

LONG-TERM TRAINING PERIODS GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Description

The European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) coordinates long-term training periods for European judges and prosecutors at key European Courts, EU institutions, offices and agencies. These placements offer a unique opportunity to acquire first-hand experience, deepen legal knowledge, and enhance judicial cooperation across borders.

2. Host Institutions and Assignments

Long-term training placements are hosted by the following institutions:

- **The Court of Justice of the EU** in Luxembourg/LU. Participants are assigned either to the chamber of a Member of the Court of Justice, the General Court or the Directorate for Research and Documentation;
- **The European Court of Human Rights** in Strasbourg/FR. Participants are integrated into a case processing unit of the Court's Registry. One candidate may be allocated to the Department of Social Rights and Secretariat of the European Committee of Social Rights;
- **Eurojust** in the Hague/NL. Participants will be assigned to the National Desk of their Member State, where they observe and contribute to coordination of cross-border judicial cooperation in criminal matters;
- **The European Public Prosecutor's Office** in Luxembourg/LU. Participants are appointed either to the operations unit of the EPPO, the legal service office or the data protection office.

Participants' to a long-term training period are expected to commit fully to the placement. They will not be permitted to continue carrying out any professional duties in their home jurisdiction, including on an occasional or limited basis.

3. Duration and Scheduling

Institution	Duration	Number of places available	Start Date
CJEU	6 or 12 months	15	1 st working day of September 2026
ECtHR	12 months	12	1 st working day of September 2026
Eurojust	3 months	20	First working day of the first week of March, April or September 2026
EPPO	6 months	6	1 st working day of September 2026

Training periods can neither be extended nor shortened. In addition, benefiting from an EJTN training period at the CJEU, ECtHR, Eurojust, or EPPO does not entitle to any right regarding employment or secondment once the training period is over.

4. Application and selection process

- Applicants are expected to provide a well-founded and articulated motivation for their application, demonstrating their interest in the training programme and its relevance to their professional development. Relevant supporting documents (e.g. certificates, references, publication or proof of experience) may be included to strengthen the application and offer further insight into the candidate's qualifications and motivation.
- Applicants may apply for one institution only per application cycle.
- Applicants must have been granted authorisation by their hierarchy, before submitting their application. The National contact point will check this authorisation during the pre-selection process and EJTN will request supporting documentation when the applicant is selected.
- Applicants are preselected by their national training institutions. The final selection is the prerogative of the host institution.
- A participant who has completed a long-term training period will not be eligible to apply for another one until 3 years have passed since the initial long-term training period began.
- A participant who has completed an EJTN long-term training period at a given institution may not apply for another long-term training period at the same institution.

5. Financial support during long-term training periods

The following provides a summary of key points from the EJTN Financial Policy. For a comprehensive understanding, applicants are strongly encouraged to consult the section specifically dedicated to the long-term training programme.

- Are eligible for funding candidates from EU Member States participating in the Justice Programme of the EU, this includes all Member States except Denmark.
- Long-term training periods are paid with an invariable 120 € per diem rate for full working days and weekends irrespective of the country where they take place.
- These allowances do not constitute a salary. They serve as financial support for the temporary expatriate commitment to cover all costs directly linked to the training days, including the return journey from the place of residence to the training venue, local travel costs, accommodation costs, meals and sundry expenses.
- Participants shall continue receiving their national remuneration as a judge or prosecutor while participating in an EJTN long-term training period. By presenting an application and supporting a candidate, the national training institution confirms that the relevant national body has met the above-mentioned condition and will ensure they are upheld during the entire training period.
- The payment of the daily allowance will be based exclusively on the certificate of attendance issued by the host institution. Except in exceptional circumstances, all certificates will cover the entire training period, from the first working day to the last.
- Taxation of the daily allowances is governed by the national tax law in the participant's country of affiliation. Per diem allowances are not subject to taxation in Belgium.
- Participants to a long-term training period must ensure a continued affiliation to the social security scheme, health insurance, pension funds and private insurance in their respective country of affiliation. Insurance against accident, death, invalidity, and personal liability is mandatory and must be taken care of by the participant. EJTN neither supports nor provides any financial support apart from the per diem allowances paid based on the training days at the host institution.

6. Leave and Attendance Rules

The leave policy is determined solely by the host institution. Participants must ensure that any requested leave complies fully with the internal rules and procedures of the host's institution.

Participants will receive a per diem for weekends, public holidays, and personal leave (subject to the host institution's approval), provided they submit a valid rental contract covering the relevant period.

Any other training-free days not explicitly addressed in this document will be reviewed by EJTN on a case-by-case basis. In such instances, participants are advised to contact their designated EJTN contact point for further guidance.

7. Policy on participation in other EJTN activities during long-term training periods

Long-term training participants may participate in other EJTN training activity during their internship provided that EJTN is informed and grant its approval. The no-double funding principle applies: participants would keep receiving the long-term training period per diem and would not be eligible for additional financial support.

8. Policy on schooling of children

EJTN and the host institutions do not intervene in the personal arrangements related to the education of participants' children. Specifically, they do not assist in securing school placements, no data on participants' family situation is collected and participation does not grant access to European or national schools.

It is the participant's sole responsibility to arrange schooling independently.

9. Dissemination of knowledge

Once back in their country, beneficiaries may be asked to disseminate the knowledge gained during the training period by participating in national events.