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ANNEX 1

**ANNEX**

*to the*

**Commission Implementing Decision**

**concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2014 and the financing for the  
implementation of the Justice Programme**

## ANNEX

### Justice Programme - Work Programme for 2014

#### Overview of the 2014 Implementation

<b>Specific objectives - Budget lines</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>% of the 2014 Programme funds</b>
Judicial cooperation – Budget line 33 03 02	14 228 000 EUR	31,06 %
Judicial training – Budget line 33 03 01	14 390 000 EUR	31,41 %
Access to justice – Budget line 33 03 01	14 190 000 EUR	30,97 %
Drugs – Budget line 33 03 03	3 004 000 EUR	6,56 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45 812 000 EUR</b>	<b>100,00 %</b>

<b>Grants/Procurement</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>% of the 2014 Programme funds</b>
Grants	33 644 000 EUR	73,44 %
Procurement	12 138 000 EUR	26,50 %
Other	30 000 EUR	0,07 %
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100,00 %</b>

#### Overview of the 2014-2020 Implementation

#### **FUNDS allocated to the Justice Programme**

Art. 8 of Regulation 1382/2013	377 604 000 EUR
<b>2014 -2020 Total Amount</b>	<b>377 604 000 EUR</b>

#### **ALLOCATION OF FUNDS on the basis of current implementation**

<b>Specific objectives - Budget lines</b>	<b>Total Amount 2014</b>	<b>% of the 2014-2020 Total Amount</b>
Judicial cooperation – Budget line 33 03 02	14 228 000 EUR	3,77 %
Judicial training – Budget line 33 03 01	14 390 000 EUR	3,81 %
Access to justice – Budget line 33 03 01	14 190 000 EUR	3,76 %
Drugs – Budget line 33 03 03	3 004 000 EUR	0,8 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45 812 000 EUR</b>	<b>12,13 %</b>

These amounts don't include the contributions of EFTA States that are party to the EEA or of candidate countries, potential candidates and countries acceding to the Union, which will possibly participate in the Programme, subject to the conclusion of an agreement.

At present, the countries participating in the Programme are all Member States, with the exception of United Kingdom and Denmark. Should third countries conclude an agreement with the Union on their participation in the Programme as of 2014, this will be announced in the relevant call for proposals and/or on the Programme's website.

The Programme shall finance actions with European added value. The European added value of actions, including that of small-scale and national actions, shall be assessed in the light of

criteria such as their contribution to the consistent and coherent implementation of Union law, and to wide public awareness about the rights deriving from it, their potential to develop mutual trust among Member States and to improve cross-border cooperation, their transnational impact, their contribution to the elaboration and dissemination of best practices or their potential to create practical tools and solutions that address cross-border or Union-wide challenges.

All activities implemented under this work programme shall respect and shall be implemented in line with the rights and principles enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and promote equality between women and men and the rights of the child. Consistency, complementarity and synergies with other Union instruments shall be ensured.

**1. BUDGET LINE 33 03 02: IMPROVING JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL MATTERS**

**1.1. Introduction**

On the basis of the objective of **facilitating and supporting judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters** covered by this budget line, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2014 as follows:

- for action grants (implemented under direct management) (1.2):	8 100 000 EUR
- for operating grants (implemented under direct management) (1.3):	2 200 000 EUR
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (1.4):	3 898 000 EUR
- other (1.5):	30 000 EUR
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>14 228 000 EUR</b>

**1.2. Action Grants**

**1.2.1. Call for proposals to support national or transnational projects to support judicial cooperation in civil matters**

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to facilitate and support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters**

BUDGET LINE

33 03 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The priorities of this call for proposals are:

1. to contribute to the correct implementation of the following instruments:

- Regulation (EU) No1215/2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (recast);
- Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 concerning divorce and parental custody matters, "Brussels IIa Regulation";
- Council Regulation (EC) No 4/2009 on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and cooperation in matters relating to maintenance obligations;
- The 2007 Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance and its Protocol on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations;
- Council Regulation (EU) No 1259/2010 implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the law applicable to divorce and legal separation;
- Regulation (EU) No 650 /2012 on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement

of decisions and acceptance and enforcement of authentic instruments in matters of successions and on the creation of a European Certificate of Succession:

- Regulation (EU) No 606/2013 on mutual recognition of protection measures in civil matters.

2. to facilitate the exchange of data and the structured, confidential and data-protection-compliant communication between the authorities appointed under EU legislation (e.g. central authorities) or otherwise active in the context of EU legislation (e.g. courts, bailiffs), including electronic transmission of documents, requests for information, hearing of the parties and witnesses across borders in the application of EU legislation;

3. to exchange best practices in the field of insolvency and pre-insolvency proceedings.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

Projects can be either national or transnational.

This call will fund activities on:

- data collection, surveys and research activities;
- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, cooperation, including identifying best practices which may be transferable to other participating countries;
- dissemination and awareness raising activities.

Training activities can also be funded under this call, as long as they are of ancillary nature and not the main purpose of the project.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

(a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit-oriented organisations;

(b) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;

(c) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:

(a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;

(b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

(a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;

(b) Quality of the proposed action;

(c) European added value of the project;

(d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;

(e) Cost-effectiveness.

## Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2014/	Q3 2014	4 800 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

**1.2.2. Call for proposals to support transnational projects to support judicial cooperation in criminal matters, in particular the good functioning of the European Arrest Warrant and other mutual recognition instruments.**

### LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to facilitate and support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters**

### BUDGET LINE

33 03 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The priority of this call for proposals is to contribute to the correct implementation of the following mutual recognition instruments:

- Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA on the European Arrest Warrant;
- Framework Decision 2003/577 on freezing property or evidence;
- Framework Decision 2005/214 on financial penalties;
- Framework Decision 2006/783 on mutual recognition of confiscation orders;
- Framework Decision 2008/909 on transfer of prisoners;
- Framework Decision 2008/947 on probation and alternative sanctions;
- Framework Decision 2009/828 on the European Supervision Order;
- Directive 2011/99 on the European Protection Order.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

Projects must be transnational and involve organisations from at least two participating countries.

This call will fund activities on:

- data collection, surveys and research activities;
- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, cooperation, including identifying best practices which may be transferable to other participating countries;
- dissemination and awareness raising activities.

Training activities can also be funded under this call, as long as they are of ancillary nature and not the main purpose of the project.

#### Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:
  - (a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private non-profit-oriented organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation;
  - (b) the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least two participating countries;
  - (c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;
  - (d) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.
2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:
  - (a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;
  - (b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:
  - (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
  - (b) Quality of the proposed action;
  - (c) European added value of the project;
  - (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
  - (e) Cost-effectiveness.

#### Implementation

By DG Justice

#### Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2014/	Q4 2014	3 300 000 EUR

#### Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

### 1.3. *Operating grants*

#### 1.3.1. *Calls for proposals for operating grants 2014 to support European networks active in the area of judicial cooperation in civil and/or criminal matters*

##### LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to facilitate and support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters**

##### BUDGET LINE

33 03 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This call aims to support the 2014 annual work programme of European networks whose statutory aims are to facilitate and support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters. These priorities may be further specified in the call for proposals.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will support networks whose activities contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme and which will implement among others: analytical activities, training activities, mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination activities with EU added value.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria

- (a) The applicant must be a private non-profit-oriented organisation duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme;
- (b) The applicant must be an established formal network with own legal personality or represent (as a joint secretariat or officially appointed coordinator) an established formal network. This network must be organised at European level, i.e. have member organisations/bodies or authorities in at least 14 participating countries. Only the network or the organisation appointed as the joint secretariat/officially appointed coordinator may submit an application; the member organisations are not eligible to apply.
- (c) The network's statutory aims must fall under the objectives of the Programme to facilitate and support judicial cooperation in civil and/or in criminal matters;
- (d) The applicant must seek co-financing for the costs to be incurred during the implementation of the annual work programme of the organisation for its 2014 financial year ;
- (e) The application must seek an EU grant that must be between EUR 75 000 and 250 000.

2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:

- (a) The applicant's operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain its activities during the period of implementation of the proposed work programme;
- (b) The applicant's financial capability: the applicant should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain its activity throughout the period during which the work programme is



being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

- (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
- (b) Quality of the proposal;
- (c) European added value of the proposal;
- (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
- (e) Cost-effectiveness.

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By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2014/	Q2 2014	700 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

95%

***1.3.2. Call for 3-year Framework Partnership Agreements (2015-2017) to support European networks active in the area of facilitating and promoting judicial cooperation in civil and/or criminal matters***

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to facilitate and support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters**

BUDGET LINE

33 03 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This call aims to establish 3-year Framework Partnership Agreements (2015-2017) with European networks whose statutory aims are to facilitate and support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters. The annual grants to be signed on the basis of these Framework Partnership Agreements will enhance the capacities of these networks to contribute actively to the development and implementation of the EU policies in these areas.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will support networks whose activities contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme and which will implement among others: analytical activities, training activities, mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination

activities with EU added value.

#### Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:
  - (a) the applicant for the Framework Partnership must be a private non-profit-oriented organisation duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme;
  - (b) the applicant for the Framework Partnership must be an established formal network with own legal personality or represent (as a joint secretariat or officially appointed coordinator) an established formal network, must be organised at European level and have member organisations/bodies or authorities in at least 14 participating countries. Only the network or the organisation appointed as the joint secretariat/officially appointed coordinator may submit an application, the member organisations are not eligible to apply.
  - (c) the network's statutory aims must fall under the objective of the Programme to facilitate and support judicial cooperation in civil and/or in criminal matters.
  
2. The applicants for Framework Partnership must meet the following **selection criteria**:
  - (a) The applicant's operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed outline 3-year work programme and to maintain its activities during the 3-year period of implementation of the proposed outline work programme;
  - (b) The applicant's financial capability: the applicant should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain its activity throughout the 3-year period during which the proposed outline work programme is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
  
3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:
  - (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
  - (b) Quality of the outline 3-year work programme;
  - (c) European added value of the outline 3-year work programme;
  - (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
  - (e) Cost-effectiveness.

#### Implementation

By DG Justice

#### Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2014/	Q3 2014	<i>n.a.</i>

#### Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80% of the total eligible costs under each annual operating grant

#### ***1.3.3. Operating grant 2015 to Framework Partners active in the area of facilitating and supporting judicial cooperation in civil and/or criminal matters***

#### LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to facilitate and support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters**

BUDGET LINE

33 03 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This call aims to support the 2015 annual work programme of European networks active in the area of facilitating and supporting judicial cooperation in civil and/or criminal matters which have signed Framework Partnership Agreements with the Commission (see activity 1.3.2).

