

AIKOS PROGRAMME**LATVIA – PROSECUTION OFFICE AND LATVIAN JUDICIAL TRAINING CENTER****Description and objectives of the AIKOS Programme**

The EJTN AIKOS Programme is addressed specifically to future and early-career judges, giving them the opportunity to learn about other judicial systems and training curricula, enhance their knowledge of EU law and judicial cooperation instruments as well as meet with their counterparts and develop useful contacts for their future professional life.

The AIKOS Programme's objectives are:

- To bring together future or newly appointed judges from different EU Member States;
- To foster mutual understanding of different European judicial cultures and systems;
- To raise awareness of the European dimension of their (future) work.

Specificity of the host institution

- **The Prosecution Office** is the judicial authority conducting within the frameworks of its competence laid down by the legislative acts the independent supervision over the consistency with a law. The task of the Prosecution Office is to respond to a law violation and ensure resolving of a relevant case according to the procedures provided for by the legislative acts.
- **Latvian Judicial Training Centre (LJTC)** founded in 1995 by national and international NGOs is a foundation that based on the long-term cooperation agreement with the Court Administration of the Republic of Latvia **provides initial and on-going training on legal and non-legal matters for judges of the 1st and 2nd instance, land-book judges and court staff.**

Key points for the host institution's programme

- Visit of the Prosecutor General's Office of Latvia;
- Get acquainted with the International Cooperation Division of the Republic of Latvia;
- Visit of all instance courts;
- Mutual discussions about topical topics etc.

Content of the host institution's programme

- Visit of the Prosecutor General's Office of Latvia;
- Visit to the Regional departments;
- Visit of the 1st instance court, 2nd instance court and Supreme Court;
- Have discussions with other Latvian judges and prosecutors about topical topics etc.

Additional information

Activities will mainly be based on discussions and some visits to know each country's judicial system better with possibility of court hearing. Overall group will consist of around 16 - 32 persons.

