

Exchange Programme for Judicial Authorities 2022

REGIONAL EXCHANGES

REQUIREMENTS 2022

1. Objectives

The Regional exchanges developed in the framework of the 2022 Exchange Programme are designed to develop direct cooperation and trust between practitioners located on two sides of a border. This new type of exchanges aims at:

- Fostering mutual trust and cooperation at local level and establishing a long-term cooperation between practitioners.
- Identifying and solving practical problems arising from cross-border cases.
- Creating conditions for direct cross-border cooperation.

2. Eligibility criteria

The application to the regional exchanges is based on a **project** to be submitted by the visiting applicant. This project must include a **hosting agreement** signed by the hosting court or prosecution office and a **detailed motivation**, including the cross-border dimension to be tackled during the exchange.

Each project must meet the following criteria:

- The courts or prosecution offices of the visiting and hosting participants must be located at a maximal distance of **150 km** from the domestic border (so a maximum distance of 300km between the two courts or prosecution offices).
- The applicants must work on cases involving a cross-border dimension or have a part of their daily work in the cross-border cooperation with the closest neighbouring country.

It is up to each applicant to find an eligible hosting institution meeting the above criteria.

Reciprocity between the visiting and hosting court is a possibility but is not mandatory. In case of reciprocal exchanges, each applicant must submit a complete application.

The list of national training institutions taking part in the regional exchanges is available on <https://www.ejtn.eu/Exchange-Programme/Calls-for-participation/>. Before applying, please make sure that your closest neighbouring country is in this list and that exchanges corresponding to your function is also possible in this country.

3. Format of the exchange

A. Target audience

The regional exchanges are open to judges, prosecutors and court staff.

B. Length

A regional exchange has a duration of 5 working days in the same work week.

C. Number of participants

In principle, the regional exchanges are individual (1) exchanges, but groups of maximum two (2) practitioners from the same court can apply. Each group member shall submit an individual application form.

D. Language

The working language shall be determined by the participants involved in the exchange. Interpretation costs will not be covered by EJTN.

E. Financial Conditions

The [Financial Conditions related to one-week exchanges](#) will apply. The updated financial conditions for 2022 will be sent to the selected participants.

4. Application procedure

The call for applications will be disseminated through the national training institutions participating in the regional exchanges project.

The applications and all accompanying documents must be submitted on the [Exchange Programme platform](#), section project-based exchanges. The national training institutions will then make a pre-selection of the projects to be submitted to EJTN.

Each project must include:

- A [project proposal form](#).
- The [hosting agreement](#), completed and signed by the hosting court.

5. Calendar

The call for applications is open until 25 March 2022, 18:00 Brussels time. However, national deadlines may be applied by your national training institution.

After the allocation process, the confirmation of selection will be sent by EJTN in April.

We recommend that the participants implement their exchange by 15 November 2022 at the latest.