

ACTIONES PROJECT

CALL FOR JUDGES

TRANSNATIONAL TRAINING EVENT 3 AND 4

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It is with great pleasure that we announce the call for participation for the third and the fourth of the ACTIONES transnational training events dedicated, the third, to **Non-discrimination** and, the fourth, to **Criminal law**. The transnational training events will take place respectively on **November 7th-8th, 2016** in Florence at the **European University Institute** and on **December 13th-14th, 2016** in Uppsala at the **University of Uppsala**.

The Centre for Judicial Cooperation at the European University Institute in collaboration with its partners inform with great pleasure that the project funded by the European Commission Fundamental Rights & Citizenship Programme, "ACTIONES - Active Charter Training through Interaction Of National Experiences" started on November 1st, 2015.

Five Transnational Training events involving judges both from seven partner states as well as other Member States and the European level courts will take place within the framework of the Project. The purposes of the Transnational Training events are to improve the knowledge regarding the scope and application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights as well as to promote the potential that judicial dialogue presents to national judges. These objectives will be achieved through an analysis of selected fundamental rights, which will be addressed within the transnational training events. Each of the events will be open to 30 (thirty) participants.

The [insert the name of your institution] will select 2 (two) national judges per event among the applications received, thus providing ten (10) judges in total (for the five transnational workshops). The selection process is open to civil, administrative and criminal judges from all levels of judiciary [please erase the branches if needed].

The interested candidates are invited to submit the following documents by **11th July 2016** to [please insert your local contact]:

1. A full CV in English;
2. Proof of English language skills (certificates, original publications in English, proof of university studies in English or other);
3. A brief motivation letter in English explaining the candidate's reasons of applying, how he or she would benefit from and contribute to the project. This letter should not merely restate the candidate's CV.

The candidates from will be notified about the result of the selection process **by July 25th 2016**.

Selection process

The selection process is aimed at identifying participants who will effectively and substantially contribute to dissemination of project results.

Thus, the candidates are asked to:

1. Have a very good or excellent knowledge of English language. The candidates must be able to fully understand the written materials and the oral presentations as well as actively participate in the written and oral discussions in English.
2. Have a general knowledge of and experience in the topic of the workshop.

The selection will ensure the following criteria:

- a. Single participation principle: In principle, no participant can take part in more than one Workshop. In exceptional cases, deviations are subject to express and prior permission of the EUI CJC.
- b. Inter-disciplinary representativity: The participating organisations should ensure as much as possible equal representation of civil, criminal and administrative judges (and when available labour judges), or, in systems that do not make such distinctions, judges whose work is mostly focused on one of those areas. The mix of those three categories shall depend on the topic of a particular workshop.
- c. Judicial hierarchy balance: There should be a balance between different levels in the national judicial hierarchy. Both higher and lower instance courts shall be represented in each group.
- d. Inclusion of public prosecutors: In addition to judges, a minority of public prosecutors or state attorneys may be selected, especially for topics in which they can meaningfully contribute. The participating organisation will decide whether they will be included and, insofar as they belong to a separate hierarchy in the national judicial system, how to organise the selection procedure for them. It shall ensure, however, that the principles and criteria laid down in these Guidelines will be followed.
- e. Gender balance: A gender balance will be sought.
- f. Age balance: A balance of participants of different ages will be sought.
- g. Geographical representation: Geographical distribution shall be taken into account, with the aim of selecting participants that work in different areas and regions within the participating States.

The participants are asked to devote the necessary time to this project. If selected, the candidates must commit to take part in all sessions of the Workshop for which they are selected. They are asked also to prepare for the Workshops by reading the relevant materials in advance.

The candidates are not required to have participated in similar training programmes before, nor will recent participation in similar training programmes necessarily prevent them from being accepted.

The selected candidates are expected to make themselves acquainted with the distributed materials as well as to be ready to commit to the active participation in the workshop and its follow-up activities.