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Course:

FROM THE NATIONAL JUDGE TO THE EU JUDGE. NEED FOR UNIFORM CRITERIA FOR ACTIONS IN PRISON ENFORCEMENT



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1. Identification of the course

Dates and place: 13, 14, 15 November 2013, Barcelona (Spain)

Organised by: Judicial School [*Escuela Judicial*], Spain

Languages: Spanish, English and French

Jurisdiction: Criminal and penitentiary law

Places for EJTN: 35

2. Content

In the course, the following questions should be analysed:

1. Comparative analysis of prison systems in the European Union
2. The figure of the Prison Judge within the European Union. Nature. Competences. Procedure. Appeals to this body and against its resolutions.
3. Safety Period. Adjusted sentences:
4. Correctional measures. Probation. Alternative measures to completion of the sentence.
5. Mental illness. Health treatment for prisoners in the EU
6. Issues of foreign prisoners held in prisons in different EU countries
7. Implementation of various international agreements for the delivery of prisoners to their countries of origin of residence to continue serving the sentence.
8. Analysis of the sentences by the European Court of Human Rights. Application of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.
9. Application of the enforcement of judgments of the International Tribunal for Crimes in former Yugoslavia
10. Situation of women regarding imprisonment. Mothers with children

The purpose of the seminar is to achieve results in the development of performance criteria for enforcement judges and prosecutors in the European Union.

After the discussion certain criteria or performance standards should be approved which are common to all the enforcement agencies in the EU. We are aware that these standards do not have force of law, nor are they binding, but they can serve as an essential reference point in the application and interpretation of prison regulations in each country.

Common criteria for action which enable different EU countries to have international benchmarks with which to tackle the different issues that arise on a daily basis.

These criteria must have a continuity solution, so that every year, or every two years, European Conferences for Correctional Judges and Prosecutors may be established at which to raise and discuss issues of concern to this jurisdiction, as



well as approving or repealing the above criteria and collecting the new proposals arising from the discussion. Also, these criteria have primarily a reference value in the application of criminal law, but would create a unified approach to the implementation of that right in an EU without borders.

3. Practical information

3.1 Registration and application forms

Participation is free of charge.

Applications will be made through the enclosed registration questionnaire which will be sent to the permanent training centre (Judicial School, Ministry of Justice or centre competent in the matter) of the member country of the EJTN. This centre will send the application forms to the Judicial School with an additional document which will specify the order of priority of the application forms. The Judicial School cannot guarantee a certain number of places for any attendant, as the distribution will not be made until all application forms have been received. Nevertheless, each applying country shall at least be assigned one place and the organisers will assign the other places as it becomes possible, but always following the preferential order expressed by the training centre itself.

Without delivering the application forms, the admission should not be considered as properly done. **The deadline to send applications finishes on 16 September.**

Once the selection has been made, a notice of acceptance shall be sent. Attendants will receive a reservation form to arrange travel and accommodation issues through the travel agency which collaborates with the JS.

The contact person in the Judicial School who will finally receive the application forms (preferably by electronic mail) is:

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3.2 Costs covered by the Spanish Judicial School

- Travel expenses
- Lodgement costs from the day prior the course beginning to the last seminar day. The check out must be done before 15 November 2013 at 12:00 AM, except unavoidable troubles with travel combinations.
- Meals at the Judicial School canteen on 13 and 14 November.
- The organization will provide a bus for the journey from the city center to the Judicial School and vice versa (the building of the School is located outside Barcelona).

All the arrangements will be done by the organization. The Judicial School will book accommodation and transportation tickets through the travel agent which provides such services to the General Council of the Judiciary, as well as settling any expenses derived from this. Those admitted will be required to contact the above-mentioned agency in order to carry out the necessary formalities. It will not be necessary to make any prior payment. The Judicial School will put participants and travel agency in contact at the appropriate time. The participants selected will receive, along with the confirmation of admission, instructions to carry out the hotel booking.

Unless these general rules, any cancellation would involve that participants should have to cover the no-show expenses. In addition, and by specific European Commission instructions, the failure to deliver the required boarding cards and other receipts belonging to the trip to Barcelona would involve the payment of this expenses to the organization.

3.4. Timetable

- 16 September: Deadline for registration
- 1 October: Notice of selection
- 14 October: Deadline to submit travel and hotel reservation form
- 13, 14, 15 November: seminar carrying out

