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CB AND RA – PT (830995) – Capacity building and research activities for judges and legal practitioners

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Total grant awarded: €50,704.80
Total project costs: €56,338.71

Implementation period: From 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2020 (24 months).

ABSTRACT:

Objectives

- Establishing a network of national Judges by building capacity among them on key legal instruments on judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters;
- Drafting a hand book covering the practical implications of a dozen EU Regulations on the national registry of facts and documents to help legal practitioners, companies or citizens dealing with cross border cases, to easily identify which facts or documents shall or may be registered in Portuguese registries and which are the applicable requirements.

Activities

- One workshop for 23 judges, to discuss the practical implications of two European procedures (Small Claims and European Account Preservation Order), the operation of two Regulations widely used by the Portuguese Judges (Service of Documents and Taking of Evidence) and the consequences of the General Regulation on Data Protection on the activity of national Courts;
- Another workshop for 15 judges focused on the European Payment Order Procedure, the European Account Preservation Order, the Service of Documents and the Taking of evidence Regulations;
- Drafting, translating into English, publishing and distributing a handbook on the practical implications of the civil justice Regulations on the national registry (e.g. Successions, Insolvency, Brussels I Recast, Matrimonial Regimes and Property Consequences of registered partnerships, Brussels IIa).
Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

- 23 judges – Presidents or Coordinators of all Regional Courts – will benefit from one workshop;
- 15 judges from the Civil Court of Porto which is the only competent to deal with European Payment Order procedures, will benefit from another workshop;
- More than 50,000 legal practitioners (Judges, registry officers, notaries, lawyers, insolvency practitioners), citizens and companies in general, in Portugal and other Member States, will benefit from the handbook.

Expected results

- Strengthening the national network;
- Ensuring better case handling;
- Enhancing legal certainty;
- Raising awareness of the operational value of EJN Civil.

Type and number of deliverables to be produced

- Two workshops;
- A national network of Judges to support the activity of the national contact point of EJN Civil;
- A handbook;
- A conference.
CRONET-EJN (831265) – Establishing and strengthening of Croatian National Network under the EJN civil and commercial matters

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Total grant awarded: €39,776.00
Total project costs: €49,720.00

Implementation period: From 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2020 (24 months).

ABSTRACT:

Objectives
- To contribute to the effective application of the acquis;
- To organise two annual meetings of the National Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters (NJN civil);
- To acquaint participants with the activities and purpose of EJN in civil and commercial matters;
- To encourage interaction at national and EU level to exchange knowledge and gather information on the practical application of EU instruments in civil and commercial matters;
- To achieve a greater level of connectivity and trust that will enable the efficient functioning of the Network and to establish the methods of work to be continued after the project is completed.

Activities
- Kick off meeting in Zagreb;
- 2 preparatory meetings;
- 2 monitoring meetings;
- preparation, organisation and evaluation of 2 annual meetings of NJN civil;
- preparation and implementation of analytical activities and analysis of other NJN in EU Member States;
- drafting national Rules that will regulate participation in the work of the EJN civil;
- facilitating cooperation between members of NJN;
• development of meeting materials, discussion papers and agendas.

**Type and number of persons benefiting from the project**
• All civil judges, experts, notaries, attorneys and central authorities; unlimited number of practitioners; EU citizens and other Member States.

**Expected results**
• Strengthened effectiveness and visibility of EJN;
• Strengthening mutual trust between different EU judicial systems;
• Increased quality of work of courts and other authorities;
• Enhanced cooperation and exchange of information between national judicial and other authorities;
• Better co-operation with other institutions throughout the EU;
• Speeding up procedures related to judicial co-operation in civil matters;
• Increased awareness of judicial cooperation in civil matters.

**Type and number of deliverables to be produced**
• 6 minutes;
• 2 annual meetings of NJN civil;
• 2 meeting materials;
• 1 leaflet;
• 1 final report;
• 1 draft national Rules for participation in the work of the EJN civil.
NETWORK EU CIVIL LAW (831324) – Strengthening the Dutch Expert Group on EU Civil Law

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Total grant awarded €37,293.30  
Total project costs €41,437.00

Implementation period: from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2020 (24 months).

ABSTRACT:

Objectives

- Increasing the effectiveness of the Expert Group on EU Civil Law;
- Strengthening the capacities this network to share information and knowledge on EU civil and commercial law;
- Informing this and related networks about obstacles for sharing knowledge/discussing ways to take them away;
- A correct and coherent application of EU civil and commercial law by Dutch judges.

Activities

- 3 meetings will be organised for discussion and training.

