more information, please consult p.10 on <https://era-comm.eu/go/unit-cost-decision-travel>.

5. Accommodation costs: international participants and national participants travelling more than 50km one-way will receive a fixed contribution of €94 per night for up to two nights' accommodation. For more information, please consult p.13 on <https://era-comm.eu/go/unit-cost-decision-travel>.

6. These rules do not apply to representatives of EU Institutions and Agencies who are required to cover their own travel and accommodation.

7. 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

8. One lunch, beverages consumed during the event and the seminar documents are offered by ERA. One joint dinner are also included.

Participation

9. Participation at the whole seminar is required and participants' presence will be recorded.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. A certificate of attendance will be distributed at the end of the seminar.



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