

Save the date: 19/20 May 2016

Conference on “Counter-Terrorism and De-radicalisation: How to Answer the Training Needs of Justice Practitioners”, organised by the European Commission Directorate General for Justice and Consumers (DG JUST) in cooperation with the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of inviting all providers of training for judges, prosecutors, prison and/or probation staff to a conference on 20 May 2016 in Brussels, starting with a networking evening on the 19 May. EU-level organisations representing practitioners of these professions concerned with the consequences of counter-terrorism measures and/or de-radicalisation issues are also invited to send representatives. The conference will be held in English, French, German, Spanish, Italian and Polish. The European Commission will provide travel and accommodation as specified below.

This European Commission conference aims at providing a platform for discussing training needs, training content and training methods related either to measures countering terrorism (such as prosecution of terrorist suspects, judicial procedures about preventive measures such as travel restrictions or orders to delete web content) or to judicial response to violent extremism (such as prevention of radicalisation in prisons, rehabilitation programmes, alternatives to detention).

The conference is primarily addressed to those in charge of organising the training activities for judges, prosecutors, prison or probation staff in the EU Member States, since information about the need of concrete training topics and methods how to best implement such training activities will be exchanged.

In order to enable the training providers to get a clearer picture of the training needs, EU level organisations representing organisations or professionals concerned (judges, prosecutors, prison and probation staff) are invited to join in the conference. The conference will also provide information about up-coming EU supported training projects and co-funding possibilities for further training projects in this area.

As far as the training of prison and probation staff is concerned, this is the first conference organised by DG Justice and Consumers of the European Commission where training providers for these professions from throughout the European Union will meet, get into personal contact and exchange their practices.

As far as the training of criminal judges and prosecutors is concerned, this Commission conference is a follow-up of a pilot series of training activities started in autumn last year by the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) that is co-organiser of this conference.

The European Commission will provide travel and accommodation for up to four representatives of training providers for judges, prosecutors, prison and/or probation staff per EU Member State (so each one representative in charge of the organisation of training for criminal judges/prosecutors, non-criminal judges, prison staff and probation staff could attend). The European Commission will also provide travel and accommodation for one representative per EU-level organisation representing judicial actors or institutions concerned by counter-terrorism procedures or the judicial response to radicalisation (including prison/probation services).

Organisations interested in participating are kindly requested to **save the date** and to send an e-mail to Just-Judicial-Training@ec.europa.eu in order to receive a formal invitation that will be sent out towards end of March.

The conference programme will also be published in the news section of the European e-Justice Portal.

Kind regards,

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