Best Practices in training of judges and prosecutors

Category of practice: Innovative Training Methodology

Type of practice: Good Practice

Country: France

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<th>Organisation of Decentralised Training to Reflect Local Training Needs and Issues</th>
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| **Key features:** | With this practice, national training centres and judicial academies aim to provide a solution to local training needs and issues and/or to make face-to-face training more accessible to judges and prosecutors working in regions that are some distance from the central training body (thus reducing the logistical costs while targeting a potentially higher number of participants).

The normal approach is to have these decentralised activities included in the annual training plan of the national training centre as part of a global national strategy. However, the existence is recognised of locally organised independent training at the discretion of local services or courts.

**In France**, one of the main focuses of the national training programme is the organisation of training courses on key reforms in the context of decentralised continuous training, i.e. in the nine courts of appeal where the National School for the Judiciary (ENM) and regional training coordinators carry out their duties. (See also fact sheet 'A Comprehensive Package to Deliver Large-Scale Training on new Legal Instruments' described under the field 'Innovative curricula or training plans'.)
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| Other comments | The organisation of these decentralised training activities is a well-known standard GOOD PRACTICE that is applied in most EU training institutions. |