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**EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN
PERSONS AND ENTITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRAINING OF JUDGES**

(LISBON NETWORK)

Lisbon Network Internet Site: www.coe.int/lisbon-network

**Fourth Meeting of the Bureau
Palais de l'Europe (room 16), Strasbourg, 15 June 2006**

MEETING REPORT

1. The Bureau of the European Network for the exchange of information between persons and entities responsible for the training of judges (Lisbon Network) held its fourth meeting on 15 June 2006 in the Palais de l'Europe in Strasbourg, with Mr Jorma Hirvonen (Finland) in the chair.
2. The following members of the Bureau also attended:
 - Mr Oliver Scheiber (Austria)
 - Mrs Véronique Malbec (France)
 - Mr Mihai Selegean (Romania)
 - Mrs Birsen Karakas (Turkey).

The Bureau particularly welcomed its two new members, Mrs Karakas and Mrs Malbec.

3. The agenda appears in the Appendix of this report.

Information from the Secretariat

4. The Bureau was told by Mr Roberto Lamponi, Director of Legal Co-operation, and Mrs Anna Capello-Brillat, Head of the Division of the Judiciary and Programmes, that the secretariats of the Lisbon Network, the CEPEJ, the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) and the judicial co-operation programmes had been merged within the Division of the Judiciary and Programmes, in order to secure greater effectiveness and complementarity.

Lisbon Network Strategy

5. The Bureau considered the discussion paper prepared by the Secretariat, entitled "A Network to Support Judicial Training in the Council of Europe Member States" (RL (2006)1 Rev), which appears in the Addendum to the present document.
6. It welcomed the strategy and approach proposed in the document and approved its general contents, subject to certain specific points:
 - a. more should be said about the Network's overall purpose, coupled with a general description of the Council of Europe's goals;
 - b. one of the priorities of the strategy should be to develop the Network's role as a resource and information clearing house on judicial training in the member States and a focus for exchanges of information and experience, based on:
 - developing the Network's internet site;
 - regular exchanges of information on the state of judicial training in the member States, which would include the round table proposed in the framework of the plenary meetings;
 - using information already available and, where necessary, additional researches;

- c. the Network's activities should help to strengthen co-operation between the European Union member States (grouped within the European Judicial Training Network) and the other Council of Europe member States;
 - d. the Bureau agreed to meet at least once a year.
7. The Bureau instructed the Secretariat to add these points to the document and submit it to the Network's 8th plenary meeting.

Follow-up to the Conclusions of the 7th plenary meeting of the Lisbon Network

8. The Bureau instructed the Secretariat to ask Network members once again, in accordance with paragraphs 8 and 9 of the conclusions of the 7th plenary meeting (Strasbourg, 23-24 November 2006), to send it their initial and in-service training programmes for the 2006-2007 academic year and the names and contact details of training institutions, with a view to their publication on-line on the Network's internet site. It also instructed the Secretariat to remind members that had not already done so to reply to the three questionnaires it had drawn up in December 2004.
9. The Secretariat said that 23 replies had been received so far to the questionnaire on judicial training, on which Mr Raffaele Sabato was working. The Bureau asked for a reminder to be sent to countries that had not yet replied so that their answers could appear on the internet site, but it agreed that they could not be incorporated into the report that was currently being drawn up.
10. The Bureau decided to set up an *ad hoc* working group to examine the contribution of training bodies to the practical implementation of Opinion No. 4 of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) on appropriate initial and in-service training for judges at national and European levels. A draft report with practical recommendations would be submitted to the Network's 8th plenary meeting.
11. The Bureau thanked Mr Mihai Selegean for agreeing to draft a preliminary draft report on this subject for early September 2006 and agreed to finalise it at its meeting in Strasbourg on 28 and 29 September 2006, with a view to submitting it to the Network's 8th plenary meeting..

Preparation of the Network's 8th plenary meeting

12. The Bureau agreed that the Network's 8th plenary meeting would be in the Palais de l'Europe in Strasbourg on 16 and 17 October 2006.
13. The theme of the study session of the 8th plenary meeting would be "Training the Magistrate for his/her interaction with the parties".

There would be a number of sub-themes:

1. How to train the judge and the prosecutor to behave appropriately with the defendant (pedagogy, choice of the language during the various phases of the procedure, awareness of the impact of the prosecution and of the judicial decisions on the defendant)?;

2. How to train the judge and the prosecutor to behave appropriately with vulnerable persons (victims, minors, etc..)??;
 3. How to train the civil judge to behave appropriately between two parties, including to facilitate mediation (as a mediator or to propose a mediation procedure)?
14. The Bureau instructed the Secretariat to continue preparations for the 8th plenary meeting, subject to the following arrangements:
- a. the round table at which Network members could exchange information would be the first item;
 - b. the afternoon of 17 October would be set aside for the first full meeting of the HELP Programme.

HELP programme for judicial human rights training

15. The Bureau noted with interest the report by Mrs Hanne Juncher, Head of the Human Rights Co-operation and Awareness Division (DG II – Human Rights), which was responsible for the HELP programme – the European programme for human rights education for legal professionals. It noted the importance of close co-ordination between this programme, with its emphasis on human rights training, and the activities of the Lisbon Network, which had a broader remit. It welcomed the decision to make the Network's 8th meeting coincide with the first meeting of the HELP programme and expressed its readiness to co-operate with the programme.

Renewal of the Bureau

16. The Bureau noted that to facilitate the partial renewal of its membership at the end of 2006 (two members), the Bureau member for Austria had announced his intention to retire. The member for Finland had also said that he was ready to retire. The members of the Bureau agreed to remain in contact on this subject. They decided that if a second retirement was not confirmed at their meeting of 28 and 29 September 2006, they would draw lots to decide who would be the second retiring member.



APPENDIX

Strasbourg, 26 May 2006

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COUNCIL OF EUROPE CO-OPERATION PROGRAMME TO STRENGTHEN THE RULE OF LAW

Fourth meeting of the Bureau of the European Network for the Exchange of Information between Persons and Entities responsible for the Training of Judges and Public Prosecutors

(LISBON NETWORK)

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Palais de l'Europe (Room 16), Strasbourg, 15 June (9h00 – 18h00) 2006

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Examination of Discussion Paper “A Network to support judicial training in the Council of Europe member States” drawn up by Directorate General I - Legal Affairs

Working documents :

- *Discussion Paper “A Network to support judicial training in the Council of Europe member States” drawn up by Directorate General I – Legal Affairs.....**RL (2006)1 Rev***
- *Opinion No 4 (2003) of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) on initial and in-service training*

4. Follow-up to the Conclusions of the 7th plenary meeting of the Lisbon Network (Strasbourg, 23-24 November 2005)

Working Document:

- Conclusions of the 7th plenary meeting of the Lisbon Network (Strasbourg, 23 – 24 November 2005)

5. Theme and sub-themes of the 8th plenary meeting of the Lisbon Network (Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 16 – 17 october 2006)

6. Any other business

7. Close of the meeting