

ANNEX

Justice Programme - Work Programme for 2015

Overview of the 2015 Implementation

Specific objectives - Budget lines	Total Amount	% of the 2015 Programme funds
Judicial cooperation – Budget line 33 03 02	14 415 000 EUR	30,00 %
Judicial training – Budget line 33 03 01	16 515 000 EUR	34,37 %
Access to justice – Budget line 33 03 01	14 121 000 EUR	29,39 %
Drugs – Budget line 33 03 03	3 000 000 EUR	6,24 %
TOTAL	48 051 000 EUR	100,00 %

Grants/Procurement	Total Amount	% of the 2015 Programme funds
Grants	36 460 000 EUR	75,88 %
Procurement	11 591 000 EUR	24,12 %
Other	30 000 EUR	0,06 %
TOTAL		100,00 %

Overview of the 2014-2020 Implementation

FUNDS allocated to the Justice Programme

Art. 8 of Regulation 1382/2013	377 604 000 EUR
2014 -2020 Total Amount	377 604 000 EUR

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Specific objectives - Budget lines	Total Amount 2014-2015	% of the 2014-2020 Total Amount
Judicial cooperation – Budget line 33 03 02	28 643 000 EUR	7,59 %
2014	14 228 000 EUR	
2015	14 415 000 EUR	
Judicial training – Budget line 33 03 01	30 905 000 EUR	8,18 %
2014	14 390 000 EUR	
2015	16 515 000 EUR	
Access to justice – Budget line 33 03 01	28 311 000 EUR	7,50 %
2014	14 190 000 EUR	
2015	14 121 000 EUR	
Drugs – Budget line 33 03 03	6 004 000 EUR	1,59 %
2014	3 004 000 EUR	
2015	3 000 000 EUR	
TOTAL	93 863 000 EUR	24,86 %

At present, the countries participating in the Programme are all Member States, with the exception of United Kingdom and Denmark. Should third countries, i.e. EFTA States that are party to the EEA, or candidate countries, potential candidates and countries acceding to the Union, conclude an agreement with the Union on their participation in the Programme as of 2015, this will be announced in the relevant call for proposals and/or on the Programme's website.

The Programme shall finance actions with European added value. The European added value of actions, including that of small-scale and national actions, shall be assessed in the light of criteria such as their contribution to the consistent and coherent implementation of Union law, and to wide public awareness about the rights deriving from it, their potential to develop mutual trust among Member States and to improve cross-border cooperation, their transnational impact, their contribution to the elaboration and dissemination of best practices or their potential to create practical tools and solutions that address cross-border or Union-wide challenges.

All activities implemented under this work programme shall respect and shall be implemented in line with the rights and principles enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and promote equality between women and men and the rights of the child.

Activities implemented under this work programme shall ensure consistency, complementarity and synergies with activities supported by other Union instruments including, inter alia, the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme; in the areas of home affairs, such as, –the Instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management, as part of the Internal Security Fund; in the areas of health and consumer protection, such as; the Health for Growth Programme;; in the areas of education, training, youth and sport, such as the Erasmus+ Programme;; in the areas of information society and research, such as the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme; and enlargement, in particular –and the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II).

It is not foreseen at this stage that the Justice Programme contributes financially to institutional communication in 2015, in accordance with Art. 6(1)(c) and 8(2) of the Regulation on the Justice Programme 2014–2020. However, this is without prejudice to the fact that it shall do so in this or future exercises, as agreed by the Commission in the Communication SEC(2013)486 final of 23.9.2013.

Essential selection and award criteria for action grant calls

The essential selection and award criteria to be used for all action grant calls described in this work programme, unless specified otherwise in the specific call section, are as follows:

1. Grant applicants must meet the following selection criteria:

- (a) The applicants' operational and professional capacity to implement and/or coordinate the proposed action and to maintain their activities during the period of implementation of the proposed action;
- (b) The applicants' financial capability: the applicants should have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activities throughout the period during which the project is being carried out and to participate in its funding.

2. Proposals will be assessed based on the following award criteria:

- (a) Relevance to the priorities of the call;
- (b) Quality of the proposed action;
- (c) European added value of the project;
- (d) Expected results, dissemination, sustainability and long-term impact;
- (e) Cost-effectiveness.

The essential eligibility criteria are specific to each call.

1. BUDGET LINE 33 03 02: IMPROVING JUDICIAL COOPERATION IN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL MATTERS

1.1. Introduction

On the basis of the objective of **facilitating and supporting judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters** covered by this budget line, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2015 as follows:

- for action grants (implemented under direct management) (1.2):	8 300 000 EUR
- for operating grants (implemented under direct management (1.3):	950 000 EUR
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (1.4):	5 135 000 EUR
- other (1.5):	30 000 EUR
TOTAL:	14 415 000 EUR

1.2. Action Grants

1.2.1. Call for proposals to support national or transnational projects to support judicial cooperation in civil matters

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

Specific objective: to facilitate and support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters

BUDGET LINE

33 03 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The aim of this call is to contribute to the effective and coherent application of EU civil law.

