

## **BREAKING THE BARRIERS 2ND NEWSLETTER, DECEMBER 2021**

Welcome to the second issue of the Breaking the Barriers newsletter! This newsletter aims to share information on EU criminal law with justice professionals across the European Union. Follow our [website](#) to receive the newsletter fresh from the press and get regular updates on the project activities, including resources on procedural safeguards for suspects and accused persons in criminal proceedings, transnational conferences, and more!

### **TRANSNATIONAL EXPERIENTIAL JUDICIAL TRAININGS, IN HYBRID FORMAT, AT THE HELLENIC NATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE JUDICIARY**

Transnational trainings were held in November 2021, for trainee and for acting judges and prosecutors from Greece, Spain, Austria and Germany. Over 4 days of training, 114 judges and prosecutors were trained with the active engagement of 13 trainers and speakers.

The aim was to meet the training needs of judges and prosecutors, who wish to participate in cross-border training activities on EU law, but would rather do so in their native language. The training was experiential and interactive, aimed to equip participants with ready-to-use, practical tools on EU Roadmap Directives on access to a lawyer, presumption of innocence, legal aid, procedural safeguards for children who are suspects or accused persons in criminal proceedings; as well as to offer the chance to network and exchange experiences with their peers in their mother tongue. To this end, simultaneous interpretation was provided between Greek, Spanish, German and English.

The training was based on the curriculum and training material designed in the framework of the project and piloted in Greece and Spain.

The methodology and the training material were experiential and practice-oriented, and included case studies on real-life cases of the CJEU and ECtHR, a moot court simulation, as well as role playing exercises on child friendly communication during criminal proceedings, designed and executed by child-psychiatrists.

To assess the effect such trainings have on the professional practice of judicial stakeholders, a thorough evaluation is being held, which will be followed by an ex-post survey.

We invite you to visit our website to review the training material and access more information on the trainings, their evaluation and the methodology followed.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Are you a judicial professional or representative of a competent authority involved in criminal justice? Then you might be interested in the national and EU dissemination events, that will take place in January 2022 and aim to disseminate and discuss the scientific results of the project and the experiential training methodology and curricula.**

## NATIONAL DISSEMINATION EVENTS

will be organized within January 2022, and held in the corresponding national language. The events will be organized in Greece (18.01.2022) by the Hellenic National School of the Judiciary and the Centre for European Constitutional Law; in Spain (date to be announced) by the Spanish Judicial School (CGPJ); and in Austria (26.01.2022) by the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Fundamental and Human Rights. The national dissemination events are addressed to judges and prosecutors, representatives of judicial academies across the EU, national authorities and European institutions involved in judicial trainings.

Stay tuned for more information, follow our website and contact the national organizer to take part in the dissemination event held in your language!

## EU LEVEL CONFERENCE

will be held online and in English, on January 28th, 2022, and is addressed to judges, judicial trainers, representatives of competent organizations and national authorities, EU level judicial stakeholders.

Stay tuned for more information, follow our website and join us in the EU conference.

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND:

- A comprehensive Training Needs Assessment Report for Austria, Greece, and Spain.
- Three sets of tailored, current, practical training material on procedural rights for

Ø Trainers

Ø Acting judges and prosecutors

Ø Trainee judges and prosecutors

Available in 4 languages (EN, GR, DE, ES)

- A Booklet on the Directives, also available in 4 languages (EN, GR, DE, ES).



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