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**STUDY VISIT
AND TRAINING ON EUROPEAN LAW
FOR JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS FROM ESTONIA, LATVIA AND LITHUANIA
(425DT21)
TRIER AND LUXEMBOURG, 13-17 OCTOBER 2025**

PROGRAMME

Monday, 13 October

Arrival in Trier

19:00 Welcome Reception (ERA, Bistro B)

Tuesday, 14 October

09:00 Arrival at ERA, registration

09:30 **Welcome and ice-breaking exercise**
Karolina Rokicka, ERA, Head of European Public Law Section

10:15 **Session 1: Dialogue and cooperation between the Court of Justice of the European Union and national courts**
Rimvydas Norkus, Advocate General, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg

11:00 Discussion

11:15 Coffee break

11:45 **Session 2: Reference to the Court of Justice of the European Union for a preliminary ruling**
Maciej Szpunar, First Advocate General, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg

12:30 **Session 3: Discussion and working session: Best practice among judges and prosecutors**
Maciej Szpunar, First Advocate General, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg

13:15 Lunch

14:30 **Session 4: Case study: Rule of law in everyday work for members of the judiciary**
Grzegorz Borkowski, Civil law judge in Poland, Component Leader in "EU Support for Rule of Law" Project, Skopje
Sannah Hübel, Judge, Appeal Court of Amsterdam

- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:30 **Session 5: The rule of law and judicial independence**
Grzegorz Borkowski, Civil law judge in Poland, Component Leader in "EU Support for Rule of Law" Project, Skopje
- 17:15 Discussion
- 17:30 End of the first day
- 19:00 Dinner

Wednesday, 15 October

- 06:50 Departure by coach to Luxembourg

PROGRAMME FOR JUDGES		PROGRAMME FOR PROSECUTORS	
08:15	Entry to the Court of Justice of the EU	08:30	Entry to the European Public Prosecutor's Office
08:20	Briefing on the case		Meeting and discussion with Members of the EPPO: <i>Ursula Schmudermayer, Austrian European Prosecutor, Fabrizio Granati, Seconded National Expert and Enge Neeme, Seconded National Expert</i>
09:30	Hearing at the Court on case C-560/24 Besthame	10:30	End of the visit at the EPPO
11:30	Guided tour of the Court	11:00	Free programme in Luxembourg, incl. lunch at own expense
12:30	Lunch at the Court (at own expense)		
14:00	Meeting and discussion with Members of the Court: <i>Judge Küllike Jürimäe – President of Chamber, Court of Justice, Judge Saulius Lukas Kalėda – President of Chamber, General Court and Judge Inga Reine, General Court</i>	13:45	Entry to the District Court of Luxembourg
		14:00	Meeting and discussion with <i>Ms Pascale Kaell, Chief Substitute Prosecutor of Luxembourg and Ms Elisabeth Ewert, Vice-President of the District Court of Luxembourg, leading the 9th court chamber (criminal matters)</i>

15:30	End of the visit	15:00	Meeting with <i>Ms Alexandra Huberty, President of the District Court of Luxembourg</i> and visit to the court
16:00	Free afternoon in Luxembourg (return journey to Trier to be arranged on your own)	16:00	End of the visit and free afternoon in Luxembourg (return journey to Trier to be arranged on your own)

Thursday, 16 October

- 09:30 **Session 6: Court Coordinators – presentations of networks in The Netherlands (Magdalena Sterk, Judge, Regional Court of Zeeland – West-Brabant) and Spain (José Ramón De Blas Javaloyas, Judge, Superior Court of Justice of Valencia)**
- 10:15 **Session 6: Court Coordinators – presentations of networks in Romania (Cătălin Oancea, Head of Service, National Institute for Magistracy), Hungary (Linda Majosházi, Judge, Central District Court of Buda) and Poland (Katarzyna Sznajder-Peroń, Judge, Regional Court in Katowice)**
- 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:45 **Session 7: Court Coordinators – working session in national groups: conceptualising an ideal network of CCE**
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:15 **Session 8: Application of EU law in the national context: principles and challenges**
Amelia Onișor, Judge, Trainer at the National Institute for Magistracy, Bucharest
- 15:00 Discussion
- 15:15 Coffee break
- 15:45 **Session 9: Case study: Challenges in the application of EU law**
Amelia Onișor, Judge, Trainer at the National Institute for Magistracy, Bucharest
- 17:00 End of the second day
- 18:00 Social programme: Toga tour (Roman guided city tour)
- 20:00 Dinner and wine-tasting

Friday, 17 October

- 09:30 **Session 10: Learning that sticks: theories and frameworks for effective judicial training**
Suzy Houston, Head of Education, Judicial Institute for Scotland, Edinburgh
- 10:15 Discussion
- 10:30 **Session 11: From theory to practice (working session): designing engaging judicial learning**
Suzy Houston, Head of Education, Judicial Institute for Scotland, Edinburgh
- 11:30 Coffee break
- 12:00 **Wrapping up – evaluation/short impact assessment by focus group evaluation discussion**
Viktor Vadász, Deputy Director of ERA, Director of Programmes
- 13:00 Light lunch
- 14:00 End of the study visit
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Venue:

ERA Congress Centre, Metzger Allee 4, Trier

Accommodation:

Hotel Vienna House Easy (next to ERA)