The priorities are:

1. to contribute to the correct implementation of the following instruments:

- Regulation (EU) No1215/2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (recast);
- Regulation (EU) No 650/2012 on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and acceptance and enforcement of authentic instruments in matters of successions and on the creation of a European Certificate of Succession;
- Regulation (EC) No 805/2004 creating a European Enforcement Order for uncontested claims;
- Regulation (EC) No 1896/2006 creating a European order for payment procedure;
- Regulation (EC) No 861/2007 establishing a European Small Claims Procedure;
- The 2005 Hague Convention on Choice-of-Court Agreements.

2. to facilitate the exchange of data and the structured, confidential and data-protection-compliant communication between the authorities appointed under EU legislation (e.g. central authorities) or otherwise active in the context of EU legislation (e.g. courts, bailiffs), including electronic

transmission of documents, requests for information, hearing of the parties and witnesses across borders in the application of EU legislation;

3. to exchange best practices in the field of insolvency and pre-insolvency proceedings, taking also into account the Commission recommendation of 12.3.2014 on a new approach to business failure and insolvency (2014/135/EU)

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will fund activities on:

- data collection, surveys and research activities;
- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, cooperation, including identifying best practices which may be transferable to other participating countries;
- dissemination and awareness raising activities.

Training activities can also be funded under this call, as long as they are of ancillary nature and not the main purpose of the project.

Essential eligibility criteria

To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

(a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit-oriented organisations;

(b) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;

(c) the project must not have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2015/JCOO/AG/CIVI	Q3 2015	5 000 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

1.2.2. Call for proposals to support transnational projects to promote judicial cooperation in criminal matters

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

Specific objective: to facilitate and support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters

BUDGET LINE

33 03 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The aim of this call is to contribute to the effective and coherent application of EU criminal law.

The priority shall be given to the following mutual recognition instruments:

- 2000 Convention on mutual assistance in criminal matters between the Member States of the European Union (established by Council Act of 29 May 2000);
- Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA on the European arrest warrant;
- Framework Decision 2003/577/JHA on freezing property or evidence;
- Framework Decision 2005/214/JHA on financial penalties;
- Framework Decision 2006/783/JHA on mutual recognition of confiscation orders;
- Framework Decision 2008/909/JHA on transfer of prisoners;
- Framework Decision 2008/947/JHA on probation and alternative sanctions;
- Framework Decision 2009/829/JHA on the European Supervision Order;
- Directive 2011/99 on the European Protection Order;
- Directive 2014/41/EU on the European Investigation Order in criminal matters.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will cover the following activities:

- analytical activities, such as data collection, surveys, research activities, etc;
- facilitating the exchange of data and the structured, confidential and data-protection compliant communication between the authorities appointed under EU legislation (e.g. competent authorities), including electronic transmission of documents, requests for information, questioning and hearing of persons across borders (such as by way of video-conferencing);
- exchange of information and networking between judicial and administrative authorities and the legal professions and relevant civil society actors, such as development of an accessible and comprehensive source of country specific information and guidance on procedures, criminal codes, offences and legislation in each Member State; development of prototype templates to assist the issuing and executing authorities;
- mutual learning, identifying and exchange of best practices which may be transferable to other participating countries;
- dissemination and awareness raising activities.

Training activities can also be funded under this call, as long as they are of ancillary nature and not the main purpose of the project.

Essential eligibility criteria

To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private non-profit-oriented organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation;
- (b) the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least two participating countries;
- (c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;
- (d) the project must not have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2015/JCOO/AG/CRIM	Q4 2015	3 300 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

1.3. Operating grants

1.3.1. *Operating grants for 2016 under Framework Partnership Agreements in the area of facilitating and supporting judicial cooperation in civil and/or criminal matters*

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

Specific objective: to facilitate and support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters

BUDGET LINE

33 03 02

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

These grants aim to support the 2016 annual work programme of European networks active in the area of facilitating and supporting judicial cooperation in civil and/or criminal matters which have signed Framework Partnership Agreements with the Commission. The Commission will invite Framework Partners in writing to submit their proposal announcing the annual priorities for 2016.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

These grants will fund operating costs and those activities of the network which have EU added value and contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme among others: analytical activities, training activities, mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination activities.

Essential award criteria

The Commission will verify that the organisation satisfies the exclusion criteria, that the proposal is consistent with the objectives pursued by the Programme and will assess the proposal essentially on the basis of the following criteria:

- (a) extent to which the proposed annual work programme of the Framework Partner addresses the priorities announced by the Commission and is coherent with the organisation's Action plan 2015-2017 annexed to the Framework Partnership Agreement;
- (b) quality of the annual work programme, which must be clear, realistic and well detailed;
- (c) European added value of the annual work programme;
- (d) financial quality of the proposal, including the existence of a clear, detailed, and reasonable budget, which is coherent with the annual work programme.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2015/JCOO/OG/NETW	Q4 2015	950 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

1.4. Procurement

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

Specific objective: to facilitate and support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters

BUDGET LINE

33 03 02

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged (study / technical assistance / evaluation / survey / IT/ communication services/etc.)