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

- The main target group of the project is the Expert Group on EU Civil Law (approx. 19 participants - judges and staff members of different courts) and 1 senior legal staff member.
- Additional target groups are
  - the Expert Group on IPL Family Law;
  - civil judges who are Court Co-ordinator European Law (CCE) or civil contact point within that network;
  - court representatives (quality management).

The first meeting will be for all these target groups (approx. 71 people of which 50 people can participate in the meetings.) The second and third meeting will be exclusively for the Expert Group on EU Civil Law.
Expected results

- Increased knowledge of the networks mentioned above on information management and sharing of knowledge (both the formal and informal aspects);
- A common understanding amongst the members of the Expert Group on EU Civil Law on the functioning and tasks of the network (including identification of new tasks and adapted working methods);
- Clear division of these tasks;
- Increased coherence within the Expert Group on EU Civil Law and between this network and the other networks;
- Up-to-date knowledge of networks on the EU civil justice instruments (incl. on access to sources and to the EJN).

Type and number of deliverables to be produced

- 1 overall design and detailed designs for the 3 meetings;
- 3 meetings;
- Training materials on knowledge sharing/information management;
- Strategy and work plan for the Expert Group on EU Civil Law.
FIN2018 (831331) – Strengthening of the Finnish National Network

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Total grant awarded: €90,291.60
Total project costs: €101,324.00

Implementation period: From 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 (12 months).

ABSTRACT:

Objective
The overall objective of this project is to strengthen the Finnish national network and to further develop its working methods and activities, in order to ensure effective, coherent and rightly focused information and knowledge sharing of the EU judicial cooperation and of the tools and the activities of the EJN network to the Finnish legal practitioners.

Activities
- Data gathering about chosen EU civil law instruments (this includes e.g. interviews, questionnaires and key word searches);
- Arranging two three-day study visits in Finland and Italy;
- Creating guidance of good practices for the national networks about activities and cooperation in the field of EU civil justice;
- Organising two one-day networking seminars for the members of the Finnish national network.

Type of persons benefiting from the project
- The organisations of the members of the Finnish national network;
- The Finnish national network;
- Italian national network;
- Ministry of Justice, Finland;
- EJN;
- Other national networks.
Expected results

- Information about what kind of statistical data is currently available in the Finnish courts regarding the application of the EU civil law instruments;
- More information about the use of chosen EU civil law instruments in the Finnish courts;
- Improved cooperation and enhanced mutual trust and understanding between the judicial authorities working in the field of EU civil justice;
- Active and well-functioning national network which contributes to better European wide cooperation in the area of EU civil justice;
- Better networking skills and increased capacity of the network members to address issues related to judicial cooperation in civil matters.

Type and number of deliverables to be produced

- Questionnaire for collecting data;
- Final report of data gathering;
- Guidance leaflet;
- Two national training seminars;
- Two study visits;
- One info day (Lakimiespäivät 2019);
- Info sessions (Ministry of Justice and EJN).
EJNITA (831373) – EJNITA (EJN - ITALIAN NETWORK: BUILDING BRIDGES)

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Total grant awarded: €340,154.71
Total project costs: €377,949.68

Implementation period: From 1 June 2019 to 30 May 2021 (24 months).

ABSTRACT:

EJN - Italian network: building bridges. If we bear in mind that the European Judicial Network (EJN) is a network of national contact points, clearly each national network is a “link in the chain” which helps to make the network effective. At present, the Italian national network does not yet have an autonomous tool designed to communicate with other networks and with national users. The general objective of the project is to create a new digital tool for the Italian network to enhance the ability of the Italian national contact points to effectively perform their tasks, vis-à-vis both Italian authorities and practitioners, and members of the Network in other Member States.

The project aims to:

- strengthen and make the national network more efficient;
- increase knowledge of the instruments relating to judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters in the judicial and professional arena, in order to struggle the lack of awareness and expertise of Italian judges and practitioners in the field. Increased knowledge, along with the predisposition of specific tools (such as databases and e-books) will facilitate (and speed-up) the handling of cases. The project will also render Italian practices more accessible (in terms of knowledge) and available to foreign practitioners, for example with regard to the Italian practices in the taking of evidence. At the same time, the project will also satisfy the need of providing professionals with information on the contents of (the most relevant aspects of) foreign laws (in fields such
as contract law, family law, succession law, etc.). There is also the need to increase the ties of the Italian contact points of the EJN not only with the contact points of the other members of the network, but also with Italian legal operators, in order to develop and increase the visibility of the activities of the EJN as widely as possible;

- facilitate the use of e-justice portal.
CLUE – (831377) – Awareness of EU legislation trough EJN /Connaître la législation de l’Union européenne par le RJECC

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Total grant awarded: €59,105.58  
Total project costs: €65,707.63

Implementation period: from 7 January 2019 to 6 January 2021 (24 months).

