



EXCHANGE PROGRAMME 2026

PRACTICAL INFORMATION ON THE ORGANISATION OF THE PROGRAMME

1. DATES, LOCATION AND LANGUAGE OF THE EXCHANGE

Exchanges last either **two weeks** (10 working days) or **one week** (5 working days) and should, as a rule, take place from Monday to Friday. If due to professional or other reasons the length of the exchange needs to be shortened the participant must seek prior approval from the Secretariat of the Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union ("the Secretariat of the Network") by e-mail giving reasons (secretariat@networkpresidents.eu).

Exchanges longer than one week are conducted in the official language of the hosting Supreme Court. One-week exchanges can also be organised in other languages.

The Secretariat of the Network would like to draw attention to various **language courses provided by the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)**. Please see **Annex 2 for more information about the courses available and the application procedure**.

1.1. The Secretariat of the Network:

- Informs the Supreme Courts of the applications received,
- Notifies each participant of their selection and provides participants with practical information regarding the exchange programme,
- Can be contacted at all times regarding the organisation of the exchange programme (secretariat@networkpresidents.eu).

1.2. The hosting Supreme Court:

- Assigns each participant to a hosting chamber and tutor and informs the participant thereof,
- Informs the participant and the Secretariat of the Network, at their earliest convenience, of the possible dates of the exchange.

1.3. The Participant:

- Contacts their tutor at the hosting Supreme Court to confirm the dates and the outline of the exchange,
- Informs the Secretariat of the Network of the details of the exchange.

2. THE EXCHANGE STEP BY STEP

2.1. Before the exchange

The Participant makes their own travel and accommodation arrangements and sends the duly completed **information form** to the Secretariat of the Network (secretariat@networkpresidents.eu) together with a **copy of travel tickets**.

The Secretariat of the Network pays the **first instalment of the accommodation and subsistence allowance** as a rule two weeks before the exchange (please see part 3 for further details).

2.2. During the exchange

The Participant shall respect the terms and conditions of the Exchange Programme (schedule, contents etc.).

2.3. Within one month after the exchange

The Participant sends to the Secretariat of the Network (secretariat@networkpresidents.eu)

1) the report of the exchange (in Word format) and **2) the completed evaluation form**.

The **Report** should be written in the **language of the exchange or French or English. Please provide a summary of the report in French or English** if the Report is not written in either language. All Reports are published on the **Intranet** of the Network. The reports of previous years can also be consulted on the **Intranet** using the username **ExchangeProgramme** and password **ExchangeProgramme2024**.

2.4. Within three months after the exchange

The Secretariat of the Network pays the second instalment of the accommodation and subsistence allowance and the reimbursement of travel costs upon receipt of the documents requested (report, evaluation form, expense claim form, copy of travel ticket).

3. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

3.1. ELIGIBLE COSTS

3.1.1. Travel expenses

Unit costs are applied for travel expenses. All travel journey distances are to be measured using the [rail or flight calculator provided by the EU Commission](#).

How to calculate the distance:

Departure – place of employment, Arrival – place where the exchange takes place

Important: Please indicate on the information form and the expense claim form if travel expenses are borne by the national institution. In such a case the Secretariat of the Network reimburses travel costs directly to the institution and the participant only receives the accommodation and subsistence allowance.

Land travel between EU countries (50-399 km for all countries and 400-600 km where relevant)

For travel distances between 50 and 399 km only travel by land is reimbursed.

For journeys of less than 400 km not covered by land transport (e.g., Helsinki-Tallinn) the first distance band for air travel (400-600 km, i.e., 340 EUR) is applied.

Use of a private car is allowed. Reimbursement of land travel by car is limited to the unit cost for the distance of 50-399 km.