In 2015 the Commission intends to undertake several actions through contracts following public procurement (calls for tenders and framework contracts) or administrative arrangements. Conferences, expert meetings, seminars, communication activities may be organised, surveys and studies and impact assessments may be undertaken as far as they are needed to monitor the proper implementation of existing legislation or to prepare, or accompany new legislation or to respond to policy changes in the area covered by the Programme. The total budget envisaged for these types of actions implemented by DG Justice is EUR 5 135 000.

It may cover in particular the following actions:

- Management and activities of the European Judicial Network in Civil and Commercial Matters, including meetings and information measures (Q2-Q4 2015, framework contract);
- Studies and surveys to support evaluations of the existing civil and criminal justice instruments, impact assessments of and other preparation of new instruments in accordance with the Strategic Guidelines for EU Justice policy adopted by the June 2014 European Council and with the Commission Work Programme 2015 (Q1-Q4 2015), such as:
 - Study on evaluation of the implementation of the Commission Recommendation on a new approach to business failure and insolvency (new contract);
 - Impact assessment on the follow-up of the above mentioned Recommendation (new contract);
 - Impact assessment on the assignment of claims (new contract);
 - Impact Assessment on Framework Decision 2006/783/JHA on mutual recognition of confiscation orders (framework contract);

- Study on the collection and analysis of data on the functioning of the European arrest warrant (framework contract);
- Study on evaluation of the implementation of Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA on the European arrest warrant (framework contract);
- Impact assessment on the Implementation of Framework Decision 2005/214/JHA on financial penalties (framework contract);

- Update and maintenance of the JURE database on the judgments on civil judicial cooperation (cross sub-delegation to the Publication Office, framework contract);

- Drafting of a Practice Guide on employment disputes and its dissemination (Q2 2015; framework contract);

- Translations of Practice Guides, Handbooks, Explanatory Reports adopted in the framework of The Hague Conference on Private International Law in EU official languages other than English and French and other documents (Q1-Q4 2015; framework contract);

- Information campaign on the entering into application of the Succession Regulation (Q2 2015; framework contract);

- Organisation of conferences, possibly in collaboration with the rotating EU presidencies (framework contracts);

- Expert meetings, conferences and workshops on the implementation of the existing EU instruments in criminal matters, in particular the Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA on the European arrest warrant, the Framework Decision 2005/214/JHA on financial penalties, Framework Decision 2006/783/JHA on mutual recognition of confiscation orders, and on detention (Q1-Q4 2015; framework contracts);

- E-justice activities linked to judicial cooperation, including maintaining the software application developed (ECRIS Reference Implementation (RI) for the information exchanges through the European Criminal Records Information System (ECRIS) (Q2-Q4 2015; framework contracts).

Indicative number of new contracts envisaged: 3

Indicative number of contracts based on framework contracts envisaged: 22

Implementation

By DG Justice and, where indicated, by the Publication Office based on a cross sub-delegation

1.5. Other Actions

1.5.1. *EU membership fee in the Hague Conference of Private International Law*

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

Specific objective: to facilitate and support judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters

Council Decision (EC) No 2006/719 of 5.10.2006 on the accession of the Community to the Hague Conference on Private International Law¹.

BUDGET LINE

¹ Council Decision (EC) No 2006/719 of 5.10.2006 on the accession of the Community to the Hague Conference on Private International Law, OJ L 297, 26.10.2006, p. 1.

33 03 02

Amount

EUR 30 000

Description and objective of the implementing measure

On 5 October 2006 the Council of the European Union (EU) adopted a decision on the accession of the European Union to the Hague Conference on Private International Law ("HCCH"). The purpose of this international intergovernmental organisation is to work for the progressive unification of the rules of private international law in the participating countries. Since 3 April 2007, the European Union has been a participant of the Hague Conference on Private International Law.

The contribution to HCCH amounting to EUR 30 000 shall cover the additional administrative expenses arising out of EU membership in the HCCH.

2. BUDGET LINE 33 03 01: FACILITATING ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND SUPPORT JUDICIAL TRAINING

2.1. Introduction

On the basis of the two objectives of the Justice Programme covered by this budget line, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2015 as follows:

- for action grants (implemented under direct management) (2.2):	14 255 000 EUR
- for operating grants (implemented under direct management) (2.3):	10 450 000 EUR
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (2.4):	5 931 000 EUR

Table breakdown per specific objective:

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	Amount
to support and promote judicial training, including language training on legal terminology, with a view to fostering a common legal and judicial culture	16 515 000 EUR
Action grants (2.2.1, 2.2.2)	6 500 000 EUR
Operating grant to beneficiary identified in the legal base (2.3.1)	8 800 000 EUR
Procurement (2.4)	1 215 000 EUR
to facilitate effective access to justice for all, including to promote and support the rights of victims of crime, while respecting the rights of the defence	14 121 000 EUR
Action grants (2.2.3, 2.2.4, 2.2.5)	7 755 000 EUR
Operating grants (2.3.2, 2.3.3, 2.3.4)	1 650 000 EUR
Procurement (2.4)	4 716 000 EUR
TOTAL	30 636 000 EUR

2.2. Action Grants

2.2.1. *Call for proposals to support transnational projects on judicial training covering civil law, criminal law or fundamental rights*

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

Specific objective: to support and promote judicial training, including language training on legal terminology, with a view to fostering a common legal and judicial culture

BUDGET LINE

33 03 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The aim of this call is to contribute to the effective and coherent application of EU law in the areas of civil law, criminal law and fundamental rights.

