EULITA Activities in 2015

The LIT Search project (JUST/2011/JPEN/AG/2975) was the main activity of EULITA in 2015. Under the Stockholm Programme 2009 to 2013, which was adopted by the European Council and which is a roadmap for procedural safeguards in EU member states, a database of legal interpreters and translators is to be set up on the e-Justice portal. The Strategy on European e-Justice (2014 to 2018) established the Multi-Annual European e-Justice Action Plan 2014 – 2018 and states in *A.2 Registers* that the European e-Justice Portal should provide a single access point via interconnections to the information in national registers with relevance in the area of justice managed by national public or professional bodies facilitating the administration of and access to justice, provided that the necessary technical and legal preconditions for such interconnections exist in the Member States.

The LIT Search project is a pilot project to explore the modalities and practical features of a European database of legal interpreters and translators which will ultimately link up the databases of the countries participating in the pilot project.

In the course of the pilot project several research sub-projects (= workstreams) such as, for example, a survey on current admission criteria to registers of legal interpreters and translators in EU member states, as well as admission procedures, register management, etc. have been conducted. In particular, the consortium partners described their respective national systems governing legal interpreting and translation. The outcome of the research and the input from the presentations serve to further develop a model template to assist other countries that may want to link up to the LIT Search database at a later stage.

The Final Conference of the LIT Search project will take place in Antwerp, Belgium, on 9 and 10 November 2015. The pilot database will be demonstrated in the course of a mock trial. For details please visit the EULITA website www.eulita.eu.