



# EASO JUDICIAL TRAINERS' POOL

EASO Practical Information about entering the EASO Judicial Trainers' Pool



## ▪ Why an EASO Judicial Trainers' Pool?

The EASO founding regulation (article 6) specifies that the agency shall establish and develop training available to members of courts and tribunals in the Members States.

For this purpose, EASO has developed a set of tailor made materials covering the Common European Asylum System (CEAS), namely judicial analyses, compilations of jurisprudence and judicial trainers' guidance notes. These publications are referred to as the EASO Professional Development Series (PDS). Based on the PDS, EASO organises thematic professional development workshops for members of courts and tribunals.

For this, EASO relies on the EASO Judicial Trainers' Pool (JTP).



## ■ What are the EASO Professional Development Workshops?

EASO Professional Development Workshops cover any one of the subjects of the PDS series, last for two full days at EASO's headquarters in Malta and are led by 2 to 3 Judicial Trainers.

The number of participants varies but an average of 18 participants from EU+ Members States per workshop is expected. Workshops are normally held in English.

In addition to these workshops, ad hoc or regional trainings are organised in other locations and these may take place in a different language, as required by the specific nature of each tailor-made session.



## ■ What are the topics currently covered by the Professional Development Series?

**Introduction to the Common European Asylum System**

**Article 15(c) (Qualification Directive (2011/95/EU)).**

**Exclusion: Articles 12 and 17 (Qualification Directive (2011/95/EU)).**

**Ending International Protection: Articles 11, 14, 16, and 19 (Qualification Directive (2011/95/EU)).**

**Qualification for International Protection (Qualification Directive 2011/95/EU)).**

**Evidence and Credibility Assessment in the context of the CEAS.**

**Asylum Procedures and the Principle of Non-Refoulement.**

**Judicial Practical Guide on Country of Origin Information.**

**Detention of applicants for International Protection in the context of the Common European Asylum System**

## ▪ Who are the members of the EASO Judicial Trainers' Pool?

The JTP was established in 2017 and serves as a source of national judicial trainers who are deployed to train their fellow members of EU+ courts and tribunals following a specific training methodology.

Members of the JTP are serving members of a court or tribunal, staff supporting the decision-making process or trainers from national judicial training bodies.

They all have an extensive knowledge of international protection law and / or practise in decision making related to asylum.

Currently the pool has more than 40 members, with the UK being the most represented country, followed by Ireland, Italy and Germany.

## ▪ What is the role of an EASO Judicial Trainer?

The workshops are conceptualised on the basis of Train-the-Trainers methodology.

The trainers are expected to familiarise the trainees with the PDS series to such an extent that they are in the position to lead a workshop in their own MS on their return.

The judicial trainers are expected to present on the topic of the workshop and facilitate discussions among participants on relating case studies and moot-court exercises.

The Judicial Trainers are responsible for preparing the material for the workshops, which they lead, in cooperation with EASO.

## ▪ How are judicial trainers selected and what is the preparation process of PDW?

Every year, EASO calls on members of the JTP to express their interest and availability to act as judicial trainers for the planned workshops.

Selected trainers have several weeks to prepare the material and the agenda of the workshop with the support of EASO.



## ■ How does the reimbursement process work?

Judicial Trainers deliver the training on their working time and receive a financial contribution to cover expenses relating to the presence at the preparatory meeting and delivery of the training, including flight and accommodation costs.

## ■ What are the benefits of the workshops for participants and trainers?

As well as enhancing the knowledge of EU International Protection Law, Professional Development Workshops offer a space for participants to share experiences and exchange views on practices followed in their own Member States.

Through their involvement, trainers benefit from such horizontal dialogue and strengthen their expertise of judicial training methodology that can be used in their home court, tribunal or training body. In addition, workshops constitute an excellent opportunity to update the knowledge of each subject in line with recent developments in legislation and jurisprudence.

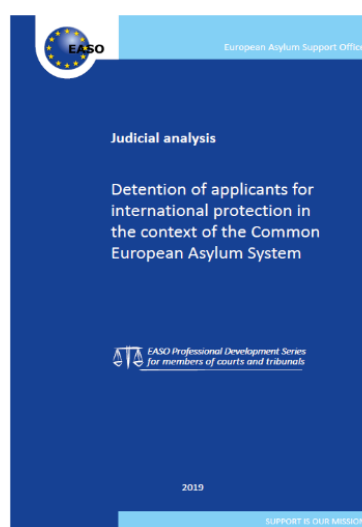
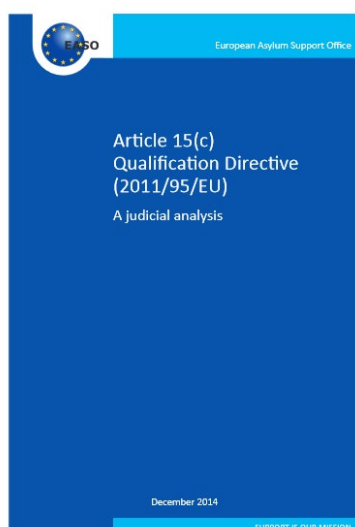
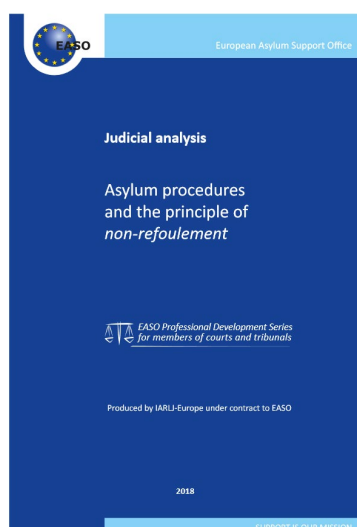




“I learned from contributions from participants about the practices in other member states”

“I find great benefit in providing training because it requires me to master the subject area and to meet the challenges of dealing with participants questions”

“As always more is learned by preparing and delivering than by receiving”



## ■ How to apply?

**Applications to join the pool may be submitted via the link:**

[https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CallForExpressionOfInterestEASO\\_JTP](https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CallForExpressionOfInterestEASO_JTP)

**Applications will be reviewed by a Committee, composed of 3 representatives of judicial associations and 3 representatives of Member States with the following criteria:**

### Selection **Key** Criteria

1. Be a currently serving or former member of courts and/or tribunal.
2. Advanced and up to date knowledge of international protection law.
3. Practical experience about a specific area covered by specific topics contained in the EASO PDS.
4. Experience of providing legal training.

### Selection **Additional** Criteria

5. Participation in the drafting or external consultation of the professional development materials (PDS)
6. Minimum 5 years' experience as a member of the court or tribunal.
7. Publications in the field of international protection law.
8. Ability to deliver training in English/Other EU languages.

While filling in the online application, please make sure to specify any previous experience that demonstrates you fulfil the key/additional criteria. This will also facilitate the selection process.

The **deadline** for the expression of interest to join the JTP is **Friday 28 June**, 12:00 AM (CET)

Selected applicants will be contacted by Friday 16 August, COB.

Should you need any further clarifications as to how the EASO Judicial Trainers' Pool, the Professional Development Workshops and the relating procedures work, feel free to get in touch with us on [judicialtraining@easo.europa.eu](mailto:judicialtraining@easo.europa.eu)