Priority will notably be given to training on the following topics:

Civil law

- Legal instruments in family matters and successions, in particular:
Regulation (EU) No 650/2012 on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and acceptance and enforcement of authentic instruments in matters of successions and on the creation of a European Certificate of Succession;
- Legal instruments in civil and commercial matters, in particular:
Regulation (EC) No 805/2004 creating a European Enforcement Order for uncontested claims;
Regulation (EC) No 1896/2006 creating a European Order for Payment Procedure;
Regulation (EC) No 861/2007 establishing a European Small Claims Procedure;
Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (recast);
Regulation (EC) No 655/2014 creating a European Account Preservation Order to facilitate cross-border debt recovery in civil and commercial matters;
- Training of enforcement authority agents applying instruments in the area of civil judicial cooperation, in particular:
Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility (Brussels IIa);
Regulation (EC) 805/2004 creating a European Enforcement Order for uncontested claims;
Regulation (EU) No 655/2014 establishing a European Account Preservation Order procedure to facilitate cross-border debt recovery in civil and commercial matters.

Criminal law

- Procedural rights in criminal proceedings:
Directive 2010/64/EU on the right to interpretation and translation in criminal proceedings;
Directive 2012/13/EU on the right to information in criminal proceedings;
Directive 2013/48/EU on the right of access to a lawyer in criminal proceedings and in European arrest warrant proceedings, and on the right to have a third party informed upon deprivation of liberty and to communicate with third persons and with consular authorities while deprived of liberty.
- Victims' rights:
Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime;

Fundamental rights

- The scope and application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU,
- in particular its Article 45 on Freedom of movement and other Union citizenship rights

Other priority topics

The proposed training activities can also include the following topics:

- Development of linguistic skills of legal practitioners;
Projects should cover the legal terminology used in the work environment of practitioners;

- Knowledge of the legal systems of the Member States;
- Once it is released, the use of the search tool of the European Case Law Identifier (ECLI) to identify foreign judicial decisions, notably in the context of the "acte clair" doctrine of the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU).

Proposals outside of these priority topics

Since the assessment of European judicial training needs cannot be solely conducted at EU level and is mainly done nationally and even locally, policy priorities mentioned in the annual work programme are indications of possible topics of supported projects. Regarding proposals not in line with these priorities, they may still be awarded funding if applicants can justify the suggested training topics by an evidence-based needs assessment, showing that more training is needed for the proper application of EU law in the field to be covered.

Target group

The training should target members of the judiciary and judicial staff, meaning judges, prosecutors and court officers, as well as other legal practitioners associated with the judiciary, such as lawyers, notaries, bailiffs, probation officers, mediators, court interpreters and translators, who are involved in the application of the relevant instruments.

Distribution of financial support between different topics

When deciding on the allocation of grants, a fair balance between topics and/or target audience may be sought.

Moreover, priority will be given to projects that do not duplicate existing training material or on-going projects but that act in complementarity or that innovate.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

The training activities implemented by each project must include participants (trainees) from different participating countries.

In the priority areas defined above (including those identified by a needs assessment), this call will fund activities such as:

- Organisation of interactive, practice-oriented training activities;
- Multilateral exchanges between legal practitioners (except for judges and prosecutors whose training bodies are members of the EJTN and may thus take part in the exchanges organised by the EJTN);
- Creation of training content, whether for presential learning, blended learning or e-learning, either ready-to-use by trainers or by practitioners for self-learning;
- Tools for training providers (for example: train-the-trainers events, tools to support the organisation of training in other Member States, etc.).

Projects that roll out training modules created by the Commission on European legislation can also benefit from funding.

All these activities can take place in the context of initial training (induction-period) or continuous training of the participants (for example: training activities to familiarize newly appointed legal practitioners with EU legislation and judicial cooperation instruments; or more specialised training activities for practicing legal practitioners).

Projects targeting "Knowledge of the legal systems" should cover the legal systems which have particular relevance for the participants and involve experienced legal practitioners who will be able to compare experience and practice of application of EU legal instruments.

Projects should also aim at encouraging practitioners to follow training in a foreign language, either by providing simultaneous high-quality interpretation into their native language or by easing the participation with foreign language training (for example with an introduction to the relevant legal terminology of the topics covered prior to or at the beginning of the training activity, or with a linguistic warm-up by actively involving participants at the beginning of the training activity, etc).

Training methodology

Applications should notably take into account recommendations resulting from the EU pilot project on European Judicial Training² or expand good practices³ revealed by this pilot project to other Member States or legal professions.

Dissemination strategy

The Commission is particularly interested in activities with multiplication effects, such as train the trainers' activities. The funded projects are expected to have a clear dissemination strategy of their results.