Essential award criteria

The Commission will invite Framework Partners in writing to submit their proposal announcing the annual priorities for 2015. The Commission will verify that the organisation satisfies the exclusion criteria, that the proposal is consistent with the objectives pursued by the Programme and will assess the proposal essentially on the basis of the following criteria:

- (a) extent to which the proposed annual work programme of Framework Partners addresses the priorities announced by the Commission and is coherent with the outline work programme of the Framework Partnership Agreement;
- (b) quality of the annual work programme, which must be clear, realistic and well detailed;
- (c) European added value of the annual work programme;
- (d) financial quality of the proposal, including the existence of a clear, detailed, and reasonable budget, which is coherent with the annual work programme.

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By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2014/	Q4 2014	1 500 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

#### **1.4. Procurement**

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to facilitate and support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal**

**matters**

BUDGET LINE

33 03 02

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged (study / technical assistance / evaluation / survey / IT / communication services/etc.)

In 2014 the Commission intends to undertake several actions through contracts following public procurement (calls for tenders and framework contracts) or administrative arrangements. Conferences, expert meetings, seminars may be held and studies and impact assessments may be undertaken as far as they are needed to monitor the proper implementation of existing legislation or to prepare, or accompany new legislation or to respond to policy changes in the area covered by the Programme. The total budget envisaged for these types of actions implemented by DG Justice is EUR 3 898 000.

It may cover in particular the following actions:

- Management and activities of the European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial Matters, including meetings and information measures (Q2-4 2014);
- Studies to support evaluations of the existing civil justice instruments, the impact assessments of and other preparation of new instruments in accordance with the post-Stockholm Programme and with the Commission Work Programme 2014 (Q2-Q4 2014), such as:
  - Study on the need and feasibility of the e-registration of the European Certificate of Succession and e-registration of wills in Member States, including the interconnection of registers of wills;
  - Study on the law applicable to companies in the light of the case law of the European Court of Justice relating to freedom of establishment with the aim of a possible harmonisation of conflict of laws rules on the matter;
  - Comparative study on certain matters of national law on the service of documents with the aim to develop possible minimum standards on service of documents in European Commission;
  - Study aimed at collecting data from the Member States and third countries, and analysing it, in order to develop an eventual legislative instrument harmonising national insolvency laws;
  - Studies on any matter of civil law necessary for the development of future legislative instruments or evaluations of existing instruments;
- Update and maintenance of the JURE database on the judgments on civil judicial cooperation (cross subdelegation to the Publication Office);
- Drafting of a Practice Guide or a Guide on Good Practice on the Maintenance Regulation (Q3 2014);
- Organisation of an awareness event regarding civil justice (Q3 2014);
- Translation of Practice Guides, Handbooks, Explanatory Reports adopted in the framework of The Hague Conference on Private International Law in EU official languages other than

English and French (Q3-Q4 2014);

- Studies to support evaluations of the existing criminal justice instruments, the impact assessments of and other preparation of new instruments in accordance with Stockholm Programme and with Commission Work Programme 2014, such as e.g. new initiatives to strengthen mutual recognition and judicial cooperation (Q3-Q4 2014);
- Expert meetings and workshops on the implementation of the existing EU instruments in criminal matters, in particular the European Arrest Warrant and the Framework Decisions on detention (Q2-4 2014);
- E-justice activities linked to judicial cooperation, including maintaining the software application developed (ECRIS Reference Implementation (RI)) for the information exchanges through the European Criminal Records Information System (ECRIS) (Q1 2015).

Indicative number of specific contracts based on framework contracts envisaged: 17

Implementation

By DG Justice (except if specified differently)

## **1.5. Other Actions**

### **1.5.1. EU membership fee in the Hague Conference of Private International Law**

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to facilitate and support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters**

Council Decision (EC) No 2006/719 of 5.10.2006 on the accession of the Community to the Hague Conference on Private International Law<sup>1</sup>.

BUDGET LINE

33 03 02

Amount

EUR 30 000

Description and objective of the implementing measure

On 5 October 2006 the Council of the European Union (EU) adopted a decision on the accession of the European Union to the Hague Conference on Private International Law ("HCCH"). The purpose of this international intergovernmental organisation is to work for the progressive unification of the rules of private international law in the participating countries. Since 3 April 2007, the European Union has been a participant of the Hague Conference on Private International Law.

<sup>1</sup> Council Decision (EC) No 2006/719 of 5.10.2006 on the accession of the Community to the Hague Conference on Private International Law, OJ L 297, 26.10.2006, p. 1.

The contribution to HCCH amounting to EUR 30 000 shall cover the additional administrative expenses arising out of EU membership in the HCCH.



The aim of this call is to contribute to the effective and coherent application of EU law in the areas of civil law, criminal law and fundamental rights.

Priority will notably be given to training on the following topics:

#### Civil law

- Legal instruments in family matters and successions, in particular:
  - Regulation (EU) No 650 /2012 on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and acceptance and enforcement of authentic instruments in matters of successions and on the creation of a European Certificate of Succession;
- Legal instruments in civil and commercial matters, in particular:
  - Regulation (EU) No1215/2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (recast);
- Training of enforcement authority agents applying instruments in the area of civil judicial cooperation, in particular Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility (Brussels IIa) , Regulation (EC) 805/2004 creating a European Enforcement Order for uncontested claims, the future Regulation creating a European Account Preservation Order to facilitate cross-border debt recovery in civil and commercial matters (to be adopted in the first semester 2014).