MS	AT	BE	BG	CZ	DE	DK	EE	EL	ES	FI	FR	HR	HU	IT	LT	LU	LV	NL	PL	PT	RO	SE	SI	SK
AT				72	104/ 260					93	84	85	80/ 200					85		85		68	72	
BE					136/ 340					136/ 340					76		136							
BG						54					81	59									38			
CZ	72				64/ 160					93	81	76						48/ 120		43	54	44		
DE	104/ 260	136/ 340		64/ 160		108/ 270				136/ 340	95		108/ 270	136/ 340	100/ 250	96/ 240						95		
DK				108/ 270											111					96/ 240				
EE													50		44									
EL		54																64/ 160						
ES										136/ 340														
FI																		96/ 240						
FR	93	136/ 340		93	136/ 340				136/ 340				136/ 340	132/ 330	132/ 330									
HR	84		81	81	95							68	68/ 170							68		54		
HU	85		59	76							68		73					59		52		52	56	
IT	80/ 200			108/ 270						136/ 340	68/ 170	73									56/ 140			
LT						50									56		45							
LU		76		136/ 340						132/ 330						108								
LV						44								56		45								
NL		136		100/ 250	111					132/ 330				108										
PL	85			48/ 120	96/ 240				64/ 160				59	45	45				45			52/ 130		
PT																								
RO	85		38	43							68	52						45				47		
SE					96/ 240				96/ 240				54	52	56/ 140									
SI	68			54	95						56							52/ 130		47		54		
SK	72			44							56													

Air travel or combined air/land travel of 400 km or more

The unit costs also cover any associated land-based travel (e.g., bus or train trips from neighbouring cities to/from the airport or the central train station).

Distance (km)	Amount in EUR per round trip
400-600	340
601-1600	365
1601-2500	429
2501-3500	541
3501-4500	743

3.1.2. Accommodation and subsistence allowance

Accommodation and subsistence allowance depends on the country of stay and the length of the exchange. **Accommodation** costs are expressed as an **amount per night**. **Subsistence** costs, to cover the costs of meals and other incidental expenses (e.g., local travel), are provided as an **amount per 24-hour period** (rounded up to the closest 24-hours).

Country	Accommodation (Amount in EUR per night)	Subsistence (Amount in EUR per 24h)
Austria	132	102
Belgium	148	102
Bulgaria	135	57
Croatia	110	75
Cyprus	140	88
Czechia	124	70
Denmark	173	124
Estonia	107	80
Finland	146	113
France	180	102
Germany	128	97
Greece	112	82
Hungary	120	64
Ireland	159	108
Italy	148	98
Latvia	116	73
Lithuania	117	69
Luxembourg	163	98
Malta	141	88
Netherlands	166	103
Poland	116	67
Portugal	109	83
Romania	136	62
Slovakia	100	74
Slovenia	117	84
Spain	128	88
Sweden	187	117

Participants are in principle assumed to leave the host country **in the evening of the final day of the exchange**. Participants are, however, entitled to an extra unit of accommodation and subsistence allowance if no reasonable mode of transport is available.

When an extra unit cost is requested, participants are kindly invited to submit to the Secretariat of the Network proof that no reasonable means of transport were available on the final day of the exchange (e.g., screenshots of flight options shown on websites such as Momondo and Skyscanner or equivalent).

Some indicative examples:

One-week exchange in Sweden starting on Monday and ending on Friday. Participant starts travelling from their place of employment at 12.00 on Sunday and arrives in Stockholm on Sunday evening. Participant leaves Stockholm immediately after the exchange on Friday evening and arrives at the place of employment at 23.00 Friday evening. The participant receives 5x187€ for accommodation and 5x117€ for subsistence (rounded up to the nearest 24h).

One-week exchange in Bulgaria starting on Monday and ending on Friday. Participant wishes to have a longer stay in Sofia and therefore arrives on Saturday morning and leaves on Sunday after the end of the exchange. The participant receives an accommodation and subsistence allowance equal to that of arriving in Sofia on Sunday evening and leaving on Friday evening — 5x135€ for accommodation and 5x57€ for subsistence.

Two-week exchange in Spain starting on Monday and ending on Friday. Participant starts travelling from their place of employment on Sunday afternoon at 15.00 and arrives in Madrid on Sunday evening. No reasonable mode of transport is available on Friday evening after the end of the exchange. The participant therefore leaves Madrid on Saturday morning and arrives at their place of employment at 13.00 the same day. The participant receives 13x128€ for accommodation and 13x88€ for subsistence (rounded up to the nearest 24h).

3.2. PAYMENT PROCEDURE

The payment is made in two instalments and covers three types of expenses: travel, accommodation, and subsistence.

1st instalment (prefinancing)

The first instalment is 80% of the total accommodation and subsistence allowance. The first instalment is transferred to the bank account indicated on the **information form** of the participant, as a rule, no later than 2 weeks before the exchange. The Secretariat of the Network informs the participant of the transfer.

2nd instalment (final payment)

The final payment is composed of **1)** 20% of the total accommodation and subsistence allowance and **2)** travel expenses according to unit costs established by the European Commission.