Essential eligibility criteria

To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit-oriented organisations;
- (b) the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least two participating countries;
- (c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 50 000;
- (d) the project must not have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2015/JTRA/AG/EJTR	Q3 2015	5 500 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.2.2. *Call for proposals to support training of national judges in EU competition law and judicial cooperation between national competition law judges*

LEGAL BASIS

² The reports of the pilot project on the European e-Justice Portal: https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_the_european_judicial_training_policy-121-en.do

³ Good judicial training practices on the European e-Justice Portal: https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_good_training_practices-311-en.do

Art. 4 and 6(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

Specific objective: to support and promote judicial training, including language training on legal terminology, with a view to fostering a common legal and judicial culture

BUDGET LINE

33 03 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The aim of this call is to contribute to an effective and coherent application of EU competition law in the Member States. This includes Articles 101 and 102 TFEU, the State aid rules, including Article 107 and 108 TFEU, and the private enforcement of the EU competition rules before national courts, including antitrust damages actions.

The priorities of this call for proposals are:

- Improvement of knowledge, application and interpretation of EU competition law;
- Improving and/or creating cooperation/networks between competition law judges;
- Development of competition law specific linguistic skills of national judges.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will fund:

- training activities aiming to ensure coherent and effective application by national courts of the EU competition rules;
- activities aiming to improve and encourage the cooperation between national competition law judges; this includes the application of specific cooperation mechanisms between national judges and competition authorities (see the specific cooperation rules under [Regulation \(EC\) No 1/2003](#) or [Regulation \(EC\) No 734/2013](#)), as well as networking and exchange between national judges.

Financial provisions

Beneficiaries shall declare eligible costs for accommodation and per diems of participants/speakers/interpreters of the trainings on the basis of unit costs, the amounts of which are established in accordance with Commission Decision C(2008)6215 approving the General implementing provisions adopting the Guide to missions for officials and other servants of the European Commission, unless a specific ad hoc decision(s) is adopted in the meantime.

50% daily rate will apply to per diems for half day seminars. These unit costs give a reasonable approximation of the costs typically incurred by persons staying in a different location than their own, no matter for what purpose.

The use of unit costs is justified by the nature of the eligible costs covered by the unit costs (accommodation and subsistence costs for the participants/speakers/interpreters in the trainings requiring the extensive verification of actual costs incurred for relatively small amounts). The authorisation of unit costs will simplify the management of the grants by alleviating the administrative and financial burden for the beneficiaries when reporting and for the Commission when verifying the costs actually incurred.

The majority of beneficiaries participating in this call will be public entities, thus the risk of fraud or irregularities is assessed as relatively low.

The compliance with the co-financing principle will be ensured by the application of the applicable co-financing rate to the eligible costs declared on the basis of unit costs.

The compliance with the no-profit principle will be ensured at the time of verification of the final financial statement of the beneficiary.

Avoidance of double financing is ensured by clear identification of the categories of costs covered by the unit costs (accommodation costs and per diems of participants in trainings).

Essential eligibility and award criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) the project must be submitted by authorities, public or private organisations duly established in one of the eligible countries, or an international organisation. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit organisations.
- (b) the project must target the members of the target group as defined in the call for proposal;
- (c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 10 000 or higher than EUR 400 000;
- (d) the project must not have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

2. Proposals will be assessed based on the following **award criteria**:

- (a) Relevance to the objectives and priorities of the call;
- (b) The intrinsic quality of the project as regards its design, presentation, organisation and implementation;
- (c) Geographical scope of the project in terms of partners, participants and target group;
- (d) Expected results, dissemination and sustainability;
- (e) Cost-effectiveness.

Implementation

By DG COMP based on a co-delegation

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
COMP/2015	Q1 2015	1 000 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80% as normal maximum rate.

90% in exceptional and duly justified cases, notably for:

- European, national or sub-national entities specifically created with the purpose of training "judicial staff" as defined in the Call for Proposals;
- European, national and sub-national associations of competition law judges;
- applicants originating from EU Member States under financial assistance or surveillance (Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Portugal, Romania and Spain).

2.2.3. *Call for proposals to support national or transnational e-Justice projects*

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

Specific objective: to facilitate effective access to justice for all, including to promote and support

the rights of victims of crime, while respecting the rights of the defence

BUDGET LINE

33 03 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

This call for proposals aims at contributing to achieving the objectives of the European e-Justice Strategy 2014-2018. It will support the implementation of e-Justice projects within the European e-Justice Portal and at national level, in as far as they have a European dimension. Priority will be given to projects aiming at joining or enhancing existing or on-going e-Justice portal projects, [in particularsuch as:](#)

- [Interconnection of National Insolvency Registers \(IRI\);](#)

[But also to:](#)

- Find a Lawyer (FAL);
- Find a Notary (FAN);
- Find a Bailiff (FAB);
- Implementation of the European Case Law Identifier (ECLI) in case law repositories and interconnection with the e-Justice Portal;
- e-Codex.

Transnational projects will receive a higher priority than purely national ones. Other projects which support the implementation of the e-Justice Strategy 2014-2018 and its Action Plan will not be excluded. In particular, applications related to projects having an A-priority under the Action Plan will also be considered positively.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will fund IT activities and other relevant activities linked with the European e-Justice Strategy and its Action Plan.

