



Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union

Information provided by the network itself

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A. General information

Name of network	Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the EU
Date of constitution	2004
Legal Statute	Not-for-profit Association under French law
Legal Seat	5, quai de l'Horloge, F – 75001 Paris, France
Website	http://reseau-presidents.eu/

B. Goals of the network

The main purposes of the Network are to promote exchanges of views and experience on all matters concerning the case law, organisation and functioning of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union in the performance of their judicial or advisory functions, particularly with regard to EU law.

It also promotes contacts and exchanges of information between its Members or Observers as well as between them and the European Institutions, by providing the latter with the opportunity to consult its members on all questions regarding the harmonisation of substantive and adjective law.

C. Membership structure of the network – Overall number of current members (with a breakdown by nationalities)

Members:

The membership is open to the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the Member States of the European Union. All 28 Member States of the European Union are represented among the members

Observers:

The Presidents of other Supreme Judicial Courts of States can be admitted as Observers by the General Assembly.

- Liechtenstein
- Montenegro
- Norway.

D. Governance and bodies of the network

The Network is managed by the Board which may take any measure required for the functioning of the Network in the interval between General Assemblies.

The Board comprises the President, two or more Vice-presidents, the Secretary General and the Treasurer.

E. Brief resume of the judicial training activities developed (if applicable) by the network

The Network has promoted:

- The creation of a common Portal of Jurisprudence;
- The creation of a discussion forum for the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts;
- The consideration of topics common to the European Supreme Judicial Courts with the organisation of conferences and colloquia;
- The integration of the Supreme Judicial Courts into the European judicial architecture and the development of relations with the European Institutions;
- A comparison between the different methods of judging, the creation of a new common approach and system of values between the different legal systems of European Union Member States;
- The strengthening of relations between the Supreme Judicial Courts themselves.

In addition to offering conditions for a dialogue between the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts, the Network has since 2010 organised a Judges' Exchange Programme with a view to promoting working relationships and mutual knowledge among Supreme Judicial Courts.

The Network is also equipped with a website, which was completely remodelled in 2011 after the launch of the European e-Justice Portal, on which it is listed. The website may be consulted by the public to find out about the Network's activities and for information on the Supreme Judicial Courts. The Intranet site, restricted to Members of the Network, seeks to increase contacts between Judges of Supreme Judicial Courts.

F. Highlight of the network's statutory provisions that make reference to judicial training / Concerns of the network referring to judicial training

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G. Brief resume of the trends of cooperation and/or regular contacts established by the network with major judicial networks involved in the current project

The Network develops its activities in partnership with the following European Networks: the Association of the Councils of State and Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions of the European Union (ACA-Europe) and the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ). These Networks are invited to participate in the conferences and colloquia of the Network and the latter also participates in the manifestations they organize.

Source: Pilot Project - European Judicial Training; "*Lot 4 – Promotion of cooperation between judicial stakeholders concerned by European judicial training*", carried out by the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)