



Legal regulation of Intra-EU Investment Protection

Online Workshop for End-Users (Bulgarian, Dutch, Hungarian and Romanian judges and court staff)

6-7 July 2023

This project, funded by the European Commission Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (FISMA), will train launched a tender to organise a training project for justice professionals in the **legal background of intra-EU investment protection**.

The training project will be implemented by the **Academy of European Law (ERA)** in cooperation with the **Bulgarian National Institute of Justice**, the **National Office for the Judiciary of Hungary**, the **Dutch Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary (SSR)** and the **Romanian National Institute of Magistracy**.

The training project includes an introductory e-learning course on intra-EU investment protection and CJEU preliminary reference procedure, a 4-morning online course for trainers (train-the-trainers seminar), and a 1.5-day online pilot end-user seminar with selected Bulgarian, Dutch, Hungarian and Romanian judges and court staff.

The general objective of the project is to train, raise awareness and promote the dissemination among judges on the EU legal framework in the field of cross-border investment protection between EU Member States. Focus lies on the freedoms and principles protecting intra-EU investment, including free movement of capital, freedom of establishment, expropriation, protection of legitimate expectations as well as preliminary reference procedure.



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The aim of the project is to develop and organise an online training module and related material for judges and other professionals working in the justice system on cross-border investment protection between EU Member States. At the end of the training the participants will be able to:

- access and understand relevant intra-EU investment protection rules;
- reflect on practices they can adopt in their particular jurisdiction and in accordance with the relevant rules, to ensure the ethical standards of the profession are maintained;
- identify the problems that may arise in the interpretation of specific provisions in the light of hypothetical and actual cases and other considerations.

Key topics

- Freedoms and principles protecting intra-EU investment
- Free movement of capital
- Freedom of establishment
- Expropriation
- Protection of legitimate expectations
- Enforcement of investors' rights and effective judicial protection for investor rights under EU law
- Preliminary reference procedure

ERA will organise a pilot online workshop for 20-30 judges and members of court staff from 4 different Member States (Bulgaria, Hungary, the Netherlands and Romania).

When does the training take place?

The format of the training will be online using the Zoom platform.

The link will be sent to the nominated participants in advance.

The training lasts 1.5 days (from 9:00 CEST until 16:00 CEST on the first day and until 12:00 CEST on the second) on

6 - 7 July 2023.

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The training also includes a short preparatory e-learning course that can be completed in June 2023.

Who should apply for the training?

Bulgarian, Dutch, Hungarian and Romanian judges and legal court staff who have a sufficient level of understanding in the English language and are interested in investment protection can apply for the training. It is considered an advantage if the applicant already deals with or will deal with cross-border civil cases, commercial cases or insolvency cases in the future.

How to apply?

Applications can be submitted to the national judicial training institution. The national training institution will nominate 7-10 participants. Selected participants will be informed by ERA about the successful application by **12 June 2023**.

At the end of this training the participant can request a document from ERA **certifying the successful completion of the course**.

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