Project activities under this call would in principle include analytical, conceptual, design and elaboration work, IT software development, quality assurance and related auxiliary measures necessary for the establishment of new IT systems, as well as the expansion and adaptation of existing national and transnational solutions towards addressing the objectives of the call.

Activities relating to project management, content preparation, editorial work, communication, promotion and dissemination are also eligible for funding.

Essential eligibility criteria

To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit-oriented organisations;
- (b) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;
- (c) the project must not have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2015/JACC/AG/E-JU	Q4 2015	2 755 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.2.4. Call for proposals to support national or transnational projects to enhance the rights of persons suspected or accused of crime

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

Specific objective: to facilitate effective access to justice for all, including to promote and support the rights of victims of crime, while respecting the rights of the defence

BUDGET LINE

33 03 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The aim of this call is to contribute to the effective and coherent application of EU criminal law in the area of the rights of persons suspected or accused of crime and to the preparation of new EU action.

The main priority are the following instruments:

- Directive 2010/64 on the right to interpretation and translation in criminal proceedings;
- Directive 2012/13 on the right to information in criminal proceedings;
- Directive 2013/48 on the right of access to a lawyer in criminal proceedings;
- Commission Recommendation C(2013) 8178/2 on safeguards for vulnerable persons suspected or accused in criminal proceedings
- Commission Recommendation C(2013) 8179/2 on the right to legal aid in criminal proceedings
- depending on political agreement any further instrument to be adopted in the field of procedural rights for suspects and accused persons, notably the proposals on the presumption of innocence and the right to be present at trial (COD/2013/407), on special safeguards for children suspected and accused in criminal proceedings (COD/2013/409) and on provisional legal aid (COD/2013/408).

Another priority is to contribute to the preparation of EU action in the following areas:

- Further improving procedural rights of defendants (other than existing EU instruments), including through judicial remedies;
- Limitation of the use of pre-trial detention.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will cover the following activities:

- analytical activities, such as data collection and creation of data bases, surveys, research etc;
- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, development of working methods which may be transferable to other participating countries;
- exchange and provision of information and development of information tools;
- capacity building for professionals;
- facilitating cooperation between competent authorities and agencies, legal practitioners and/or service providers (including multi-disciplinary networks at international, national, regional or local levels);
- Dissemination and awareness raising activities.

Training activities can also be funded under this call, as long as they are of ancillary nature and not the main purpose of the project.

Essential eligibility criteria

1. To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

(a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation. Organisations which are profit-oriented must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit-oriented organisations;

(b) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;

(c) the project must not have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2015/JACC/AG/PROC	Q2 2015	2 000 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.2.5. *Call for proposals to support national or transnational projects to enhance the rights of victims*

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

Specific objective: to facilitate effective access to justice for all, including to promote and support the rights of victims of crime, while respecting the rights of the defence

BUDGET LINE

33 03 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The aim of this call is to contribute to the effective and coherent application of EU criminal law in the area of the rights of victims of crime.

The priorities are:

- Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime;
- Directive 2011/99/EU on the European Protection Order;
- Regulation (EU) 606/2013 on mutual recognition of protection measures in civil matters;
- Directive 2004/80/EC relating to compensation to crime victims.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will cover the following activities:

- analytical activities, such as data collection and creation of data bases, surveys, research etc;
- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, development of working methods which may be transferable to other participating countries;
- exchange and provision of information and development of information tools;
- capacity building for professionals;
- facilitating cooperation between competent authorities and agencies, legal practitioners and/or service providers (including multi-disciplinary networks at international, national, regional or local levels);
- dissemination and awareness raising activities.

Training activities can also be funded under this call, as long as they are of ancillary nature and not the main purpose of the project.

Essential eligibility criteria

To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private non-profit-oriented organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation;
- (b) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 75 000;
- (c) the project must not have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2015/JACC/AG/VICT	Q4 2015	2 000 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.2.6. *Call for proposals to support transnational projects on promoting the quality of the national justice systems*

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

Specific objective: to facilitate effective access to justice for all, including to promote and support the rights of victims of crime, while respecting the rights of the defence

BUDGET LINE

33 03 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The priority of this call for proposals is to provide an ~~comparative~~-analysis of courts' practices, and initiatives taken, aiming at enhancing the quality of the judicial systems in Member States. The objective is to promote a better knowledge of practices developed within the judiciary, to promote the quality of the national justice systems which is important for the implementation of EU law and for generating an attractive environment for business and investors.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will fund activities on:

- ~~comparative~~-analytical work on practices of national courts and/or other actors of the judicial system to promote the quality of the justice system;
- collection of data on such practices ;
- mutual learning, exchange of good practices amongst legal practitioners in this area.

Essential eligibility criteria

To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) the applicant must be a public entity active in the judicial field.
- (b) the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least five participating countries;
- (c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 150 000;
- (d) the project must not have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2015/JACC/AG/QUAL	Q3 2015	1 000 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.3. Operating grants

2.3.1. Operating grant 2016 to beneficiary identified in the legal base - EJTN

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(2) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

Specific objective: to support and promote judicial training, including language training on legal terminology, with a view to fostering a common legal and judicial culture

Article 190(1)(c) of the Rules of Application

BUDGET LINE

33 03 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

Pursuant to Article 6 (2) of Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013, the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) shall receive an operating grant to co-finance expenditure associated with its permanent work programme.

