EUROPEAN JUDICIAL TRAINING NETWORK

2026 CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS

Shaping European Justice Together:
Judicial Training, Equality, and the Rule of Law

28-29 October, Dublin, Ireland

Hosted by the Judicial Council of Ireland

Conference venue: Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge, Dublin
and online through this Zoom

Agenda

Tuesday, 27 October 2026

18:30- 20:00	Welcome reception **Venue:** The Atrium, The Clayton Hotel, Ballsbridge

Wednesday, 28 October 2026

Objectives of the day:

✓ Objective 1: Strengthen member institutions' understanding of European equality and non-discrimination law

✓Objective 2: Exchange expertise on European equality law and collaboratively develop practical training materials on equality and non-discrimination

✓ Objective 3: Collectively discuss and identify strategic priorities for EJTN's 2028–2034 Strategic Plan, in line with the European Judicial Training Strategy

8:30 – 9:00	Registration of participants
09:00 - 9:45	Opening remarks by: • **Ms Justice Nuala Butler,** Chair of the Judicial Studies Committee, The Judicial Council • **Mr Justice Donal O'Donnell,** Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Ireland • **Ms Catherine Ardagh,** Minister of State at the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

- **Mr Michael McGrath**, European Commissioner for Democracy, Justice, the Rule of Law and Consumer Protection – Video message
- **Ms Judge Ingrid Derveaux**, Secretary General of EJTN

9:45 – 10:45 **Session 1:** European Equality Law

Speakers:

- 09:45 – 10:20 'An Overview of European Equality Law'
  Ms Justice Marguerite Bolger, Director of Judicial Studies
- 10.20 – 10:50 'Discrimination on the Grounds of Race'
  His Honour Judge Roderick Maguire, Circuit Court of Ireland

Moderated by Ms Justice Nuala Butler

10:45 – 11:15 *Coffee Break*

11:15 – 12:00 **Session 2:** European Equality law

Panel Discussion: (Plenary Room)

Chair: Ms Justice Marguerite Bolger, Director of Judicial Studies
Panel:
Mr Justice Séamus Given, High Court of Ireland
Her Honour Judge Paula Murphy, Circuit Court of Ireland
Ms Judy Walsh, University College Dublin
Mr Judge Diogo Ravara, Center for Legal Studies, Portugal

12:00 – 12:45 **Session 3:** Resources and Best Practice in Equality Training

EJTN Members – discussion and sharing of best practices
Mr Viktor Vadasz, ERA
Ms Emmanuelle Laudic-Baron, ENM, France
Ms Teresa Muñoz-Reja Herrero, CEJ, Spain
Mr Stepan Uttersköld, Swedish Prosecution Authority

Moderated by Ms Maria Fitzgerald, Associate Director of Judicial Studies

12:45-13:00 *Family Photo: Stairs in the Atrium*

13:00-14:15 *Lunch Break (Restaurant)*

14:15 - 15:45 Workshops on **Goals of EJTN's Strategic Plan 2028-2034**, moderated by the Steering Committee members:

- Workshop 1: Strategic Goals 2028-2034 – Room 1 Plenary – Thomas Prior Hall

Link: ZOOM (same as for the conference session)

Meeting Number: 895 1646 8045

Password: 263293

Moderators: Ms Margreet Blaisse and Mr Jean-Philippe Rageade, members of the Steering Committee

- Workshop 2: Strategic goals 2028-2034 – Room 2
  Moderators: Mr Raf Van Ransbeeck and Ms Jenny Krüger, members of the Steering Committee

- Workshop 3: Strategic goals 2028-2034 – Room 3
  Moderators: Ms Amelia Onișor and Mr Diogo Ravara, members of the Steering Committee

- Workshop 4: Strategic goals 2028-2034 – Room 4
  Moderators: Mr Vincenzo Sgubbi, Ms Blanka Javorac Završek and Ms Teresa Muñoz-Reja Herrero, members of the Steering Committee

15:45 – 16:05	*Coffee Break*
16:05 – 16:30	Workshop Overview and Conclusions of the First Day (Plenary Room)
18:45	Bus pick-up from Herbert Park Hotel, Ballsbridge
19:30 - 22:30	Gala dinner **Venue**: Guinness Storehouse

Thursday, 29 October 2026

Objectives of the day:

✓ Objective 1: Consolidate the previous day's discussions and further define the priorities and implementation pathways for EJTN's 2028–2034 Strategic Plan, in line with the European Judicial Training Strategy

✓ Objective 2: Translate priorities into concrete actions and key milestones for EJTN's 2028–2034 Strategic Plan

09:00 - 9:45 **Extraordinary General Assembly** – Approval of the 2027 Budget and Programme

- Presentation of 2027 Programme, Q&A, vote – 20 min
- Proposal of declaration on the role of EJTN (Members item) and vote - 25 min

Mr Raf Van Ransbeeck, *Chair of the Steering Committee*

09:45 - 11:10	Workshops – **Action plan for the Strategic Plan, resources and coordination role of EJTN** *(same rooms and moderators)*
11:10 - 11:30	*Coffee Break*
11:30 – 12:00	Closing speeches by: - **Mr Hubert Gambs,** Deputy Director-General DG for Justice and Consumers - **Ms Judge Ingrid Derveaux**, Secretary General of EJTN
12:00	*Light Lunch*