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EU training networks & structures

With the developments in European legislation and greater mobility of European citizens, a clear need has emerged in the past decade for continuous training for legal practitioners at European level. Such training is provided by several European structures established with the support of Member States, and a number of professional organisations, often with supported by European funding.

Training networks and structures at European level

Depending on their profession and particular needs, legal practitioners can apply to one or other of the structures briefly presented here. Also, many courses are offered by universities and private training providers.

For judges and prosecutors

The European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)

Founded in 2000, the [EJTN](#) develops training standards and curricula, coordinates judicial training exchanges and programmes and fosters cooperation between national training structures for judges and prosecutors. The EJTN secretariat-general is based in Brussels (Belgium). You can find a summary of EJTN activities [here](#).

For all legal practitioners

The Academy of European Law (ERA)

[ERA](#) organises conferences, seminars, professional training courses and policy debates on different areas of EU law, designed for all legal practitioners. ERA is located in Trier (Germany). You can find a summary of its activities [here](#).

The European Institute of Public Administration - European Centre for Judges and Lawyers (EIPA)

Training on European Union law is one of [EIPA's](#) areas of activity. Training is tailored for judges, legal practitioners, EU and national officials and private sector lawyers. EIPA has centres in Maastricht (Netherlands), Luxembourg, Barcelona (Spain) and Warsaw (Poland). You can find a summary of its activities [here](#).

Professional organisations organising training activities at European level

The following organisations representing legal practitioners at European level organise training activities on an *ad hoc* basis.

Lawyers, barristers, solicitors

The Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe - [CCBE](#)

Notaries

The Council of the Notariats of the European Union - [CNUE](#)

Judicial Officers

The International Union of Judicial Officers - [UIHJ](#)

EU-level judicial networks cooperating with the EJTN regarding European judicial training

The EJTN gathers all national judicial training bodies of the EU Member States and as such is the best placed body to coordinate and develop further judicial training. It cooperates with other EU-level judicial networks, whose respective objectives and training-related interests are presented in the following factsheets:

- The European Network of Councils for the Judiciary ([ENCJ \(165.76 KB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#))
- The [Network \(145.92 KB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#) of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union
- The Association of the Councils of State and Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions of the European Union ([ACA-Europe \(167.62 KB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#))
- The European Judicial Network ([EJN \(158.73 KB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#))
- The European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial matters ([EJN-Civil \(148.81 KB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#))
- The Association of European Administrative Judges ([AEAJ \(151.58 KB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#))
- The Association of European Competition Law Judges ([AECLJ \(150.93 KB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#))
- The European Association of Judges for Mediation ([GEMME \(147.96 KB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#))
- The European Association of Labour Court Judges ([EALCJ \(153.15 KB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#))
- The International Association of Refugee Law Judges ([IARLJ \(155.73 KB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#))
- The European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment ([EUFJE \(152.35 KB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#))
- The European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment ([ENPE \(147.67 KB - PDF\)](#) [EN](#))

The report of the 2013-2014 project promoting the cooperation between the EJTN and the above-mentioned networks is available [here](#).

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