The European Commission wishes to make training material available which will be helpful both to legal practitioners for their own use and to the trainers of legal practitioners as a resource for their work in the field of criminal law.

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European criminal justice training guidelines, (European Judicial Training Network – EJTN)

The European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) has developed guidelines for training in the field of criminal justice, which are aimed at trainers. These are regularly updated and assess the main areas relevant for judicial training in this field. They list the potential topics and the relevant documents and case-law relating to each, and also give recommendations as to appropriate trainer and trainee profiles in each area, and suggest suitable training methods. The guidelines are available in English.

Ready-to-use training material on EU criminal justice matters

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The trainer's notes and the training material for each of the seminars are available here (mostly in English):

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**EU Procedural Rights for defence lawyers**

The following toolkits have been produced by Fair Trials and the Legal Expert Advisory Panel, providing a guide for criminal lawyers to use Procedural Rights Directives.

**Toolkit:** [Using EU Law in Criminal Practice](#)

**Toolkit:** [Right to Information in Criminal Proceedings Directive](#)

**Toolkit:** [Interpretation and Translation Directive](#)

**Toolkit:** [Access to a Lawyer Directive](#)

**Principle of mutual recognition**

**Handbook for judges, prosecutors and other competent authorities on how to issue and execute a request for a freezing order (European Commission)**

This handbook is designed to help judges, prosecutors and other competent authorities with the issuing and executing of a request for the enforcement of a freezing order on the basis of the Council Framework Decision 2003/577/JHA of 22 July 2003 on the execution in the European Union of orders freezing property or evidence. The aim of the handbook is to provide guidelines for the adoption of good practice in the light of experience while also supplying the competent judges and prosecutors responsible with specific information on how the freezing order forms should be filled in. You can find the handbook here.

**Victims’ rights**


The handbook on justice for victims is designed by the United Nation Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) as a tool for implementing victim support programmes and for developing victim-sensitive policies, procedures and protocols for criminal justice agencies and others who come into contact with victims. It outlines the basic steps in developing comprehensive support services for victims of crime, such as crisis or long-term counselling, compensation, accompaniment to court and other advocacy services. It has been drafted in the knowledge that differences will arise when its principles are applied in the context of different legal systems, social support structures and life situations. Not everything outlined in the handbook will necessarily be appropriate or even possible in every situation. The handbook is therefore not intended to be prescriptive but to serve as a set of examples for jurisdictions to examine and test. Since the materials presented in the handbook are aimed at a number of different audiences, individual users may find some sections of more relevance and interest than others. The handbook is available in English.

**Training manual on protecting children’s rights in criminal justice systems (Penal Reform International)**

*Protecting Children’s Rights in Criminal Justice Systems: A training manual aims to provide a comprehensive reference guide for those working in a range of professions or agencies within the criminal justice system. The training module is aimed at professionals and stakeholders who are involved in training as part of their jobs and is intended to help them to effectively teach the principles outlined in the manual using experience-based training methodology.*
The manual addresses the issues of children in contravention of the law and child victims and witnesses. It also looks at responding to children who may be at risk of coming under criminal justice systems. The manual covers a variety of topics and issues including child protection, crime prevention, law enforcement, trial procedures, sentencing and rehabilitation.

The manual has been developed by Penal Reform International and is available in English.

**Restorative justice**

**Handbook on restorative justice programmes and companion handbook of basic principles and promising practices on alternatives to imprisonment (UNODC)**

The handbook on restorative justice programmes introduces the reader to restorative justice programmes and processes. It offers an overview of key considerations in the implementation of participatory responses to crime based on a restorative justice approach. It was prepared in particular for the use by criminal justice officials, but the materials are directed towards a number of different audiences and individual users may therefore find some sections of more relevance and interest than others. This handbook is one of a series of practical tools developed by UNODC. It is available in English and in French.