The work programme of the EJTN should be in line with the 2011 Commission Communication on European judicial training (COM/2011/551) and, in particular, strive to increase its number of activities and of participants as well as continue to develop the Aiakos exchange programme for new judges and prosecutors while increasing the number of exchanges for experienced practitioners.

The EJTN should also continue to promote high quality training methodologies and strive to make the most of its partnerships with European judicial networks.

Description of the activities to be funded

The 2016 operating grant to the EJTN will finance activities which contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme in particular training activities with EU added value.

Essential award criteria

The Commission will verify that the EJTN satisfies the exclusion criteria, that the proposal is consistent with the objectives pursued by the Programme and will assess the proposal essentially on the basis of the following criteria:

- (a) extent to which the proposed annual work programme addresses the priorities;
- (b) quality of the annual work programme, which must be clear, realistic and well detailed;
- (c) European added value of the annual work programme;
- (d) financial quality of the proposal, including the existence of a clear, detailed, and reasonable budget, which is coherent with the annual work programme.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount

Reference	Date	Amount
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JUST/2015/JTRA/OG/EJTN	Q4 2015	8 800 000 EUR
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Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

96 %

2.3.2. *Operating grants for 2016 under Framework Partnership Agreements in the area of access to justice*

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

Specific objective: to facilitate effective access to justice for all, including to promote and support the rights of victims of crime, while respecting the rights of the defence

BUDGET LINE

33 03 01

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

These grants aim to support the 2016 annual work programme of European networks active in the area of facilitating and supporting access to justice which have signed Framework Partnership Agreements with the Commission. The Commission will invite Framework Partners in writing to submit their proposal announcing the annual priorities for 2016.

Description of the activities to be funded

These grants will fund operating costs and those activities of the network which have EU added value and contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the Programme among others: analytical activities, training activities, mutual learning, cooperation, awareness-raising and dissemination activities.

Essential award criteria

The Commission will verify that the organisation satisfies the exclusion criteria, that the proposal is consistent with the objectives pursued by the Programme and will assess the proposal essentially on the basis of the following criteria:

- (a) extent to which the proposed annual work programme of the Framework Partner addresses the priorities announced by the Commission and is coherent with the organisation's Action plan 2015-2017 annexed to the Framework Partnership Agreement;
- (b) quality of the annual work programme, which must be clear, realistic and well detailed;
- (c) European added value of the annual work programme;
- (d) financial quality of the proposal, including the existence of a clear, detailed, and reasonable budget, which is coherent with the annual work programme.

Implementation

By DG Justice

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
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JUST/2015/JACC/OG/NETW	Q2 2015	1 650 000 EUR
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Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

2.4. Procurement

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

Specific objective: to support and promote judicial training, including language training on legal terminology, with a view to fostering a common legal and judicial culture

Specific objective: to facilitate effective access to justice for all, including to promote and support the rights of victims of crime, while respecting the rights of the defence

BUDGET LINE

33 03 01

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged (study / technical assistance / evaluation / survey / IT / communication services/etc.)

In 2015 the Commission intends to undertake several actions through contracts following public procurement (open calls for tenders and framework contracts) or administrative arrangements. Conferences, expert meetings, seminars, communication activities may be organised and studies and impact assessments may be undertaken as far as they are needed in order to prepare, or accompany new legislation or to respond to policy changes in the area covered by the Programme. The total budget envisaged for these types of actions implemented by DG Justice is EUR 5 931 000. It may cover in particular the following actions:

- Specific objective: judicial training
 - Court staff training conference (Q2 2015; framework contract);
 - Conference on training on the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU (Q2 2015; framework contract);
 - Thematic expert group meetings (Q2-Q4 2015; framework contract);
 - Developing/translating/updating judicial training material for dissemination (Q4 2015; framework contract);
- Specific objective: access to justice
 - Studies and surveys to support evaluations of the existing criminal justice instruments; impact assessments of and other preparation of new instruments in accordance with the Strategic Guidelines for EU Justice policy adopted by the June 2014 European Council and the Commission Work Programme 2015 (Q1-Q4 2015), such as:
 - Study on the implementation of Directive 2012/13/EU on the right to information in criminal proceedings (new contract);
 - Study on EU instruments in the field of the European Protection Order (new contract);
 - Study on the application of Regulation (EU) 606/2013 on mutual recognition of protection measures in civil matters (new contract);

- Expert meetings, conferences and workshops on the implementation of the existing EU instruments in criminal matters which strengthen access to justice for victims, suspects and accused persons, in particular Directive 2012/29/EU establishing minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, Directive 2013/48 on the right of access to a lawyer in criminal proceedings, Directive 2004/80/EC relating to compensation to crime victims and Commission Recommendation C(2013) 8179/2 on the right to legal aid in criminal proceedings (Q1-4 2015; framework contracts);
- Data collection on national justice systems (Q3 2015; framework contract);
- Informal expert group of contact persons of national justice systems (Q1-Q4 2015; framework contract);
- Actions in the field of e-justice linked to access to justice (Q1-Q4 2015; framework contracts), such as:
 - necessary actions for the continued development, maintenance of and support for the e-Justice Portal and its sub-projects, such as hosting and software licensing fees (including co-delegation to DIGIT);
 - translation costs related to new e-Justice content;
 - finalisation of the migration of the Consumer law database into the e-Justice Portal;
 - incorporation of the results of the FRA CLARITY project into the e-Justice Portal;
 - promotional and awareness raising activities related to e-Justice;
 - usability study on improving the e-Justice Portal's user experience;
 - preparatory actions and studies related to future e-Justice projects.