#### Criminal law

- the Directive 2010/64/EU on the right to interpretation and translation in criminal proceedings;
- the Directive 2012/13/EU on the right to information in criminal proceedings;
- the Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime;
- the Directive 2008/99/EC on the protection of environment through criminal law and the Directive 2009/123/EC on ship-source pollution and on the introduction of penalties for infringements.

#### Fundamental rights

- the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, in particular its scope and application;
- Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law<sup>2</sup>.

#### Other priority topics

Training can also be provided on the following topics:

- Development of linguistic skills of legal practitioners;  
Projects should cover the legal terminology used in the work environment of practitioners;
- Knowledge of the legal systems of the Member States.

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<sup>2</sup> OJ L 328/55 of 6.12.2008.



### Proposals outside of these priority topics

Since the assessment of European judicial training needs cannot be solely conducted at EU level and is mainly done nationally and even locally, policy priorities mentioned in the annual work programme are indications of possible topics of supported projects. Regarding proposals not in line with these priorities, they may still be awarded funding if applicants can justify the suggested training topics by an evidence-based needs assessment, showing that more training is needed for the proper application of EU law in the field to be covered.

### Distribution of financial support between different topics

When deciding on the allocation of grants, a fair balance between topics may be sought. Priority will be given to projects that do not duplicate existing training material or on-going projects but that act in complementarity or that innovate.

### Target group

The training should mainly target members of the judiciary and judicial staff, meaning judges, prosecutors and court officers, as well as other legal practitioners associated with the judiciary, such as lawyers, notaries, bailiffs, probation officers, mediators and court interpreters, who are involved in the application of the relevant instruments.

### Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

Projects must be transnational and involve organisations from at least two participating countries. In addition the training activities implemented by each project must include participants (trainees) from different participating countries.

In the priority areas defined above (including those identified by a needs assessment), this call will fund activities such as:

- Organisation of interactive, practice-oriented training activities;
- Multilateral exchanges between legal practitioners (except for judges and prosecutors whose training bodies are members of the EJTN and may thus take part in the exchanges organised by the EJTN);
- Creation of training content, whether for presential learning, blended learning or e-learning, either ready-to-use by trainers or by practitioners for self-learning;
- Tools for training providers (for example: train-the-trainers events, tools to support the organisation of training in other Member States, etc.).

Projects that roll out training modules created by the Commission on European legislation can also benefit from funding.

All these activities can take place in the context of initial training (induction-period) or continuous training of the participants (for example: training activities to familiarize newly appointed legal practitioners with EU legislation and judicial cooperation instruments; or more specialised training activities for practicing legal practitioners).

Projects targeting "Knowledge of the legal systems" should cover the legal systems which have particular relevance for the participants and involve experienced legal practitioners who will be able to compare experience and practice of application of EU legal instruments.

Projects should also aim at encouraging practitioners to follow training in a foreign language,

either by providing simultaneous high-quality interpretation into their native language or by easing the participation with foreign language training (for example with an introduction to the relevant legal terminology of the topics covered prior to or at the beginning of the training activity, or with a linguistic warm-up by actively involving participants at the beginning of the training activity, etc).

#### Training methodology

Applications should notably take into account recommendations resulting from the EU pilot project on European Judicial Training or expand good practices revealed by this pilot project to other Member States or legal professions.

The learning methodology must be practice-oriented and interactive for all types of training, whether presential or online or otherwise. Presential training activities should give room for and incite exchange of experiences of participants also outside the classrooms

#### Dissemination strategy

The funded projects are expected to have a clear dissemination strategy of their results, including for example dissemination of ready-to-use training material for practitioners or trainers on the European e-Justice Portal.

#### Financial provisions

Beneficiaries shall declare eligible costs for accommodation and per diems of participants to the trainings on the basis of unit costs, the amounts of which are established in accordance with Commission Decision C(2008)6215 approving the General implementing provisions adopting the Guide to missions for officials and other servants of the European Commission. 50% daily rate will apply to per diems for half day seminars. These unit costs give a reasonable approximation of the costs typically incurred by persons staying in a different location than their own, no matter for what purpose.

The use of unit costs is justified by the nature of action (training activities) and the nature of the eligible costs covered by the unit costs (accommodation and subsistence costs for the participants in the trainings requiring the extensive verification of actual costs incurred for relatively small amounts). The authorisation of unit costs will simplify the management of the grants by alleviating the administrative burden for the beneficiaries when reporting and for the Commission when verifying the costs actually incurred. It will furthermore decrease the costs of control in comparison to the verification of the actual costs incurred.

The majority of beneficiaries participating in this call will be public entities or entities with a public service mission, thus the risk of fraud or irregularities is assessed as relatively low.

The compliance with the co-financing principle will be ensured by the application of the applicable co-financing rate to the eligible costs declared on the basis of unit costs.

The compliance with the no-profit principle will be ensured at the time of verification of the final financial statement of the beneficiary.

Avoidance of double financing is ensured by clear identification of the categories of costs covered by the unit costs (accommodation costs and per diems of participants in trainings).

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:
  - (a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit-oriented organisations;
  - (b) the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least two participating countries;
  - (c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 50 000;
  - (d) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.
  
2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:
  - (a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;
  - (b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
  
3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:
  - (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
  - (b) Quality of the proposed action;
  - (c) European added value of the project;
  - (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
  - (e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2014/	Q3 2014	5 000 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

**2.2.2. Call for proposals to support national or transnational projects on judicial training in competition law**

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to support and promote judicial training, including language training on legal terminology, with a view to fostering a common legal and judicial culture**

BUDGET LINE

### Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The aim of this call is to contribute to an effective and coherent application of EU competition law in the Member States. This includes Articles 101 and 102 TFEU, the State aid rules, including Article 107 and 108 TFEU, and the private enforcement of the EU competition rules before national courts, including antitrust damages actions.

