



## **Call for proposals for action grants to support transnational projects on training of justice professionals covering civil law, criminal law or fundamental rights**

**Deadline: 22 March 2022**

**Budget line: EUR 5 000 000**

**Title:** Nurturing a common European judicial culture Through cross-professional trainings

**Acronym:** NURTURE

Judicial trainings of professionals have proven to be an effective approach in terms of guaranteeing the proper and valid enforcement of EU law. The latter is due to the fact that they advance and encourage the trust between the justice professionals in the different Member States in terms of judicial cooperation and also enhance the implementation of EU's principles.<sup>1</sup> Despite the successful implementation of the European Judicial Training Strategy (2011-2020), which is attributed to the great number of participants in the trainings, currently is registered a decrease in comparison with 2018. Besides, the number of participants from the different Member States and the different legal professions is still unequal that might affect the consistent and systematic enforcement of European legislation. Indeed, data shows that the significant decrease in the overall number of participants is due to the decline in lawyers' trainings. Accordingly, the European Commission elaborated the European Judicial Training Strategy that will cover the period between 2021-2024. The aim of the strategy is to assist the judicial systems and professionals in regard to arising challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic which underlined the importance of digitalizing the judicial sphere and the necessity of more effective judicial cooperation empowered by new technologies.<sup>2</sup>

Therefore, the NURTURE project will address the new European Judicial Training Strategy for 2021-2024 and, in particular, will focus on cross-professional trainings so as to enhance the dialogue between the different judicial professions. More specifically, the training which will be conducted under NURTURE's implementation will be based on Directive (EU) 2016/680

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<sup>1</sup> European Commission. (2020, December 2). EU judicial training policy. *E-justice. Europa*. [https://e-justice.europa.eu/content\\_the\\_european\\_judicial\\_training\\_policy-121-en.do](https://e-justice.europa.eu/content_the_european_judicial_training_policy-121-en.do)

<sup>2</sup> European Commission. (2020). Annual Report 2020 on the Training of Justice Professionals. *Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union, 2020*



of the European Parliament and of the Council, and the importance of its provision in the context of cross-border cooperation in criminal matters.

**Objectives:**

- To support the enforcement of EU law in the sphere of fundamental rights and, in particular, in regard to Directive (EU) 2016/680 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
- To foster the dialogue between persons from different judicial professions and promote the development of a common European Judicial Culture by providing cross-professional trainings.

**Planned activities:**

- Elaboration of materials which will be used as part of the planned cross-border trainings. The materials will address the work of lawyers, judges, and prosecutors regarding Directive (EU) 2016/680.
- Collection of good practices and materials from other EU projects which were implemented in the area of judicial training.
- Conducting the cross-border training campuses with participants from different judicial professions.
- Dissemination and awareness raising activities

**Main outputs:**

- Training materials
- Handbook/Guide in which will be provided suggestions and recommendations not only on cross-border but also on cross-professional judicial trainings.

**Target groups:**

- Lawyers in private practice
- Prosecutors
- Judges

**Proposed Duration:** 24 months

**Coordinator:** Law and Internet Foundation