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(Lisbon Network)**

**COOPERATION MODALITIES BETWEEN THE LISBON NETWORK AND
THE EUROPEAN JUDICIAL TRAINING NETWORK (EJTN)**

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1. Since it was set up in 2000 by EU member States, the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) has been involved in the work of the Lisbon Network, created in 1995. The latter has also had observer status with the EJTN since December 2003 and vice-versa.
2. Following the meeting between the Secretary General of the EJTN, Mr Victor Hall and the Chairperson of the Lisbon Network and Mrs Iryna Voytyuk, which took place on 20 May 2008 in Paris, and in view of improving judicial training in Europe by developing mutual benefits between both forums, the following short term cooperation paths have been agreed upon:
 - A. To continue sharing information about the respective activities of the two forums also by attending one another's plenary meetings and General Assemblies as well as working meetings whenever appropriate;
 - B. For the EJTN, to reserve a limited number of places on their training activities for the non-EU member states and members of the Council of Europe. The Council of Europe will be the guarantor for the selection of candidates and will ensure the participation and presence to the training courses, also from the financial stand point within the limits of the existing resources;
 - C. To explore the possibilities of joint conferencing on topics of common interest for both forums (e.g. trafficking in human being, honour crimes, cooperation in criminal matters). A start point could be the regional conference in 2009 on judicial training in the South Caucasus as a possible follow up to the conference to be held on 19 – 20 November 2008 in Tbilisi.
 - D. To ensure coordination and harmonization while drafting the minimum Corpus of the Council of Europe standards and the already existing EJTN training catalogue. The EJTN and Lisbon Network could both inspire from each others' documents;
 - E. For the EJTN to involve the Council of Europe's Lisbon Network in the new project in the field of E-distance learning. The modalities of such cooperation should be identified at a later stage;
 - F. The EJTN and Lisbon Network should continue to jointly support the organisation of the THEMIS competition for European judicial training centres, initiated in 2006 by the Romanian Institute of Magistracy.
3. The EJTN and the Lisbon Network should continue their cooperation in concrete forms and on a day to day basis. The present paper is an information material for both forums and contains a non-exhaustive list of short-term activities to be organised in the immediate future. Both Chairpersons of the Lisbon Network and Secretary General of the EJTN should have coordination meetings once or twice a year to discuss practical modalities for this joint action.