

Fundamental Rights in Practice: European Judicial Training on the rights of persons in need of international protection

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Brief description of the project:

The Project aims to enhance the drive towards a common legal and judicial culture in EU and to strengthen law enforcement in the area of Fundamental Rights for persons in need of international protection throughout the EU, through the training of members of the judiciary on the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA of 28 November 2008 on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law (CFD), in three topics - cornerstones for the protection of persons in need of international protection.

The activities implemented are:

1. The development of practice-oriented training modules, based on a participatory needs assessment.
2. A train the trainers workshop by EU Experts to partner national NGO staff
3. The monitoring, evaluation and improvement of the training modules
4. The dissemination of the training modules through their translation into 6 languages
5. The development of contacts and the creation of close synergies between judicial trainers, national experts and legal practitioners throughout Europe.

In order to ensure the effective implementation of the Training Material - while taking the particularities of each Member State's national legislative framework into account - and the sustainability of the knowledge and information produced through its development, national experts appointed by the participating co-beneficiary organisations will be targeted first and will attend a 'train-the trainers' seminar, conducted by EU Experts who will develop the Training Material. Following their training, the National Experts will then be in charge of implementing the Modules within the framework of Seminars (1.5 days) in each respective participating partner Member State (MS). The Training Seminars will be addressed to members of the judiciary and judicial staff (judges, prosecutors and court-officers), as well as other legal practitioners associated with the judiciary in each participating partner MS. Through the effective and practice-oriented implementation of the Training Modules, persons in need of international protection and third country nationals in administrative detention will be the final beneficiaries of the Project.

Project partners will also benefit from project implementation, since the increased capacity at gaining a better understanding of the needs in the field, receiving and providing training, and carrying out the networking and dissemination activities will increase their efficiency in carrying out the objectives outlined in their mandate.

Expected results

- An improved use of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights as a cohesive tool for the protection of the rights of the target group
- An enhanced capacity to deal in a uniform manner with cases of rights violation for the target group
- An increased awareness of the implications of the EU Charter in judicial work throughout member states

Type and number of outputs to be produced

- Training Needs Assessment in 5 different Member States
- A Training Material will be developed on the basis of three comprehensive Training modules, comprised of 3 case studies each, background reading and a methodology
- A three day train the trainers workshop
- Organisation of 8 National Training Seminars with the participation of ca. 155 members of the judiciary, and related practitioners
- Evaluation of training material by participants; expert review of the final results; final creation of Training Material
- Translation of the Training Material from English to another 5 languages
- Dissemination of Training Material to participating partners members and networks
- Final 2 day Event for the dissemination of the material and the development of networks between key stakeholders

Leader:

- GCR (Greek Council for Refugees)

Partners:

- ADITUS (Aditus foundation)
- CIR (Consiglio Italiano per i Rifugiati) ITALIAN COUNCIL FOR REFUGEES
- ECRE (European Council on Refugees and Exiles)
- HHC (Hungarian Helsinki Committee)
- ICJ - EI (International Commission of Jurists -- European Institutions)

Duration:

- April 2016 - March 2018