A companion handbook of basic principles and promising practices on alternatives to imprisonment is also available from UNODC. This handbook presents the basic principles central to understanding alternatives to imprisonment as well as descriptions of practices in various parts of the world which are considered to have potential. It provides information about alternatives to imprisonment at every stage of the criminal justice process and about the issues to be considered when implementing them, including what various parties involved in the process must do to ensure its success, together with examples of systems that have reduced the use of imprisonment. This handbook is available in English, French and Spanish.

**Language training**

**Handbook on language training in the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in criminal matters (European Judicial Training Network – EJTN)**

This handbook on language training in the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in criminal matters is a compilation of the most relevant training materials used during a series of seven seminars organised by the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) on the topic in 2011 and 2012; it is aimed at any judge or public prosecutor wishing to develop his or her linguistic skills in this area. The handbook is available both in English and French here, as are with general preparatory legal documents and language materials for seminars.

**Legal interpretation in criminal proceedings**

**Web-based training videos on working with legal Interpreters in criminal proceedings (Building Mutual Trust 2 project)**

The effective and proper use of trained legal interpreters in European criminal cases will improve outcomes for suspects and defendants and for judicial staff at all levels. A set of audio-visual training materials on practices for working with legal interpreters in a range of settings was created for the benefit of judges, prosecutors and other legal practitioners involved in judicial proceedings where interpreters are needed. The videos are designed to be user-friendly and accessible to non-linguists. They can either be used by trainers as a teaching aid or by practitioners learning independently.

In the context of the 2010/64/EU Directive on the right to interpretation and translation in criminal proceedings, the Building Mutual Trust 2 project has produced five web-based training videos to illustrate the communication processes and management strategies required for effective communication through an interpreter. The videos (of an interpreted police interview, a legal consultation and a court hearing) indicate good practices and potential pitfalls in working with interpreters, in a user-friendly format. The project was supported financially by the EU.

The five videos are available on the project’s website in English, with subtitles in English, Polish, Romanian or Spanish.

**Related links**

- European Criminal Law Academic Network (ECLAN)
- European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)
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Seminar 1: The changes brought by the Lisbon Treaty to judicial cooperation in criminal matters: Special focus on the new powers of the institutions and the competence of relevant EU agencies

Here is the training material of seminar 1 held in Paris:

- Title VI of the treaty on European Union: Provisions on police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters:
  - In English
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- Treaty on European Union and the treaty establishing the European Community:
  - In English
  - In French

- Title V of the treaty on the functioning of the European Union: Area of Freedom, Security and Justice:
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- Treaty on the functioning of the European Union:
  - In English
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- Article in English from Steve Peers: "Finally "Fit for purpose'? The Treaty of Lisbon and the End of the Third Pillar Legal Order"

- Flowchart of the codecision procedure:
  - In English
  - In French

- Presentation in English by Petra Jeney: “The actors and the new decision making mechanisms in the area of judicial cooperation in criminal matters”

- Presentation in French by Mahrez Abassi: “Vers un renforcement des outils de coopération en matière pénale”

- Council Decision of 2002 setting up Eurojust with a view to reinforcing the fight against serious crime:
  - In English
  - In French

- Council Decision of 2009 on the strengthening of Eurojust and amending Council Decision 2002/187/JHA setting up Eurojust with a view to reinforcing the fight against serious crime:
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Seminar 2: The pre-Lisbon instruments: Special focus on the European Arrest Warrant

Here is the training material in English of seminar 2 held in Krakow:

- Title VI of the treaty on European Union: Provisions on police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters
- Title V of the treaty on the functioning of the European Union: Area of Freedom, Security and Justice
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Seminar 3: Collecting evidence through the EU: Joint Investigation Teams

Here is the training material of seminar 3 held in Tallinn:

- Presentation by Petra Jeney: "Overview of the EU Criminal area, pre-trial measures and collecting evidence"
- Presentation by Petra Jeney: "The Joint Investigation Teams – legal framework and main features"
- Convention established by the Council on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union
- Council Framework decision of 13 June 2002 on joint investigation teams:
  - In English
  - In French
Presentation by Jose Castillo Garcia: "The Joint Investigation Teams: participation and support of Europol and Eurojust & model agreement, organisation and funding"

Council Resolution of 26 February 2010 on a Model Agreement for setting up a Joint Investigation Team (JIT):
- In English
- In French

Council Joint Investigation Teams Manual:
- In English
- In French

Council Conclusions of the 5th Annual meeting of the National Experts on Joint Investigation Teams (the Hague, 2009)
Council Conclusions of the 6th Annual meeting of the National Experts on Joint Investigation Teams (the Hague, 2010)
Funding Brochure - Joint Investigation Team Funding Project
Funding Guide - How to apply for financial assistance to a Joint Investigation Team?
- In English
- In French

Application Form for Financial Assistance to a Joint Investigation Team
Eurojust's JIT Funding Project – Overview of time slots for 2012
French legislation art. 695-2 and 695-3 (Section II) on Joint Investigation Teams
Case study by Marie-Jose Delambily on Joint Investigation Teams

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Seminar 4: Collecting evidence through the EU: The European Evidence Warrant and new instruments in the field

Here is the training material of seminar 4 held in Amsterdam:

- Presentation by Petra Jeney: "Overview of the EU Criminal Justice area, pre-trial measures and collecting evidence"
- Council Act of 27 May 2000 on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union
- Presentation by Marie-Jose Delambily: "Practical Application of the EU Convention 2000/C-197/01 on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union"
- Council Framework Decision of 22 July 2003 on the execution in the European Union of orders freezing property or evidence
- Presentation by Petra Jeney: "Mutual recognition instruments in the field of collecting evidence I"
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Here is the training material of seminar 5 held in Copenhagen:

- Presentation by Petra Jeney: "Overview of the International and European Legislation relating to Asset Recovery"
- Presentation by Virgil Ivan-Cucu: "National responses to Asset Recovery: Institutions, procedures and experiences"
- Presentation by Prof. Thomas Elholm: "Gaps and shortcomings of the current EU regulatory framework. New directions in EU legislation"
- Workshop: Practical issues relating to identification, tracing, freezing and confiscation of assets presented by Yvon Calvet
- Presentation by Pascal Gastineau: "The Camden Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network (CARIN), EU National Asset Recovery Offices (AROs) and Europol’s Role in Asset Recovery"
- European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, Strasbourg – 20 April 1959:
  - Additional Protocol (1978) to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters
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Seminar 6: Procedural rights of suspected and accused persons

Here is the training material of seminar 6 held in Berlin:

- Presentation by Virgil Ivan-Cucu: "Rights of Suspects and Accused Persons: EU Roadmap on Procedural Rights"
- Council Resolution of 30 November 2009 on a Roadmap for strengthening procedural rights of suspected or accused persons in criminal proceedings
- ECHR case-law on the right to language assistance in criminal proceedings and the EU response
- Presentation by Virgil Ivan-Cucu: "The right to interpretation and translation"
- Presentation by Marie-José Delambily: "The right to information"
- Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2012 on the right to information in criminal proceedings
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Seminar 7: Cooperation in criminal matters in the European Union: judicial response to terrorism

Here is the training material of seminar 7 held in Barcelona:

- Presentation by Virgil Ivan-Cucu: "Terrorism overview: Geopolitical situation and types of threats"
- Council Framework Decision of 13 June 2002 on combating terrorism
- Presentation by Virgil Ivan-Cucu: "The fight against Terrorism: The EU’s legal frame"
- Council Framework Decision of 22 July 2003 on the execution in the European Union of orders freezing property or evidence
- Council Framework Decision of 13 June 2002 on joint investigation teams
- Council Decision of 23 June 2008 on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime
- Council Decision of 23 June 2008 on the implementation of Decision 2008/615/JHA on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime
- Council Framework Decision of 18 December 2006 on simplifying the exchange of information and intelligence between law enforcement authorities of the Member States of the European Union
- Presentation by Patrice Ollivier Maurel: “Cooperation through investigation techniques and exchange of data”
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Joint Investigations Teams – Bilateral Agreements:
  - In English
The training materials cover eight different areas of EU criminal law and are aimed at judges, prosecutors and defence lawyers, as well as other legal practitioners. It is envisaged that they will be primarily accessed by trainers, but legal practitioners can of course make use of the materials themselves. The material provides information on the legislation in force regarding judicial cooperation in criminal matters, the national application of existing EU instruments and the directions in which EU criminal justice is moving.

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**Seminar 8: Substantive EU criminal law**

Here is the training material of seminar 8 held in Luxembourg:

- Presentation by Virgil Ivan-Cucu: "Cooperation through investigation techniques and exchange of data"
- Commission Directive 2006/70/EC of 1 August 2006 - laying down implementing measures for Directive 2005/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the definition of 'politically exposed person' and the technical criteria for simplified customer due diligence procedures and for exemption on grounds of a financial activity conducted on an occasional or very limited basis
- Council Regulation (EC) No. 2580/2001 of 27 December 2001 on specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities with a view to combating terrorism
- Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on the processing and transfer of Financial Messaging Data from the European Union to the United States for the purposes of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program
- Presentation by Virgil Ivan-Cucu: "Combating the financing of terrorism – financial investigations"
- Presentation by Virgil Ivan-Cucu: "Combating terrorism – the work of Europol and Eurojust"
- Presentation by Patrice Olliver-Maurel: "Facing terrorism in the field: The Franco-Spanish experience"
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Green Paper from 14 June 2011: Strengthening mutual trust in the European judicial area – A Green Paper on the application of EU criminal justice legislation in the field of detention

Presentation by Thomas Elholm: "Fragments of the general part of criminal law: Legality, jurisdiction, objective and subjective element of crime"

Council Act of 26 July 1995 drawing up the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests

Council Regulation No. 2988/95 of 18 December 1995 on the protection of the European Communities financial interests


Council Framework Decision 2000/383/JHA of 29 May 2000 on increasing protection by criminal penalties and other sanctions against counterfeiting in connection with the introduction of the euro

Council Framework Decision 2001/413/JHA of 28 May 2001 on combating fraud and counterfeiting of non-cash means of payment

Council Framework Decision 2001/500/JHA of 26 June 2001 on money laundering, the identification, tracing, freezing, seizing and confiscation of instrumentalities and the proceeds of crime


Council Framework Decision 2001/475/JHA of 13 June 2002 on combating terrorism

Council Framework Decision 2002/946/JHA of 26 June 2001 on money laundering, the identification, tracing, freezing, seizing and confiscation of instrumentalities and the proceeds of crime

Council Framework Decision 2003/568/JHA of 22 July 2003 on combating corruption in the private sector

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Council Framework Decision 2005/222/JHA of 24 February 2005 on attacks against information systems

Council Framework Decision 2005/667/JHA of 12 July 2005 to strengthen the criminal-law framework for the enforcement of the law against ship-source pollution

Council Framework Decision 2008/80/JHA of 27 January 2003 on the protection of the environment through criminal law

Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA of 24 October 2008 on the fight against organised crime

Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA of 28 November 2008 on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law

Presentation by Thomas Elholm: "Special part - Eurocrimes"

Presentation by Eric Senna: "European Sentencing and Penitentiary Law"
  - In English
  - In French

Presentation by Petra Jeney: "Issues in regulating Eurocrimes: Case study of crimes against the financial interests of the European Union"


Criminal Court Decision of 28 February 2012 (Caen Court of Appeals, Coutances Regional Court):