

Judges Uniting to Stop Terrorism with International, Constitutional and European law (JUSTICE) Project

Since 1 September 2018 the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ-European Institutions office) is implementing a two-year project "JUSTICE: Judges Uniting to Stop Terrorism with International, Constitutional and European law " focused on criminal justice in countering terrorism in accordance with the rule of law and with human rights obligations, focused primarily on the implementation on the EU Counter-terrorism Directive (Directive 2017/541) by judges and other legal professionals in the EU.

Within the project, the ICJ-EI will focus on primarily on 5 main countries: the Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Germany and Belgium. The project will also focus on a second-tier level the following countries: France, Cyprus, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic and Romania.

By the end of the project judges and lawyers in the selected countries would have access to and would be aware of comparative analysis and best practices, through a network of legal professionals and experts, in implementation of EU counter-terrorism legislation in compliance with human rights.

In order to achieve this, the project will include three streams of work:

- (1) Needs assessment – baseline study on the situation of legislative implementation of Directive 2017/541, including interviews with judges in the five priority countries
- (2) Four transnational workshops for judges and lawyers, followed by reports
- (3) Development of Implementation Guidance for the Directive for judges and lawyers

This project will be implemented in cooperation with different partners: Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Pisa in Italy and Nederlands Juristen Comité voor de Mensenrechten (NJCM) in the Netherlands, as well as Human Rights in Practice as international partner. The project is further supported by associate partners: Magistrats Européens pour la Démocratie et les Libertés (MEDEL), Juezas y Jueces para la Democracia in

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