Indicative number of new contracts envisaged: 3

Indicative number of specific contracts based on framework contracts envisaged: 28

Implementation

By DG Justice and, where indicated, by DIGIT based on a co-delegation

3. BUDGET LINE 33 03 03: PREVENTING AND REDUCING DRUG DEMAND AND SUPPLY

3.1. Introduction

On the basis of the objectives given in the Justice Programme this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2015 as follows:

- for action grants (implemented under direct management) (3.2):	2 505 000 EUR
- for operating grants (implemented under direct management (3.3):	n.a.
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (3.4):	495 000 EUR
TOTAL:	3 000 000 EUR

3.2. Call for proposals to support transnational projects in the area of EU drugs policy

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

Specific objective: to support initiatives in the field of drugs policy as regards judicial cooperation and crime prevention aspects closely linked to the general objective of the Programme, in so far as they are not covered by the Instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management, as part of the Internal Security Fund, or by the Health for Growth Programme

BUDGET LINE

33 03 03

Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results

The aim of this call is to contribute to the effective and coherent application of EU law and to support development of new approaches in the area of drugs.

The priorities are:

- to support the implementation of EU legislation on new psychoactive substances by improving the capacity to identify and assess new psychoactive substances, to respond effectively to the rapid spread of such substances across the EU, by reducing the availability of harmful substances, monitoring the extent and patterns of use of such substances, and by sharing best practices on prevention;
- to develop and share innovative approaches aimed at preventing relapse and models of good practice for reintegration and rehabilitation of (long-term) drug users, including those released from prison, inter alia by exploring alternatives to coercive sanctions;
- to exchange best practices on cooperation between public authorities involved in drug-related services, including at local or regional level, and civil society, to ensure that drug supply and demand reduction activities are joined up, with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of prevention, harm reduction and law enforcement activities to help prevent and reduce the number of drug-related offences;
- to support the involvement of civil society in the implementation of the objectives of the EU Drug Strategy 2013-2020 and of the specific actions under the EU Drugs Action Plan 2013-2016, with a view to helping reduce the negative consequences of illicit drugs on individuals and society.

Description of the activities to be funded under the call for proposals

This call will fund activities on:

- data collection, surveys and research activities;
- training activities;
- mutual learning, exchange of good practices, cooperation, including identifying best practices which may be transferable to other participating countries;
- dissemination and awareness-raising activities.

Essential eligibility criteria

To be **eligible**, grant applications must comply with all of the following criteria:

- (a) the applicant must be a public entity or a private non-profit-oriented organisation, duly established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation;
- (b) the application must be transnational and involve organisations from at least 2 participating countries;
- (c) the EU grant applied for cannot be lower than EUR 150 000;
- (d) the project must not have started prior to the date of submission of the grant application.

Implementation

By DG HOME based on a co-delegation

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

Reference	Date	Amount
JUST/2015/JDRU/AG/DRUG	Q3 2015	2 505 000 EUR

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible costs

80%

3.3. Operating grants

n.a.

3.4. Procurement

LEGAL BASIS

Art. 4 and 6(1) Regulation (EU) No 1382/2013

Specific objective: to support initiatives in the field of drugs policy as regards judicial cooperation and crime prevention aspects closely linked to the general objective of the Programme, in so far as they are not covered by the Instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management, as part of the Internal Security Fund, or by the Health for Growth Programme

BUDGET LINE

33 03 03

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged (study / technical assistance / evaluation / survey / IT / communication services/etc.)

In 2015 the Commission intends to undertake several actions through contracts following public procurement (calls for tenders and framework contracts) or administrative arrangements. Conferences, expert meetings, seminars, communication activities may be organised and studies and impact assessments may be undertaken as far as they are needed in order to prepare, or accompany new legislation or to respond to policy changes in the area covered by the Programme. The total budget envisaged for these types of actions is EUR 495 000.

Under the specific objective of supporting initiatives in the field of drugs policy it may cover in particular the following actions (Q1-Q3 2015):

- Mid-term assessment of the EU Drugs Strategy 2013-2020 (Q1 2015; framework contract);
- Assessment of the first action plan 2013-2016 (Q3 2015; framework contract);
- Expert meeting on minimum quality standards in drug demand reduction (Q3 2015; framework contract);
- Expert meeting on drug supply indicators (Q3 2015; framework contract).

Indicative number of new contracts envisaged: 0

Indicative number of specific contracts based on framework contracts envisaged: 4

Implementation

By DG HOME based on a co-delegation