

## THEMIS

### INITIAL TRAINING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION - THIRD EDITION -

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<p><b>Project definition</b></p>	<p>The National Institute of Magistracy of Romania (NIM), in close cooperation with the Portuguese Centro de Estudos Judiciários (CEJ) will organize a third edition of an international event especially addressed to trainees of all European magistracy training institutions and schools.</p> <p>This event will last for a week and will follow a competition format addressed to these four subjects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- International Cooperation in Criminal Matters</li> <li>2- International Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters</li> <li>3- Interpretation and Application of the ECHR</li> <li>4- Magistrates' Ethics and Deontology</li> </ol> <p>It will take place from the 22nd to the 26th September 2008.</p>
<p><b>Project beneficiaries</b></p>	<p>Trainees from all training institutions members of EJTN and/or Lisbon Network.</p>
<p><b>Relevance</b></p>	<p>This event, in a competition format, has the support of the Council of Europe and its Lisbon Network.</p> <p>It has also been approved as an activity addressed to initial training in the EJTN framework.</p>
<p><b>Project Purpose</b></p>	<p>The project has the main aim of joining together future magistrates of different European countries, at the moment receiving entry-level training, in order to, on a common area where the same values are being shared, exchange experiences and discuss new perspectives and ideas on some of the main subjects they will be called to deal with, most of the times with each other, in a very close future.</p> <p>The event also aims to enable the development of professional contacts, experiences and relationships between both the entry-level trainees of magistracy and their teaching staff.</p> <p>Taking into account the primacy given to international law in most of national systems, it is commonly recognised that judges and prosecutors should be given a special training on these areas, namely regarding the international rules which might be directly applicable</p>

	<p>by them. As this is a necessary condition to allow them to carry out their duties adequately, the event will also be considered a special opportunity for trainees to discuss, on an international forum, their own ideas on the chosen subjects with well known experts.</p>
<p><b>Project Description</b></p>	<p><b>A - General</b></p> <p><b>1-</b> The competition will take one entire week and will be opened to trainees of all European magistracy institutions and schools.</p> <p><b>2-</b> The competition will address to the following four categories (subjects):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. International Cooperation in Criminal Matters</li> <li>b. International Judicial Cooperation in Civil Matters</li> <li>c. Interpretation and Application of the ECHR</li> <li>d. Magistrates' Ethics and Deontology</li> </ul> <p><b>B- Participants</b></p> <p><b>1-</b> A participant is defined as a team consisting of 3 persons.</p> <p><b>2-</b> These three persons must be trainees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A person is considered a trainee if the law of its country defines him/her as such and if he/she is not attending initial training activities for more than two years.</li> <li>b. The training institution to which the trainee belongs shall certify his/her status, according to the above, at the moment of registration.</li> </ul> <p><b>3-</b> The event will be developed both in English and in French and, accordingly, every member of a participant <b>must</b> be proficient in one of these languages and have passive knowledge of the other. No translation will be provided.</p> <p><b>4-</b> The maximum number of participating foreign teams is seventeen. However, this number may be enlarged if a financial aid to the project is received.</p> <p><b>5- Registrations will be considered by its arrival order.</b> A second registration of a team from a training institution will only be accepted if the required number of seventeen teams has not been achieved by the <b>signing in deadline, the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2008.</b></p> <p><b>6-</b> Each participating institution may nominate one teacher or a representative to be present at the event, regardless of the number of its registered teams.</p>

### **C - The Content**

The event will consist of three stages: A written paper, an oral presentation and the discussion of the paper.

### **D - The Written Paper**

1-Each participant **must** present a written text on any of the four categories mentioned in A-2 above.

2-This paper:

**a. Must be sent to the organisation, at least, until the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2008.**

**b.** Must not exceed 20 pages in WORD format, Bookman Old Style, size 12 (equivalent to 10.500 words).

**c.** Must be written in French or English.

**d.** Should contain new ideas, critical appreciations or proposals regarding the subject of the concerned category.

**e.** By presenting their paper, the authors give authorisation to the diffusion of its content by the EJTN and the Lisbon Network, as well as to its inclusion in a Compendium that the organizers will disseminate to all participating teams after the event.

### **E - The Oral Presentation**

During the second stage of the competition, each participant will have a maximum of thirty minutes to, orally and, if the case requires, with the help of any type of visual effects, present its document.

During the oral presentation, any member of the jury shall have the option to interrupt the participant and ask questions, if considered necessary.

### **F- The Discussion**

1- Immediately afterwards, the Jury will discuss, for another twenty minutes, with the participant, the contents of the paper and its oral presentation.

2- Each participant will attend all the presentations, even if the subject does not apply to its own category.

### **G- The Jury**

1- Members of the Jury will be appointed by organisers.

2- Each category will have its own Jury.

3- Each Jury will be composed by a minimum of two and a maximum of three persons.

	<p>4- A Jury may reward a participant performance on the written text, as well as on the oral presentation and the discussion, by any means it considers adequate.</p> <p>5- The Jury will assess participants' performance according to the following criteria, where appropriate: (a) originality (b) reference to the relevant case law of the European Court of Justice and of the ECHR (c) European standards in the field of ethics and deontology of judges and prosecutors (d) in depth analysis of the latest European debates on ethics, EC Law and ECHR (e) anticipation of future solutions (f) consulted bibliography - actuality and relevance for the chosen topics (g) logical structure of the paper.</p>
<p><b>Expected Results</b></p>	<p><b>A.</b> Promote a forum of discussion on European and International Law subjects.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Promote exchanges of experiences between the participants.</p> <p><b>C.</b> Overall evaluation of the results of initial training techniques and curricula being used in national training institution regarding the chosen subjects.</p> <p><b>D.</b> Obtain and spread interesting and useful thesis on the chosen subjects.</p>
<p><b>Budget</b></p>	<p>NIM will cover all the expenses entailed by the appointed members of the Jury (full cost) and the participants' presence (only accommodation and meals) from the starting Sunday (September 21) to the following Saturday (September 27). This will include a social event on Friday.</p> <p>Participating institutions shall fully cover their members' travel costs.</p>