Its priorities are the promotion of judicial cooperation between, and the training for, national judges in the context of enforcing the European antitrust rules, more specifically:

- 1) Improvement of knowledge, application and interpretation of EU competition law
- 2) Training of judges and prosecutors by national judicial institutions with regard to the application of EU competition law
- 3) Improving and/or creating cooperation/networks

Projects should target national judges dealing with competition cases at national level, including prosecutors, apprentice national judges and the legal staff of the judges' offices or of national courts of eligible countries.

Priority will be given to three above mentioned activities. In case of residual funding available, the Evaluation Committee may decide to award also projects focused on the following subject:

- 4) Development of legal linguistic skills of judicial staff.

### Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

The scope of projects can be either transnational or national, including the implementation of activities at local level. Projects should target at least one nationality, however, priority will be given to projects covering a variety of nationalities or nationalities less reached by previous projects funded under the Training of National Judges on Competition Law Programme, to be described in the call.

In particular this call will fund activities on:

- 1) Improvement of knowledge, application and interpretation of EU competition law

Projects should consist of training activities in the form of conferences, seminars, colloquia, meetings and symposia, as well as short or long term training courses on EU competition law for the target audience.

- 2) Training of judges and prosecutors by national judicial institutions with regard to the application of EU competition law

Projects submitted under this category should be organised by one or more national judicial institutions - in particular as part of the initial training period of judges and prosecutors - with regard to the application of EU competition law.

- 3) Improving and/or creating cooperation/networks;

Projects should cover activities promoting the cooperation and/or networking between national judges, in particular between judicial authorities or other public or private organisations or associations active in the field of the application of EU competition law by

national judges or those responsible for encouraging or monitoring the correct application of EU competition law by national judges.

Projects may also cover the up grading and/or interlinking of databases or web-based tools with EU cross-border relevance aiming to create or strengthen the cooperation and disseminate information among judges at national and European level.

#### 4) Development of legal linguistic skills of judicial staff

Projects should cover the development of linguistic knowledge linked to the legal terminology used in the work environment of judicial staff involved in the application of competition law. Projects should consist of specific legal linguistic training activities in the form of short or long term training courses. The main goal of the projects should be the overcoming of the geographical/linguistic barriers to the benefit of the creation of a common European judicial knowledge.

#### Financial provisions

Beneficiaries shall declare eligible costs for accommodation and per diems of participants to the trainings on the basis of unit costs, the amounts of which are established in accordance with Commission Decision C(2008)6215 approving the General implementing provisions adopting the Guide to missions for officials and other servants of the European Commission. 50% daily rate will apply to per diems for half day seminars. These unit costs give a reasonable approximation of the costs typically incurred by persons staying in a different location than their own, no matter for what purpose.

The use of unit costs is justified by the nature of action (training activities) and the nature of the eligible costs covered by the unit costs (accommodation and subsistence costs for the participants in the trainings requiring the extensive verification of actual costs incurred for relatively small amounts). The authorisation of unit costs will simplify the management of the grants by alleviating the administrative burden for the beneficiaries when reporting and for the Commission when verifying the costs actually incurred. It will furthermore decrease the costs of control in comparison to the verification of the actual costs incurred.

The majority of beneficiaries participating in this call will be public entities, thus the risk of fraud or irregularities is assessed as relatively low.

The compliance with the co-financing principle will be ensured by the application of the applicable co-financing rate to the eligible costs declared on the basis of unit costs.

The compliance with the no-profit principle will be ensured at the time of verification of the final financial statement of the beneficiary.

Avoidance of double financing is ensured by clear identification of the categories of costs covered by the unit costs (accommodation costs and per diems of participants in trainings).

#### Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:
  - (a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit-oriented organisations;
  - (b) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 10 000 or higher than EUR 400 000;
  - (c) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:

(a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;

(b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

(a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;

(b) Quality of the proposed action;

(c) European added value of the project;

(d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;

(e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG COMP based on a cross subdelegation

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
COMP/2014	Q2 2014	1 000 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

### ***2.2.3. Call for proposals to support national or transnational e-Justice projects***

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to facilitate effective access to justice for all, including to promote and support the rights of victims of crime, while respecting the rights of the defence**

BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This call for proposals aims at contributing to achieving the objectives of the European e-Justice Strategy 2014-2018.

It will support the implementation of e-Justice projects within the European e-Justice Portal and at national level, in as far as they have a European dimension.

Priority will be given to projects aiming at joining or enhancing existing or on-going e-

Justice portal projects, such as:

- Interconnection of National Insolvency Registers (IRI);
- Find a Lawyer (FAL);
- Find a Notary (FAN);
- Find a Bailiff (FAB);
- Implementation of the European Case Law Identifier (ECLI) in case law repositories and interconnection with the e-Justice Portal.

Transnational projects will receive a higher priority than purely national ones.

Other projects which support the implementation of the e-Justice Strategy 2014-2018 and its Action Plan will not be excluded.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

Projects can be either national or transnational.

