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PERSONS AND ENTITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRAINING OF JUDGES AND
PUBLIC PROSECUTORS**

(LISBON NETWORK)

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**SIXTH MEETING OF THE BUREAU
Palais de l'Europe (room 17), Strasbourg, 13 April 2007**

**MEETING REPORT
Prepared by the Secretariat**

1. 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) held its sixth meeting on 13 April 2007 at 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 Jacques HAMAIDE (Belgium)
 - Mrs Véronique MALBEC (France), accompanied by Mrs Charlene DUQUESNAY, trainee at the French School of Magistrates (Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature)
 - Mr Mihai SELEGEAN (Romania)
 - Mrs Irina VOYTYUK (Ukraine).

The Bureau particularly welcomed its two new members: Mrs VOYTYUK and Mr HAMAIDE.

3. At the invitation of the Bureau, Mrs Daniela PIANA, Assistant lecturer at the Department of Political Science and Sociology of Florence University (Italy), presented a communication under item 7 of the agenda.
4. The agenda, as adopted by the Bureau, is appended to the present report.

Information by the Chairman and the Secretariat

5. The Chairman of the Bureau and the Secretary to the Lisbon Network informed the Bureau that they had taken part in the Regional Round Table of the CARDS Programme, held in Dürres, Albania, on 8 and 9 February 2007, bringing together the Schools of Magistrates of the West Balkans (Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, "the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Montenegro, Serbia). The Chairman had run a Working Group on international cooperation and networking judicial training institutions within the Lisbon Network and the Secretary to the Network had presented the scope, strategy and aims of the Lisbon Network.
6. The Bureau appointed Mr Mihai SELEGEAN to represent it at the Seminar to be held in Amman, Jordan, from 14 to 17 May 2007 as part of the European Commission's Euromed Justice Programme.
7. The Bureau noted that the School of Registries of Romania would be organising a conference in October 2007, *inter alia* with a view to setting up a European Network for court registrars.
8. The Bureau was informed by the Secretariat that the Network or its Chairman might be approached by the National training centre for the staff of common courts and public prosecutors of Poland, with a request for assistance from the Network with the implementation of its first initial training programme. It noted that the Secretariat would refer any forthcoming request to it.

Preparation of the 9th plenary meeting of the Lisbon Network (Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 10 – 11 October 2007)

9. The Bureau agreed that the proceedings of the 9th plenary meeting should be along similar lines to those of the previous plenary meeting and instructed the Secretariat to continue preparing the meeting with this in mind.
10. Concerning the Round table to be held during the plenary meeting, the Bureau thought that it should be run in a similar manner to the previous ones. However, it was agreed that the letter of invitation to be sent by the Secretariat to the participants must encourage them to avoid overly formal statements and focus on recent developments in judicial training. The letters of invitation would also have to ask the participants to report, during the Round table, on any follow-up already given to the Network's recommendations on how train the magistrate for his/her interaction with the parties, adopted at the 8th plenary meeting in 2006.
11. The Bureau **decided on the following title for the Study session:** "How to train judges in Council of Europe instruments and in their implementation". **It noted that this general theme would be presented by a member of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) to be identified by the Secretariat. The following sub-themes were suggested:**
 - 1) Extradition, transfer of sentenced persons, combating serious crime (particularly cybercrime, corruption, money laundering)
 - 2) Protection of children against sexual exploitation, and in particular transnational cooperation in this area
 - 3) Use of Council of Europe Recommendations on the functioning of justice within training structures (eg judicial time management).

The Study session should provide an opportunity to present these instruments, identify and underline their importance for judges and consider how they should be used in day-to-day judicial training work.

The **Bureau** noted that the area covered by the three sub-themes – which could be presented by relevant Council of Europe staff to be identified by the Secretariat - was rather broad and instructed the Secretariat to narrow down the scope of the themes and forward to it a draft list of finalised themes for approval by the end of May/beginning of June 2007.

12. In response to the Chairman's request, the Secretariat said that it would explore the possibility of organising meetings of Working Groups during the plenary meeting.

Possible reinforcement of partnership between the Lisbon Network and the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)

13. The Bureau thanked its Chairman for his document of 11 April 2007 (RL/BU (2007)1, English only) "About the possible co-operation between the Lisbon Network and EJTN" and the substantial thinking that had gone into it.
14. The Bureau heard statements by the Chairman and the Secretariat regarding recent developments in inter-institutional co-operation between the Council of Europe and the EJTN and noted in particular that the EJTN now enjoyed observer

status with both the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) and the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE). The Bureau noted that, following discussion at various encounters between the Council of Europe Secretariat and the Secretary General of the EJTN, a draft document (RL (2006)2 Prov) proposing a number of avenues to be explored for developing relations between the Lisbon Network and the EJTN had been sent by the Secretariat to the Secretary General of the EJTN in June 2006, followed by a revised version in October 2006. The Bureau noted that, after a first examination of the draft document, the EJTN's Working Group on "External relations" had expressed the wish to have a document on the subject adopted by the Bureau of the Lisbon Network.

