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Background of the report

In 2012, the Commission opened an invitation to tender for a project designed to promote cooperation between judicial stakeholders concerned by European judicial training. Together with a budgetary allocation, this proposal originated in the European Parliament. Following a competitive tendering process, the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) was awarded the contract on 15 July 2013.

The principal aim of the project was to support the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) in organising its cooperation with its relevant partners and networks at the European level, such as the European Network of the Councils for the Judiciary, the Network of the Presidents of the Supreme Judicial Courts, the Association of the Councils of State and Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions and the Network of the General Prosecutors of the Supreme Judicial Courts of the European Union.

In total the EJTN and twelve partners have taken part in the project. (See section 1.6)

Methodology of the study

The principal methodology adopted by the EJTN was to establish a project steering committee composed of members of the EJTN working groups and of representatives of the project partners. (See section 1.6)

The project steering committee held in total four meetings during the execution of the project. The working language of the committee was English. (See section 5.1.1)

The main work was carried out by the EJTN Secretariat and by the partner organisations (State of play).

With the active coordination of the EJTN, the partners discussed the draft project documents during the Steering Committee meetings. The partners further analysed the proposals internally and provided their comments. The final approval of the documents has been made by the Steering Committee.

The work on the project was time limited and had to be completed over a twelve month period from inception to delivery.

In addition to delivering the final report containing the complete description of the implementation of the contract, the project also required the completion of three deliverables. (See section 1.2.2)

Deliverable one comprises a report on the state of play, providing further information about the project partner organisations. The partner organisations described in the fact sheets represent a wide range of judicial stakeholders. (See chapter 4)

Deliverable two describes the series of past and planned future meetings of the project partners. (See chapter 5)

Deliverable three provides a roadmap for the project partners setting out the main guidelines for their future cooperation. (See chapter 7)

The roadmap for future cooperation is based on a joint declaration, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the project partners, establishing the recommendations for their cooperation. (See chapter 6)

Within the framework of the project workshop organised by the European Commission, the project partners signed the Memorandum of Understanding on 27 June 2014.

Recommendations of the study

Based on the above description, the study makes a number of key recommendations on the follow-up as follows:

- The cooperation between the EJTN and the project partners will target the sharing of information in relation to training needs, the dissemination of information on training activities and the exchange of experts’ data.
- The cooperation between the EJTN and the project partners will include the creation of consortia in specific areas.
- The EJTN and some of the project partners will establish a special cooperation in order to benefit to the maximum extend from their position linked to the hierarchy of the judiciaries.
- The EJTN and the project partners will undertake all means available to raise the awareness of the added value of participation in training.
- In order to discuss matters of common interest, the EJTN will promote yearly meetings of the contact points and other representatives of the project partners.
- The EJTN will invite the heads of the project partners to its General Assembly.
- The EJTN and the project partners will adopt the necessary internal mechanisms indispensable for the good execution of the Memorandum of Understanding.

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