The Secretariat of the Network proceeds to the final payment within three months after the exchange and upon the receipt of the following documents:

- **report of the exchange** (written in the language of the exchange or French or English with a summary in French or English if the report is not written in either language),
- **evaluation form**,
- **expense claim form**,
- **copy of travel ticket**.

4. FORUM OF ALUMNI OF THE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

In order to facilitate exchanges between the alumni of the Exchange Programme a dedicated (password protected) area was created on the **Intranet of the Network** in 2024. The dedicated area of the intranet provides:

- 1) **The list of past participants in the Exchange Programme.** The aim is to have a list of names of past participants and their official e-mail addresses. All participants in the Exchange Programme since 2024 have been added to the Forum. The Secretariat of the Network continues the work of adding participants from current and previous years.
- 2) **Forum.** All participants can create new topics and respond to those initiated by others. An automatic notification will be sent to persons who have joined the area when a message is posted on the forum.

All participants in the Exchange Programme will be provided with a personal username and password to access the Forum. Personal identifiers will be provided by the Secretariat once the exchange has been completed.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat of the Network (secretariat@networkpresidents.eu) should you have any questions.

ANNEX 1 – PARTICIPANT CHECKLIST

The Secretariat of the Network can be contacted at secretariat@networkpresidents.eu

1. Once the Secretariat of the Network has informed you of your selection

- The hosting Supreme Court or the designated tutor will contact you regarding your exchange. Otherwise, contact the Secretariat of the Network.
- Contact your tutor at the hosting jurisdiction to arrange the details of the exchange (dates, if not fixed already, schedule, content, etc.).
- Inform the Secretariat of the Network of the dates of the exchange at your earliest convenience.

2. Before the exchange (as soon as the dates of the exchange have been confirmed)

- Make your transport and accommodation arrangements.
- Send your information form duly completed to the Secretariat of the Network together with a copy of your travel ticket(s).
- Check with your employer that you will remain covered during the whole training period by the social security scheme applicable to the national administration concerned and that the latter will bear health expenses incurred abroad.
- Make sure your insurance covers medical assistance.

3. Within one month after your exchange

The following documents must be sent to the Secretariat of the Network for the final payment to be made:

- Report
- Evaluation form
- Expense claim form
- Copy of travel ticket

ANNEX 2 – EJTN LANGUAGE COURSES

1. LINGUISTIC ACTIVITIES IN 2026

The European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) offers legal language training in **English, French, German, Spanish and Italian**.

Please see the [**EJTN 2026 Calendar of Training Activities**](#) (information on language seminars can be found starting on page 115) and the [**online catalogue of linguistic seminars/webinars**](#).

The EJTN also organises lunchtime webinars, some of which, also focus on language. Please see the [**EJTN website**](#) for more information.

On the EJTN website, you can also find the [**English language level test**](#). This test gives participants an idea of their current language level to help with choosing the right EJTN activity.

2. APPLICATION PROCEDURE (LANGUAGE SEMINARS)

- Consult EJTN's online database for a full listing of all training seminars.
- Get in touch with your **national judicial training institution** to apply for EJTN's training seminars – **EJTN's national judicial training institutions exclusively handle all application and selection procedures**.
- Watch for a selection notice from EJTN in your inbox.
- Once selected, return to the online application portal to complete your personal registration details.
- After your training seminar, return to the online application portal to complete your feedback form and expense claim, as well as to receive a certificate confirming your participation.

3. LANGUAGE HANDBOOKS

- [Handbook. English for Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters \(2016\)](#)
- [Manual. Español para cooperación judicial europea en materia civil \(2024\)](#)
- [Handbook. English for Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters \(2015\) – Manuel. Français pour la coopération judiciaire en matière pénale \(2015\)](#)
- [Handbook. Language training on the vocabulary of judicial cooperation in criminal matters \(2012\) – Manuel. Formation linguistique consacrée à la terminologie de la coopération judiciaire en matière pénale \(2012\)](#)
- [Handbook. English for Judicial Cooperation in Family Law \(2022\)](#)
- [Handbook. English for Human Rights EU Law](#)
- [Handbook. The Language of Cybercrime](#)
- [Handbook. The Language of Competition Law – Manuel. Le vocabulaire du droit de la concurrence](#)

- [Handbook on the Language of Data Protection](#)