15. Following discussion on this point, the **Bureau** adopted the aforementioned draft document without amendment and agreed that it would therefore be considered as a draft document coming from the Bureau (reference RL/BU (2007)2 of 13 April 2007). It instructed the Secretariat to formally transmit the draft document to the Secretary General of the EJTN, asking him to bring it to the attention of the competent bodies of the EJTN, inviting their comments and suggestions. Furthermore, the Bureau decided that, initially, the opinion of the EJTN should be sought before envisaging the possible setting up of a joint Lisbon Network/EJTN working group tasked with examining this issue, as proposed by some Bureau members.

Possible follow-up to CCJE Opinions No. 6 (2004) on "fair trial within a reasonable time and judges' role, taking into account alternative means of dispute settlement" and No. 7 (2005) on "justice and society"

16. The Bureau encouraged the Lisbon Network members to examine these two important opinions of the CCJE. One Bureau member thought that he would be able to initiate discussion on a future forum of the Lisbon Network Website (see below) on the issue of "media and justice" covered in Opinion No. 7. The Bureau thought that the "media and justice" issue, possibly with input generated by exchanges in the forum, could be provisionally selected as the main theme of the Network's 10th plenary meeting in 2008.

Examination of the part of the Report of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ): "European Judicial Systems – Edition 2006" relating to the training of magistrates

17. Under this item, Mrs Daniela Piana (Italy), Assistant lecturer at the Department of Political Science and Sociology of Florence University and member of the research network tasked by the CEPEJ to carry out a study on its 2006 report, presented the tool being developed by her team to evaluate judicial training, *inter alia* on the basis of the data available in training institutions. She pointed out that the research network's talking partners were Ministries of Justice, High Councils of Justice and judicial training institutions. Following its exchange of views with Mrs Piana, the Bureau asked her to send it a copy of her powerpoint presentation for possible comment by its members.

Presentation of the new Website of the Lisbon Network

18. The new Website of the Lisbon Network was presented by Mrs Sandrine Marolleau, responsible for communication for the CCJE, the CEPEJ and the Lisbon Network. In addition to presenting the different sections of the site, she provided statistics showing that, after only three months of operation, the number of visitors viewing the new site was already on the increase. The **Bureau** suggested that the Secretariat include on the site not only forthcoming activities organised by or involving the Network but also recent events at which the Network had been represented (such as the Regional Round Table of the CARDS Programme held in Dürres – see paragraph 5 above); the Bureau also instructed the Secretariat to create and put on-line a Forum on the new Lisbon Network Website.

Support from the Lisbon Network for the second edition of the Themis Initial Training International Showroom, organised by the Centre of Judicial Studies of Portugal in co-operation with the National Institute of Magistracy of Romania (Lisbon, 24-29 September 2007)

19. The **Bureau** noted with satisfaction that the Lisbon Network would support this event through:
- a. the participation of three experts appointed by the Council of Europe (2 experts on the Ethics panel and one expert on the Human Rights panel); members of the Bureau put forward the names of Mr Raffaele SABATO and Mr Giacomo OBERTO and the **Bureau** instructed the Secretariat to contact them to check that they would be available to participate in the event.
 - b. making the Lisbon Network's Website available to the Centre of Judicial Studies of Portugal so that it could publish information as and when necessary.

The Secretariat expressed the wish that, in keeping with the proposal made in the draft document on possible strengthening of the partnership between the Lisbon Network and the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) (document RL/BU (2007)2 - cf. paragraph 15 above), future showrooms would on each occasion be a joint Lisbon Network / EJTN event.

APPENDIX**AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Information by the Chairman and the Secretariat
4. Preparation of the 9th plenary meeting of the Lisbon Network (Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 10 – 11 October 2007)
 - a. Articulation and timing of the plenary meeting (Round Table discussion on the development of judicial training in the Council of Europe member States, Study Session, relations with other Council of Europe bodies, relations with the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN), election of three new members of the Bureau, etc...)
 - b. Study Session of the plenary meeting
 - i. Decision to be taken by the Bureau on the theme and sub-themes
 - ii. Identification of the Rapporteurs
5. Examination of the possible reinforcement of partnership between the Lisbon Network and the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)
6. Possible follow-up to:
 - a. Opinion No. 6 (2004) of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) for the attention of the Committee of Ministers on fair trial within a reasonable time and judges' role in trials taking into account alternative means of dispute settlement
 - b. Opinion No. 7 (2005) of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) for the attention of the Committee of Ministers on "justice and society"
7. Examination of the part of the Report of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ): "European Judicial Systems – Edition 2006" relating to the training of magistrates
8. Presentation of the new Website of the Lisbon Network
9. Support from the Lisbon Network for the second edition of the Themis Initial Training International Showroom, organised by the Centre of Judicial Studies of Portugal in co-operation with the National Institute of Magistracy of Romania (Lisbon, 24-29 September 2007)
10. Other business