This call will fund IT activities and other relevant activities linked with the European e-Justice Strategy and its Action Plan.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit-oriented organisations;
- (b) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;
- (c) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:

- (a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;
- (b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

- (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
- (b) Quality of the proposed action;
- (c) European added value of the project;
- (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
- (e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2014/	Q4 2014	2 755 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

**2.2.4. Call for proposals to support national or transnational projects to promote access to criminal justice, including to enhance the rights of persons suspected or accused of crime**

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to facilitate effective access to justice for all, including to promote and support the rights of victims of crime, while respecting the rights of the defence**

BUDGET LINE

33 03 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The main priority of this call for proposals is to contribute to the correct implementation of the following instruments:

- Directive 2010/64 on the right to interpretation and translation in criminal proceedings;
- Directive 2012/13 on the right to information in criminal proceedings;
- Directive 2013/48 on the right of access to a lawyer in criminal proceedings.

Another priority is to contribute to the preparation of EU action in the following areas:

- Further improving procedural rights of defendants (other than existing EU instruments), including through judicial remedies;
- How to reduce pre-trial detention.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

Projects can be either national or transnational.

This call will fund activities on:

- data collection, surveys and research activities;
- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, cooperation, including identifying best practices which may be transferable to other participating countries;
- dissemination and awareness raising activities.



Training activities can also be funded under this call, as long as they are of ancillary nature and not the main purpose of the project.

#### Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:
  - (a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit-oriented organisations;
  - (b) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;
  - (c) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.
2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:
  - (a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;
  - (b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:
  - (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
  - (b) Quality of the proposed action;
  - (c) European added value of the project;
  - (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
  - (e) Cost-effectiveness.

#### Implementation

By DG Justice

#### Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2014/	Q2 2014	2 000 000 EUR

#### Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

#### **2.2.5. Call for proposals to support national or transnational projects to enhance the rights of victims**

#### LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to facilitate effective access to justice for all, including to promote and support the rights of victims of crime, while respecting the rights of the defence**

## BUDGET LINE

33 03 01

### Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The priority of this call for proposals is to contribute to the implementation of the Directive on the rights of victims (2012/29/EU) providing obligations for Member States to ensure certain minimum rights, support and protection. In particular the projects should contribute to the implementation of Articles 8, 9, 22, 25 and 26 of the Directive.

### Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

Projects can be either national or transnational.

Projects should focus on any of the following actions:

#### 1) Article 8 and 9 of the Directive: General support services for victims

- creating at national level structures to provide to victims general support services with nation-wide coverage and appropriate geographical allocation;
- capacity building for professionals involved in providing general victims' support services;
- developing methodology for nation-wide referral mechanisms (referral from competent authorities to general and specialised victims' support organisations);
- developing strategies to enhance the cooperation between relevant actors providing support to victims.

#### 2) Article 22 of the Directive: Individual assessment of victims' needs

- developing sustainable and practical tools for individual assessment of victims' needs.

#### 3) Article 25 of the Directive: Training of practitioners

- organising training for police officers, court staff, judges, prosecutors, lawyers and staff of victim support services of different nationalities, likely to come into contact with victims.

#### 4) Article 26 of the Directive: Cooperation between Member States to improve the access of victims to the rights

- creating a network of competent national authorities to share knowledge, best practices and experience;
- creating a network to improve cooperation in cross-border cases and to take into account the position of victims in cross-border cases.

### Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private non-profit-oriented organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation;
- (b) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;
- (c) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:

(a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;

(b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

(a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;

(b) Quality of the proposed action;

(c) European added value of the project;

(d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;

(e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2014/	Q4 2014	1 000 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

### 2.3. *Operating grants*

#### 2.3.1. *Operating grant 2015 to beneficiary identified in the legal base - EJTN*

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(2) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to support and promote judicial training, including language training on legal terminology, with a view to fostering a common legal and judicial culture**

Article 190(1)(c) of the Rules of Application

Article 13 of Directive 2000/43/EC

BUDGET LINE

33 03 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Pursuant to Article 6.2 of Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013, the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) shall receive an operating grant to co-finance expenditure associated with its permanent work programme.

The work programme of the EJTN should be in line with the 2011 Commission Communication on European judicial training (COM/2011/551) and, in particular, strive to increase its number of activities and of participants as well as continue to develop the Catalogue+ project and the Aiakos exchange programme for new judges and prosecutors while not reducing the number of exchanges for experienced practitioners.

The EJTN should ensure the follow-up of the results of the Pilot project on European judicial training: lot 1 – Best practices regarding training of judges and prosecutors in EU law and lot 4 – Cooperation between EU level judicial networks regarding European judicial training

#### Description of the activities to be funded

The 2015 operating grant to the EJTN will finance activities which contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme in particular training activities with EU added value.

#### Essential award criteria

The Commission will invite the EJTN in writing to submit its proposal announcing the annual priorities for 2015. The Commission will verify that the organisation satisfies the exclusion criteria, that the proposal is consistent with the objectives pursued by the Programme and will assess the proposal essentially on the basis of the following criteria:

- (a) extent to which the proposed annual work programme addresses the priorities announced by the Commission;
- (b) quality of the annual work programme, which must be clear, realistic and well detailed;
- (c) European added value of the annual work programme;
- (d) financial quality of the proposal, including the existence of a clear, detailed, and reasonable budget, which is coherent with the annual work programme.

