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European institute of public administration (EIPA)

Types of training activities developed

The European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) is one of the few European-level providers of training to the judiciary and other legal professions. The majority of these training activities are developed and delivered by the Luxembourg antenna of EIPA, whereas EIPA Maastricht focuses on trainings related to effectiveness of public administration, management of public funding and, policy making and EU governance.

In addition to open enrolment training and conference activities, EIPA provides a variety of tailor made and practice-oriented training, consultancy and coaching services as well as comparative research related to EU law and judicial training in the EU Member States and countries associated with the EU (candidate countries, EFTA countries, etc.). These services are delivered under various tenders, service contracts and action grants awarded by the EU Institutions or through bilateral contracts with the national administrations.

Within the category of [open enrolment activities](#), EIPA offers the following types of activities:

- practice-oriented workshops of varying duration
- adult life-long educational programmes, such as Master programmes and Master-level classes (both face-to-face and blended on-line learning programmes); the offer provides programmes lasting from one week to two years
- individually selected e-learning tutorials on access to documents, internal market issues (such as free movement of people, public procurement, etc.), environmental law and judicial co-operation issues
- conferences on recent developments in various legal areas, such as EU environmental and financial services law, judicial co-operation issues, EU civil service law and recent trends of the jurisprudence of the Court of Justice

An overview of EIPA's current open enrolment activities can be accessed [here](#).

Within the category of contract activities, EIPA specialises in the following types of activities tailor-made in consultation with the clients to meet their specific needs:

- workshops combining problem-based learning and coaching sessions
- study visits, either stand-alone or combined with training sessions on selected topics
- tailor-made blended learning activities
- initial training modules for judges, prosecutors and non-judge court staff of varying duration
- training of trainers workshops, including development of training materials and manuals

Contact EIPA directly for a tailor-made offer via [this link](#).

Typically, the EU law related training activities of EIPA cover EU (and EEA) institutional law, with specific focus on :

- the procedures of and how to litigate before the EU and EFTA Courts
- European administrative law and EU fundamental rights
- European regulatory affairs, such as environmental, consumer protection, food safety, labour and social law
- all areas of the EU Internal Market, including financial services, public procurement, competition law and state aid
- Regulatory issues related to data protection, data governance and artificial intelligence
- The EU Area of Freedom Security and justice
 - EU borders policy, immigration and asylum

- European and international judicial cooperation in family, commercial and other civil matters
- European and international judicial and law enforcement cooperation in criminal matters

EIPA Luxembourg also specialises in training and coaching activities aiming to strengthen the independence of the judiciary and to enhance the administration and quality of justice by identifying and sharing knowledge and practical experience in areas such as:

- introduction of quality management in the justice sector
- management of judicial institutions (courts, public prosecutor offices, judicial training institutions)
- judicial training needs analysis and the evaluation of both the quality and effects of judicial training, etc.)
- ethics and anti-corruption
- public relations and communication policies and skills
- introduction and use of e-justice tools

Current activities

On average, EIPA implements around 600 - 700 training activities.

In 2021, more than 12.000 participants from across Europe and beyond attended EIPA's activities, resulting in a total of 15.000 days of training/coaching and consulting delivered.

The majority of participants come from the EU and the Member States, with a substantial share of participants attributable to the EU institutions, bodies and agencies.

International partnerships/agreements

EIPA is part of the European Public Administration Network ([EUPAN](#)).

EIPA has entered bilateral cooperation agreements with national judicial training institutions in a number of EU Member States and EU accession and candidate countries.

Through the years EIPA has worked, and continues to work, on a project-by-project basis with the national judicial training institutions throughout Europe as well as with European-level associations for various legal professions, e.g. the European Judicial Training Network, the Council of the Notaries of the European Union (CNUE), the European Chamber of Bailiffs (CEHJ) and the Council of the Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE).

History

EIPA was founded in 1981 as a non-profit foundation providing targeted training on European Integration issues. Its aim was to address the needs of the public authorities (including the Judiciary) of the European Union's Member States and the European Institutions. Today, 22 EU Member States + Norway are members of EIPA.

In 1992, EIPA established its first antenna, the then European Centre for Judges and Lawyers, in Luxembourg, with the specific objective of providing training for the Judiciary and public as well as private practicing lawyers on the interpretation and application of Community –now, EU law.

Since 2012, EIPA's European Centre for Judges and Lawyers follows a targeted topical approach towards its main target groups; the judiciary, including non-magistrate staff, as well as the other legal professions. The Centres activities focus on the provision of tailored and practice oriented training programmes including consultancy and coaching. The aim is to disseminate knowledge, practical know-how and good practices as well as contributing to the mutual trust in cross-border cooperation of EU Member States confidence building.

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