
Working with the EPPO at decentralised level

Training materials for defence lawyers

The training on the EPPO

- The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) requires trained legal practitioners from all EU Member States:
 - Establish training materials for national prosecutors, investigating judges, and defence practitioners in the years 2021 and 2022.
 - The training materials will be freely accessible from ERA's, EJTN's and ECBA's websites.

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Deliverables for defence practitioners

- **1 online guideline** in EN, DE and FR for a minimum of 364 defence lawyers,
- **1 eLearning course** for a minimum of 364 defence lawyers, on future EPPO proceedings tailor-made for defence practitioners in the EU,
- 1 Europe-wide conference for 80 judges, prosecutors and defence lawyers,
- 1 project **website**: <https://era-comm.eu/training-on-eppo/>

Methodology (1)

The methodology chosen to **establish a guide and eLearning course through a core team of European experts with long-standing experience** in international defence law who closely followed the establishment of the EPPO, as well as members of the EJTN task force on EPPO and selected EPs/EDPs will lead to a thorough product reflecting both the European and the national perspectives.

The **guidelines and eLearning course will include** training on the EPPO's competence, conflicts of competence, obligations to inform, and referrals of cases as set out under the EPPO Regulation.

The guidelines and eLearning course will be publicly available from the project's website.

Methodology (2)

1. General introduction to the EPPO,
2. Material and territorial **competences** of the EPPO, including cooperation with national authorities, institutions, third states, non-participating MS.
3. **Investigations** by EPPO, including topics on the investigative measures, handling of EPPO files, procedural rights during the investigation, communication between EPPO and defence, evidence issues including witness rights and victims' rights, remedies.
4. **The right of the defence during the trial,** including the admissibility of evidence in trial and procedural rights, dismissal of cases, prosecution before national courts, communication between EPPO, court and defence, simplified prosecution procedure and the judicial review.

Timeline

- Duration of the project: 1 April 2020 - 31 January 2023
- Provisional timeline
 - 10 July 2020 - December 2021: **Development** of the material and E-learning courses
 - Jan 2022: **Publication** of the eLearning courses
 - 19-20 May 2022: **EPPO 1-year Anniversary Conference**, open event, Trier

Thank you for your attention!