#### Implementation

By DG Justice

#### Indicative timetable and indicative amount

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2014/	Q4 2014	7 880 000 EUR

#### Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

95 %

### ***2.3.2. Call for proposals for operating grants 2014 to support European networks active in the area of access to justice***

#### LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to facilitate effective access to justice for all, including to promote and support the rights of victims of crime, while respecting the rights of the defence**

BUDGET LINE

33 03 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This call aims to support the 2014 annual work programme of European networks whose statutory aims are to facilitate effective access to justice for all. These priorities may be further specified in the call for proposals.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will support networks whose activities contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme and which will implement among others: analytical activities, training activities, mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination activities with EU added value.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria

- (a) The applicant must be a private non-profit-oriented organisation duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme;
- (b) The applicant must be an established formal network with own legal personality or represent (as a joint secretariat or officially appointed coordinator) an established formal network. This network must be organised at European level, i.e. have member organisations/bodies or authorities in at least 14 participating countries. Only the network or the organisation appointed as the joint secretariat/officially appointed coordinator may submit an application; the member organisations are not eligible to apply;
- (c) The network's statutory aims must fall under the objective of the Programme to facilitate effective access to justice for all;
- (d) The applicant must seek co-financing for the costs to be incurred during the implementation of the annual work programme of the organisation for its 2014 financial year;
- (e) The application must seek an EU grant that must be between EUR 75 000 and 250 000.

2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:

- (a) The applicant's operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain its activities during the period of implementation of the proposed work programme;
- (b) The applicant's financial capability: the applicant should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain its activity throughout the period during which the work programme is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

- (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
- (b) Quality of the proposal;

(c) European added value of the proposal;  
(d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;  
(e) Cost-effectiveness.

#### Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2014/	Q2 2014	600 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

95%

### ***2.3.3. Call for 3-year Framework Partnership Agreements (2015-2017) to support European networks active in the area of access to justice***

#### LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to facilitate effective access to justice for all, including to promote and support the rights of victims of crime, while respecting the rights of the defence**

#### BUDGET LINE

33 03 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This call aims to establish 3-year Framework Partnership Agreements (2015-2017) with European networks whose statutory aims are to facilitate effective access to justice for all. The annual grants to be signed on the basis of these Framework Partnership Agreements will enhance the capacities of these networks to contribute actively to the development and implementation of the EU policies in this area.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will support networks whose activities contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme and which will implement among others: analytical activities, training activities, mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination activities with EU added value.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:  
(a) the applicant for the Framework Partnership must be a private non-profit-oriented organisation duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme;

(b) the applicant for the Framework Partnership must be an established formal network with own legal personality or represent (as a joint secretariat or officially appointed coordinator) an established formal network, must be organised at European level and have member organisations/bodies or authorities in at least 14 participating countries. Only the network or the organisation appointed as the joint secretariat/officially appointed coordinator may submit an application, the member organisations are not eligible to apply;

(c) the network's statutory aims must fall under the objective of the Programme to facilitate effective access to justice for all.

2. The applicants for Framework Partnership must meet the following **selection criteria**:

(a) The applicant's operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed outline 3-year work programme and to maintain its activities during the 3-year period of implementation of the proposed outline work programme;

(b) The applicant's financial capability: the applicant should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain its activity throughout the 3-year period during which the proposed outline work programme is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

(a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;

(b) Quality of the outline 3-year work programme;

(c) European added value of the outline 3-year work programme;

(d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;

(e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2014/	Q3 2014	<i>n.a.</i>

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80% of the total eligible costs under each annual operating grant

**2.3.4. Operating grant 2015 to Framework Partners active in the area of access to justice**

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to facilitate effective access to justice for all, including to promote and support the rights of victims of crime, while respecting the rights of the defence**

BUDGET LINE

33 03 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This call should support the 2015 annual work programme of European networks active in the area of access to justice which have signed Framework Partnership Agreements with the Commission (see activity 2.3.2).

#### Essential award criteria

The Commission will invite Framework Partners in writing to submit their proposal announcing the annual priorities for 2015. The Commission will verify that the organisation satisfies the exclusion criteria, that the proposal is consistent with the objectives pursued by the Programme and will assess the proposal essentially on the basis of the following criteria:

- (a) extent to which the proposed annual work programme of Framework Partners addresses the priorities announced by the Commission and is coherent with the outline work programme of the Framework Partnership Agreement;
- (b) quality of the annual work programme, which must be clear, realistic and well detailed;
- (c) European added value of the annual work programme;
- (d) financial quality of the proposal, including the existence of a clear, detailed, and reasonable budget, which is coherent with the annual work programme.

#### Implementation

By DG Justice

#### Indicative timetable and indicative amount

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2014/	Q4 2014	600 000 EUR

#### Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

### **2.4. Procurement**

#### LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to support and promote judicial training, including language training on legal terminology, with a view to fostering a common legal and judicial culture**

**Specific objective: to facilitate effective access to justice for all, including to promote and support the rights of victims of crime, while respecting the rights of the defence**

#### BUDGET LINE

33 03 01

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged (study / technical assistance / evaluation / survey / IT / communication services/etc.)



In 2014 the Commission intends to undertake several actions through contracts following public procurement (calls for tenders and framework contracts) or administrative arrangements. Conferences, expert meetings, seminars may be held and studies and impact assessments may be undertaken as far as they are needed in order to prepare, or accompany new legislation or to respond to policy changes in the area covered by the Programme. The total budget envisaged for these types of actions implemented by DG Justice is EUR 7 745 000. It may cover in particular the following actions:

(a) Specific objective: judicial training

- Meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences on judicial training (Q2 2014);
- Developing/translating/updating judicial training material for dissemination (Q4 2014);
- Study on the assessment of training needs in the area of EU competition law (cross subdelegation to DG COMP, Q2 2014).

