



Training Project >

EU CRIMINAL LAW FOR
DEFENCE COUNSEL

2nd series 2013-2014

The project

This second EU-wide project will offer defence counsel training on EU criminal justice instruments and judicial cooperation. The project will also feed into the step-by-step approach agreed by the EU on the establishment of certain procedural safeguards by presenting this approach and explaining and discussing the first measures taken with defence lawyers throughout the EU.

The project is co-financed by the European Commission under its Criminal Justice Programme.

The concept

The project will consist of five seminars conducted throughout the EU in the years 2013 and 2014. Each seminar will be targeted at different groups of selected Member States (approx. 25 participants from 4-5 Member States per seminar). The training will last 1 ½ days from midday on Friday to late afternoon on Saturday.

Timeline

The project will last 17 months starting on January 2013. The seminars are scheduled to take place in May 2013, June 2013, October 2013, November 2013, and February 2014.

Venues

In order to cover as many Member States as possible, the five seminars are distributed around the EU and will take place in Vilnius, Rome, Dublin, Prague and Barcelona.

Costs*

The project is co-financed by the European Commission under the Criminal Justice Programme.

Seminar fee including documentation	€250	The fee will vary depending on the event.
Travel	€0	Travel costs are reimbursed by ERA up to €300 for participants from abroad and up to €100-150 for those from the Member States where the seminar takes place.
Accommodation	€0	Accommodation for 2 nights will be booked and covered by ERA.
Catering	€0	Coffee breaks are included. ERA will invite all participants for a joint dinner.

*Without prejudice to special arrangements made with the partners.

Registration

The number of places for the seminars is limited (5-10 places/national group/seminar; 25 places/seminar). These places will be allocated among the eligible applicants on a first-come, first served basis.

Seminars

Where?	When?	Target group	Language(s)
Vilnius, Lithuania	10-11 May 2013 Event number: 313DT28	Defence lawyers from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estonia (4 places) • Latvia (4 places) • Lithuania (6 places) • Finland (4 places) • Poland (10 places) 	English, Polish
Rome, Italy	21-22 June 2013 Event number: 313DT29	Defence lawyers from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Italy (10 places) • Romania (10 places) • Bulgaria (7 places) • Greece (7 places) 	English, Italian
Dublin, Ireland	18-19 October 2013 Event number: 313DT30	Defence lawyers from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireland (7 places) • Sweden (7 places) • The Netherlands (7 places) • UK (10 places) Open to defence lawyers from Malta (1 place).	English
Prague, Czech Republic	29-30 November 2013 Event number: 313DT31	Defence lawyers from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Austria (6 places) • Czech Republic (8 places) • Germany (10 places) • Slovakia (6 places) Open to defence lawyers from Slovenia (1 place).	Czech, German
Barcelona, Spain	21-22 February 2014 Event number: 314DT10	Defence lawyers from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belgium (7 places) • France (10 places) • Portugal (7 places) • Spain (10 places) Open to defence lawyers from Luxembourg (1 place).	French, Spanish

Travel and accommodation*

Accommodation for 2 nights will be booked and covered by ERA.

Travel costs will be reimbursed by ERA upon receipt of the original invoices up to €300 for participants from abroad and up to €100/150 for those from the Member State where the seminar takes place. Participants are asked to book their own travel.

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Through the subsite on defence rights on ERA's website, all interested practitioners have the opportunity to inform themselves on all relevant legal texts and papers and to benefit from the speakers' contributions collected during the series.

Find more information on http://www.era-comm.eu/EU_criminal_law_for_defence_counsel/index.html

Methodology

The programme will offer a mixture of training methods, varying from lectures to interactive workshops.

In order to guarantee valuable practical training, the topics will be dealt with by means of 'national' workshops. In these workshops, a national expert will present and analyse the topics and conduct a case study based on the individual national criminal justice system. In this way, participants will benefit from training that is tailor-made to deal with the questions and problems arising in their daily practice when dealing with cross-border cases.

Programme

The impact of the developing area of European criminal law, especially with regard to the increasing use of instruments based on the principle of mutual recognition, on the daily work of the defence in the EU Member States will form the main content of training.

At the heart of the training will be problems and questions arising from the perspective of the defence with regard to cross-border cases that involve investigative measures where EU instruments are already in force – namely the European Arrest Warrant and freezing and confiscation orders – or are planned, especially in the field of obtaining evidence across internal EU borders.

Networking opportunities

The increased European dimension of criminal law also calls for increased networking between defence lawyers in the EU. This project will support such networking in two ways: first, defence lawyers from different EU Member States will be given the opportunity to make personal contacts and to exchange best practice and experience in the course of the training; second, part of the training will be dedicated to informing participants about the most effective ways to get in contact with their colleagues from other EU Member States.

Organiser

The project is organised by the Academy of European Law (ERA).

ERA is a non-profit public foundation that provides training to legal practitioners in European criminal justice cooperation and in other areas of European law. Find more information on our website www.era.int.

Partners

The project is supported by the European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA), the Lithuanian Bar Association, the EuroCollege of the University of Tartu, the Studio Legale Cirese, the Law Society of Ireland, the Czech Bar Association, and the Illustre Collegi d'Advocats de Barcelona (ICAB).

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