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**EU JUSTICE
PROGRAMME**
2014-2020

Justice

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EU FUNDING FOR A EUROPEAN AREA OF JUSTICE

Cooperation on civil and criminal justice matters is essential in achieving a true European Area of Justice.

The European Union's [Justice Programme](#) aims to foster mutual recognition and mutual trust between Member States. In order to reach this objective, it promotes judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters and helps train judges and other legal practitioners. The programme also supports EU action to tackle drugs. EU civil and criminal law covers a broad range of issues from insolvency law and mediation to victims' rights and rights of the accused to a fair trial. The [Justice Programme](#) has been put in place to ensure that Union law is fully and consistently applied. Its mission is to ensure proper access to justice for people and businesses throughout Europe, particularly when they live, work, do business or even face trial in another EU country.

The programme is managed by the [European Commission's Directorate-General for Justice \(DG JUSTICE\)](#).



FUNDING FOR ACTION

The [Justice Programme](#) helps to build a European Area of Justice based on mutual recognition and mutual trust. It promotes:

- [judicial cooperation in civil matters](#), including commercial issues, insolvencies, successions, etc.;
- [judicial cooperation in criminal matters](#);
- [judicial training](#), including language training on legal terminology;
- [better access to justice in the EU](#), including the rights of crime victims and procedural rights in criminal proceedings;
- [drugs policy initiatives](#), including judicial cooperation and crime prevention.

Funding goes to public authorities, NGOs and other organisations for activities that further these aims. [Training](#), [mutual learning](#) and [analysis](#) (including studies and surveys) are the main types of action financed under the programme. All the activities funded must provide [added value at EU level](#) – in other words, their results must benefit more than one EU Member State.

BUDGET

The total budget of the Justice Programme for the period 2014-2020 is EUR 378 million.

COUNTRIES

All EU Member States except Denmark and the United Kingdom may take part in this programme.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Information on calls for funding proposals under the Justice Programme is online at http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants/index_en.htm



EXAMPLES JUSTICE IN ACTION

TRAINING EUROPE'S LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

A European Area of Justice needs legal practitioners who are fully versed in European law to ensure the coherent application of EU legislation across the European Union and smooth cross-border judicial proceedings. European judicial training targets judges and prosecutors, court judicial staff, lawyers, solicitors, notaries, bailiffs, and mediators. Supported by DG Justice, the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) brings together the national judicial training bodies of the EU Member States. It identifies the training needs of judges and prosecutors, elaborates training standards and curricula, coordinates exchanges, disseminates training expertise and promotes cooperation between its members.

SUPPORTING CRIME VICTIMS

Rights, support and protection for crime victims across Europe are a major EU concern. Projects backed by DG Justice help to meet victims' needs, such as respectful treatment, protection and support, and to ensure their effective access to justice. The projects focus on practical results that are of immediate national use, for example the development of tools, guidelines and manuals and the identification of best practices.

LET E-JUSTICE BE DONE

Information technology can give everyone across Europe access to justice. That's why DG Justice funds a number of projects which put the European e-Justice Action Plan into practice. In particular, support goes to projects that develop interconnections between national registers, or tools to make it easier to find the right lawyer or notary, as well as more effective and dynamic ways to help people exercise their rights in cross-border situations. Information and services are brought together on the European e-Justice Portal (<https://e-justice.europa.eu>).



JUSTICE ACROSS EUROPE

In a Europe of open borders, DG JUSTICE works to ensure respect for your rights, equal treatment, protection of your personal data and your full access to justice everywhere in the EU.

