



**DG Justice and Consumers**

# **Good practices for European judicial training**

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# Training activities

- **Planning**
- **Method and content**
- **Follow-up**
- **Further reading**

# Planning

- **Right target group for the aim of the training**
- **Target real training needs**
  - more national or cross-border cases?
  - for EU directives: after national implementation?
  - assess needs of practitioners (if time allows)
- **Location (easy to reach/ no distraction)**
- **Length of training:**
  - acceptance by participants
  - apt to amount of content
  - allow sufficient extra-classroom time

# Planning

- **Invitations:**
  - at least 6 months in advance
  - through appropriate channels
- Similar level of **pre-knowledge** of participants
- Ensure to select participants **from many countries**
- **Linguistic obstacle:**
  - accessible language or good interpretation
  - preliminary material in teaching language

# Planning

- **Trainers:**
  - legal practitioners with practice experience of the topic
  - trainers from non-legal professions with knowledge of judicial field of work (discussion)
  - pedagogical skills
  - linguistic expertise (if lecturing in a foreign language)
  - experience with multi-national audience
- Moderate costs for participants (e.g. travel, accommodation)
- Development of training material: **avoid duplication** (case law search: in future via ECLI)

## Method and content

- **Interactive:**
  - class conversation, mock exercises, simulations, IT "hands on"
  - small groups  
(avoid national clusters of participants)
  - allow classroom time for exchange of experience
- **Alteration of teaching methods**
- **Linguistic warm up session  
(and/or include a session on legal language)**

## Method and content

- **Practice oriented (solving cases instead of referring content, practicing judicial cooperation instruments, applying IT tools such as ECLI search)**
- **Content linked with national practice:**
  - **starting point: national law**
  - **get to know the solutions/methods of other legal systems**
- **Cases relevant for all participating nationalities**
- **Training material ready to be used in practice (templates, case law with content summary)**

## Follow-up

- **Evaluation:**

- **comparable** with evaluation of other training activities
- questions must **allow conclusions** for improvement (obligatory template by DG JUST?)
- evaluation also **by trainers**
- **impact assessment, not only "happy sheets"**
- **inform trainers** about evaluation results
- **use evaluation results** for future trainings
- **exchange evaluation results** (for trainers) with other training providers
- add individual evaluations of participants to your final report



## Follow up

- **Training material:**
  - **disseminate**, e.g. via training section of e-justice portal: **[https://e-justice.europa.eu/content\\_training\\_%20material-252-en.do](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_training_%20material-252-en.do)**
  - via other webpages: **advertise** training content of webpage to target audience
  - **updating?**
- **Forum for exchange** among previous participants:
  - **acceptance?**  
(compared to e-mails; linguistic obstacles)
  - **island solutions?**

## Further reading

- **Advice for training providers (soon in all EU languages):** [https://e-justice.europa.eu/content\\_training\\_material-252-en.do?clang=en](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_training_material-252-en.do?clang=en)
- **including references to:**
  - Handbook on Judicial Training Methodology in Europe (by EJTN, soon in all EU languages): [http://www.ejtn.eu/Documents/Methodologies\\_Resources/Training%20Methods/EJTN TT Handbook Final.pdf](http://www.ejtn.eu/Documents/Methodologies_Resources/Training%20Methods/EJTN_TT_Handbook_Final.pdf)
  - Manual on training methodology (by the HELP programme of the Council of Europe): <http://help.ppa.coe.int/>
  - Training section of the e-justice portal with good practice factsheets: [https://e-justice.europa.eu/content\\_good\\_training\\_practices-311-en.do](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_good_training_practices-311-en.do)



**Your questions and remarks?**

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