ABSTRACT:

The aim of the CLUE project is to promote the European judicial network (EJN) activities in France, and encourage the involvement of judges, lawyers, notaries and bailiffs in the network, by providing mutual learning and capacity building seminars, exchange of best practices on working methods and problem-solving, as well as accessible and sustainable information.

Within the CLUE project two types of activities will take place: activities related to communication on the EU civil justice legislation, the functioning of the network and the benefits of the assistance the later can provide (deliverables: guide, website, video) as well as activities aiming at strengthening the interactions within the network at a local level (seminars, newsletters, etc.).

The tools produced by the project will be publicly available on dedicated websites. Furthermore, 60 participants (15 bailiffs, 15 notaries, 15 judges, 15 lawyers) will attend each of the 6 training seminars.

The project activities aim at directly increasing the awareness on the missions of the network and the assistance it can provide to its members. These activities will thus promote a more active participation of its members to the activities of the network and will improve the knowledge of the EU acquis in civil and commercial matters. Subsequently, the project will contribute to an enhanced and harmonised application by French courts and competent authorities, of the EU legislation relative to judicial cooperation in civil matters on the one hand, as well as a more efficient case handling on the other hand.
CIVIL LAW MATTERS (831378) - Development of the National Judicial Network in Civil Law Matters with focus on practical operation of EU law

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Total grant awarded: €71,582,66
Total project costs: €85,106,00

Implementation period: From 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2020 (24 months).

ABSTRACT:

Objectives:
- to develop and encourage the National Judicial Network; intensify cooperation between competent authorities and legal practitioners while developing current and establishing new working methods and creating better forum for exchange of best practice;
- enhance international judicial cooperation in civil law matters and spread knowledge of the private international law;

Activities:
- meetings of the members of the National Judicial Network;
- printed publication – 1) compilation of case studies on the application of EU legal instruments and international private law; 2) national compendia of legal instruments (EU, international and national);
- raising awareness of the National Judicial Network and the European Judicial Network concerning its functioning and its benefits

Type and number of persons benefiting from the project:
- Members of the Czech National Judicial Network (notaries, lawyers, academia, law enforcement authorities, civil servants (approx. 200 participants) and students of Law;
- participants from other EU Member States will be attending the meetings either as lecturers or participants.
**Expected results:**

- strengthened capacity of the Network, increase of knowledge on the legislation related to judicial cooperation in civil law matters and establishment of a well-functioning channel to address issues discussed during the EJN meeting in more effective manner;
- increase of knowledge of the operation and application of EU law in practice;
- creation of national compendia of legal instruments and collection of case studies – first publication of its kind in the Czech Republic.

**Type and number of deliverables to be produced:**

- annual meetings of the Members of the Network - 2x
- specialised meetings for legal practitioners – 4x
- collection of case studies - 1x
- national compendia of legal instruments - 2x
**A STRONG BELGIAN EJN (831379) – A strong Belgian EJN for an optimal EU awareness of Belgian judges**

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Total grant awarded: €151,457.00  
Total project costs: €169,567.81

Implementation period: From 1 December 2018 to 30 November 2020 (24 months).

**ABSTRACT:**

**Objectives**

The Belgian EJN aims, with its partner IGO-IFJ (Belgian Judicial Training Institute), to strengthen its network, to sensitize the knowledge of Belgian magistrates and court staff on the existence of the EU tools and legislation as to ensure their correct application on a daily basis. Only in this way, the one judicial area with legal certainty for its citizens and business can be created.

Identifying in each court contact points, representing magistrates and court staff, modelled on the experiences in the Netherlands and Italy in the previous EU projects such as EURINFRA.

Establishment of agreements with the chief court registrars on the "coding" of the European instruments used in the decisions of the judges, which will allow to collect correct statistical data and transfer these to the European Commission and the EJN.

Development of the European website with various components:

- preparation of a database with an easy for uploading, anonymizing and a user friendly search engine. The colleagues from Finland and France have been working on the problem of anonymizing, again it is the aim to learn from their best practices, and set up a workable model for other Member States. This database will receive input from a) existing databases where already some court decisions have been integrated and b) the newly coded decisions;
- making an inventory of existing EU legislation and national implementing legislation;
- recording texts of training (also e -learning), provided by the IGO –IFJ, if possible added by the texts of the EJTN-trainings;
- creation of a consultation platform for magistrates and for court staff where questions can be exchanged;
- recording news flashes;
- links to other websites, blogs, etc.

