

Training lawyers for Europe: The Academy of European Law



Cooperation between the ECBA and ERA



- ERA and ECBA have cooperated in training events since the year 2010 when we handed-in our first joint project titled 'European Criminal Law for Defence Counsel' under a call for proposals of the European Commission
- The 2010 project run over 2 years with 6 seminars for in total 150 defence lawyers from all over the EU
- In 2012, we applied again for such a training and in 2013 and 2014, we offered 5 seminars on European criminal law to ca. 150 defence lawyers from all EU Member States.
- A third series was won in 2014 and we are conducting 4 seminars with ca. 120 defence lawyers this year. The last one will take place in Budapest from 9-10 October 2015.

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- In summary, ECBA and ERA conducted in this seminar series' 15 seminars for 420 defence lawyers from all EU Member States!
- All seminars
 - consisted of lectures and workshops looking at cross-border cases
 - offered different language regimes
 - offered the opportunity to network.
- Furthermore, a public internet portal was set-up on the ERA website in EN, DE, FR, and ES where all presentations and relevant legal texts are accessible to everyone interested

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- The ECBA supported all events with:
 - Advice on programme and speakers
 - Marketing in the Member States
 - Publishing the project on the websites

- In all events, the ECBA was presented
 - through its speakers
 - with its logo on the programmes as well as on the respective pages on the ERA website

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- Another project where the ECBA and ERA cooperated in last years offered
 - 6 seminars in EN, FR, DE
 - on the role of the European Court of Justice in criminal matters
 - A speciality of these events is that they bring together judges, prosecutors, and defence lawyers.

Future Cooperation between the ECBA and ERA



- Under the **current call for proposals** of the European Commission (deadline 16.11.2015), the ECBA and ERA will apply for the following **two projects**:
 1. **Procedural safeguards in the EU**
 - 4 conferences on the different measures of the EU roadmap on procedural safeguards,
 - each time addressed to varying target groups: defence lawyers, judges, prosecutors, law enforcement, interpreters and translators etc.
 2. **The life cycle of the electronic evidence in criminal proceedings**
 - simulations and live demonstrations for judges, prosecutors and defence lawyers from all EU Member States
 - 6 seminars in different EU cities

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■ Cross-border defence in the EU - Local Approach

Finally, to attract a wider group of defence lawyers, the ECBA and ERA will cooperate in a new training project for defence lawyers on a local level. The project is financed by ERA and the respective local partners and consists of

- 1-day training events at the local level in the local language
- The core of the trainings will be case studies on cross-border cooperation in criminal matters in the EU.
- There will be 1-2 local experts + one guest speaker to present the cooperation with another EU Member State.

Thank you for your attention!

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