(b) Specific objective: access to justice

- Field studies on the effectiveness of justice systems; thematic studies, collection of data-(Q3-4 2014);
- Technical Assistance in Member States (Q2-4 2014);
- Meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences on access to justice (Q2-4 2014);
- Studies to support evaluations of the existing criminal justice instruments; impact assessments for the preparation of new instruments in accordance with the post-Stockholm Programme and with the Commission Work Programme 2014, such as the future of victims' rights and procedural rights; studies on the implementation of Directive 2010/64 (Q2-4) and on the implementation of Directive 2012/13 (Q3-2015 Q2);
- Workshops on the implementation of the existing EU instruments in criminal matters which strengthen access to justice, in particular for victims, suspects and accused persons, and in particular on Directive 2013/29 (Q1-2 2014, Q4 2014), Directive 2013/48 (Q3-4 2014);
- Actions in the field of e-justice linked with access to justice (Q2-4 2014), such as:
  - necessary actions for the continued development, maintenance of and support for the e-Justice Portal and its sub-projects, such as hosting and software licensing fees;
  - migration of the EJN Criminal website into the e-Justice Portal;
  - translation costs for EJN Civil matters;
  - integration of the database on consumer law into the e-Justice Portal;
  - extension of the e-CODEX project and interconnection with the e-Justice Portal;
  - extension of the Court Database;
  - IT development in relation with the e-Justice Portal European interconnection projects, such as interconnection of Land registers; interconnection of Business registers; interconnection of "Find a bailiff"; interconnection of the translators'/interpreters' database.

Indicative number of new contracts envisaged: 5

Indicative number of specific contracts based on framework contracts envisaged: 25

Implementation

By DG Justice (except if specified differently)

### **3. BUDGET LINE 33 03 03: PREVENTING AND REDUCING DRUG DEMAND AND SUPPLY**

#### ***3.1. Introduction***

On the basis of the objectives given in the Justice Programme this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2014 as follows:

- for action grants (implemented under direct management) (3.2):	2 509 000 EUR
- for operating grants (implemented under direct management) (3.3):	n.a.
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (3.4):	495 000 EUR
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3 004 000 EUR</b>

#### ***3.2. Call for proposals for Action Grants to support transnational projects in the area of EU drugs policy***

##### LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to support initiatives in the field of drugs policy as regards judicial cooperation and crime prevention aspects closely linked to the general objective of the Programme, in so far as they are not covered by the Instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management, as part of the Internal Security Fund, or by the Health for Growth Programme**

##### BUDGET LINE

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Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The priorities of this call for proposals are:

- to support the implementation of EU legislation on new psychoactive substances by improving the capacity to identify and assess new psychoactive substances, to respond effectively to the rapid spread of such substances across the EU, by reducing the availability of harmful substances, monitoring the extent and patterns of use of such substances, and by sharing best practices on prevention;
- to develop and share innovative approaches aimed at preventing relapse and models of good practice for reintegration and rehabilitation of (long-term) drug users, including those released from prison, inter alia by exploring alternatives to coercive sanctions;
- to exchange best practices on cooperation between public authorities involved in drug-related services, including at local or regional level, and civil society, to ensure that drug-supply and demand reduction activities are joined up, with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of prevention, harm reduction and law enforcement activities to help prevent and reduce the number of drug-related offences;
- to support the involvement of civil society in the implementation of the objectives of the EU Drug Strategy 2013-2020 and of the specific actions under the EU Drugs Action Plan 2013-2016, with a view to helping reduce the negative consequences of illicit drugs on

individuals and society.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will fund activities on:

- data collection, surveys and research activities;
- training activities;
- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, cooperation, including identifying best practices which may be transferable to other participating countries;
- dissemination and awareness-raising activities.

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private non-profit-oriented organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation;
- (b) the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least 2 participating countries;
- (c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;
- (d) the project must not be completed or have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

2. Grant applicants must meet the following **selection criteria**:

- (a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;
- (b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

3. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

- (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
- (b) Quality of the proposed action;
- (c) European added value of the project;
- (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
- (e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2014/	Q3 2014	2 509 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

**3.3. Operating grants**

n.a.

**3.4. Procurement**

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

**Specific objective: to support initiatives in the field of drugs policy as regards judicial cooperation and crime prevention aspects closely linked to the general objective of the Programme, in so far as they are not covered by the Instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management, as part of the Internal Security Fund, or by the Health for Growth Programme**

BUDGET LINE

33 03 03

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged (study / technical assistance / evaluation / survey / IT / communication services/etc.)

In 2014 the Commission intends to undertake several actions through contracts following public procurement (calls for tenders and framework contracts) or administrative arrangements. Conferences, expert meetings, seminars may be held and studies and impact assessments may be undertaken as far as they are needed in order to prepare, or accompany new legislation or to respond to policy changes in the area covered by the Programme. The total budget envisaged for these types of actions implemented by DG Justice is 495 000 EUR. Under the specific objective of supporting initiatives in the field of drugs policy it may cover in particular the following actions:

- analytical activities, cooperation activities or awareness-raising activities aiming at monitoring, implementing, evaluating and coordinating the implementation of cross-cutting objectives and actions under the EU Drugs Strategy (2013-2020) and its Action Plans, including on new psychoactive substances (Q3-4 2014).

Indicative number of new contracts envisaged: 1

Indicative number of specific contracts based on framework contracts envisaged: 2

Implementation

By DG Justice