Establishment of a working method with the presidents of the courts and the chief court registrars to forward these decisions to the newly to be created European website with a database containing all relevant Belgian decisions, as well as a working method with the legal secretaries, designated to collect relevant doctrine, to provide abstracts of judicial articles on European PIL to this website.

Data processed from this regularly updated, transparent and user-friendly database will make it possible to analyse (Belgian) problems when applying the EU PIL Regulations, formulate recommendations to the national legislator to ensure better implementation legislation as well as to the European Commission, via the EJN.

Further development to the EUR-Alert, the newsletter created by the Belgian EJN related to relevant Legislation and case law on European instruments

Cooperation is envisaged with other partners i.e. universities or researchers to write a general overview on the Belgian case law and to make horizontal analyses of problems related to the EU Regulations (e.g. translation requirements). These overviews can be translated in other EU-languages (i.e. English) and further distributed amongst the EJN-members.

(Online) Training sessions on the working of the website, database and the platform.

Activities
- creation of a strong network of contact points appointed in each court (the Euro-coordinators), in close cooperation with the presidents of the courts and the Belgian EJN network, to support other colleagues within the judiciary by answering their questions on EU law and informing them on the recent developments and the practical use of these EU instruments, thus reinforcing the Belgian EJN;
- inventory of all the Belgian legislation and case law linked to the EU PIL instruments, in cooperation with researchers, hereby exploring the possibility to write short abstracts of case law and translate these into English;
- ensuring transparent and easy access to this legislation and case law;
- development of the European website with various components, including inter alia a database with all the court decisions concerning EU related topics with an easy system for uploading, anonymizing and a user friendly search engine;
- clear identification of uniform and transparent horizontal working methods between the courts and the court staff, responsible for collecting, selecting and encoding of this case law and legislation;
- creation of a platform where magistrates and court staff can exchange views and ask questions;
- 1 day conference for the official presentation of the Website, database, platform and the network of court coordinators to the Belgian Judiciary;
- (Online) Training sessions on the working of the website, database and the platform.
Type and number of persons benefiting from the project

There will be three categories of beneficiaries:

- Direct beneficiaries: all the Belgian judges, prosecutors and court staff by making use of the strengthened Belgian EJN and by using the website with all its different components, including the platform where questions can be discussed in an informal way;
- Indirect beneficiaries:
  - the EJN members from other countries who will be able to bring their questions through the Belgian EJN networks on the platform so the EJN contact points in Belgium can give them an quick and qualitative answer;
  - scholars and academics who can analyse the case law and formulate recommendations to improve certain recurring problems with the application of the EU-instruments;
  - Belgian policy makers as well as (more indirectly) the European Commission who can improve the quality of the legislative acts;
  - the European Commission who receive statistical data;
  - other member states through the translation of the analyses of the Belgian case law;
  - Other legal professions to whom some parts of the website can be gradually opened after discussion in the steering committee and consulting the target group and the stakeholders;
- Final beneficiaries: the EU citizens, as an improved knowledge of the EU PIL instruments ensures a higher quality of decisions, thus reinforcing the envisaged one judicial area.

Expected results

- Creation of a strong network of contact points within each court in close cooperation with the presidents of the courts and the Belgian EJN network to support other colleagues within the judiciary, and thus the EJN, by answering their questions on EU law and to inform them on the recent developments and on the practical use of these EU instruments. A list of these contact points will be made available to the judiciary;
- Transparent and easy access to the Belgian case law and short summaries related to the EU instruments through the development of the European website with various components such as overview of all the court decisions with EU related topics and other with an easy system for uploading, anonymizing and a user friendly search engine with short abstracts of Belgian case law which will help the magistrates in their daily practice;
- Increased use of EU instruments in the Belgian case law;
- Correct and transparent statistical data;
- Strengthened EJN network and cooperation between Member States.

Type and number of deliverables to be produced

- An up to date list of contact points in each court, representing magistrates and court staff;
- Cooperation agreements with the chief court registrars on the "coding" of the European instruments;
- Document with described and uniform work processes for coding the case law related to the EU regulations formalised via agreements with the Belgian courts;
- A European website with various components, including inter alia a database with all the court decisions concerning EU related topics with an easy system for uploading, anonymizing and a user-friendly search engine;
- A platform for exchange of information for the Belgian magistrates and court staff;
- (Online) Training sessions for the contact points and judiciary in the use of the EU website including the database and the platform;
- Short summaries of Belgian case law.