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SECOND MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE EURO-MED JUDICIAL TRAINING CENTRES

“Guarantees of the selection and training process, and their link with the judge’s status”

Rome (IT), 9-10 April 2014

FINAL CONCLUSIONS

The second meeting of the Directors of the Euro-Med Judicial Training Centres organised under the EuroMed Justice III Project of the European Commission, funded by the European Union, was held on 9 and 10 April 2014 in Rome, Italy.

The participants were members of the delegations of the following Mediterranean countries: Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia.

Mr Ivan Panef, National Coordinator of the EU technical assistance project, National School for Lawyers in Tunisia, also took part during the meeting.

The meeting was opened by Maria Luisa Fichera, Project Manager CORMS, Ministry of Foreign Affairs – DGCS, and Italian National Focal Point for the Euromed Justice III Project; Peter Goldschmidt, Supervisor of the EuroMed Justice III Project, Director of the European Centre for Judges and Lawyers, EIPA Luxembourg; and Andrés Salcedo Velasco, Team Leader of the EuroMed Justice III Project, who welcomed the participants. The meeting was closed by Peter Goldschmidt and Andrés Salcedo Velasco.

Andrés Salcedo and José María Fernández Villalobos, Course Manager of the EuroMed Justice III Project, then made a general presentation on the EuroMed Justice III Project and held a session on “Overview of the main developments and results of the EMJ III Project. Publications and materials for the training modules”.

In addition, five thematic presentations were made during the meeting. The first one on “The Italian experience of judicial training” was made by Raffaele Sabato, Senior Judge, Adviser to the Cassation Court, member of the Steering Committee and coordinator of the International Training Department of the Italian National School for the Judiciary. The second presentation on “Proposals and suggestions for the curricula of the ENPI judicial training centres” was delivered by Khaled Abouali, Auditor and international expert: security, police and justice, former National Focal Point for Belgium of the EuroMed Justice I Programme and former Coordinator of the EuroMed Justice II Project, legal adviser and criminologist, Belgian Ministry of Justice. As for the third presentation on “Current overview of the situation, plans and perspectives of the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)”, it was made by Anthony Manwaring, Head of Multilateral Unit, Deputy Head of the International Department of the French National School for the Judiciary, representative of the European Judicial Training Network. The fourth presentation on “Guarantees, characteristics and requirements of the legal framework of the judicial selection and training process, and their link with the judge’s legal status” was delivered by Antonio Monserrat, Senior Judge of the Provincial Court of Palma de Mallorca, representative of the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ). Lastly, the fifth presentation on two studies carried out by EIPA’s European Centre for Judges and Lawyers (ECJL) related to training of lawyers and court staff in EU Law was given by Peter Goldschmidt, Director of the ECJL. (The studies were financed by the European Commission, implementing Pilot projects developed by the European Parliament).

All these presentations were followed by a lively debate.

Considering the objectives of this meeting and taking into account the recommendations made during the working sessions and the debate, the participants are of the opinion that this meeting has reached the expected results, i.e. it has given them the opportunity:

1. To express their satisfaction for having been able to meet, strengthening in this way the links uniting them through their professional activity, work and duties.
2. To provide them with an overall approach concerning the final versions of the publications drawn up in the framework of the EuroMed Justice III Project and the material for the training modules developed during the second phase of the project and how to have access to them through the project website.
3. To reaffirm the advisability of promoting this kind of meetings which allow for a quality exchange and reflection between all those who are in charge of managerial duties directly related to selection and training of judges.
4. To give them a current overview of the organisation of the European Judicial Training Network and to be made familiar with the plans and perspectives of this institution as regards training of European judges.

5. To receive an overview and comprehensive information and discuss on the guarantees, characteristics and requirements of the legal framework of the judicial selection and training process, and their link with the judge's legal status, according to the European standard established by the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary.
6. To receive more detailed information related to different pilot projects financed by the European Commission upon request of the European Parliament related to training of judges, prosecutors, lawyers and court staff in EU law and discussing the presented findings.
7. To be informed of the TAIEX instrument and of the possibility that they, the participants, could suggest/propose to their NFP the gaps to be filled or the needs for further training and technical assistance requests, as a follow-up of this EuroMed Justice III Project meeting.
8. To be fully aware that the work carried out by Judicial Schools and Judicial Training Centres in the Euro-Mediterranean area can bring a relevant contribution to consolidating a Euro-Mediterranean Justice area in the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, in particular in the thematic areas addressed by the EuroMed Justice III Project.
9. To have a debate on the feedback concerning the EuroMed Justice III project and to state that interaction with this project is a positive factor and that they will pay due attention to the final development and results of the project.

Participants agree with the conclusions of this meeting.

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