**Training of National Judges in EU Competition Law**

**Justice Programme**

**Technical Report and**

**Financial Report**

**Version 1**

**September 2020**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**What is the periodic report?**

The final technical and financial report is the pre-condition for receiving payment and it must be submitted by the coordinator within 60 days after the end of the action.

The purpose of this report is to demonstrate how the action co-financed under the *Justice Programme* was implemented and how it contributed to the achievement of the objectives and priorities identified in the Call for proposals *HT.5763* *Training of national judges in EU competition Law*.

The report is divided into a technical and financial report.

The technical report consists of:

* a narrative part on the work carried out and
* the Beneficiaries’ Evaluation Questionnaire

The financial report consists of:

* a summary financial statement
* detailed budget
* a report on the use of resources

**How to prepare and submit it?**

The periodic report must be prepared (by all beneficiaries together) then be submitted by the coordinator in two version:

* 1 paper copy and
* 1 electronic version on USB

You are invited to send the original copy of the final report including all the documents listed below to the following address:

By post or delivery service:

**European Commission**

**DG Competition, Directorate RUnit R2 – Finance and Internal ComplianceMADO 14/003, 1049 Brussels, Belgium**

The paper and electronic copies of the final report must contain:

1. Request for final payment
2. Technical report
3. Beneficiaries’ Evaluation Questionnaire
4. Financial Report accompanied by the Detailed Final Budget
5. Original or certified copy of duly signed attendance list of participants for each day of attendance as well as original or certified copy of duly signed attendance list of speakers, staff and interpreters
6. Original or certified copy of Participants Evaluation Questionnaires
7. Final programme of the training event(s)
8. Training materials (presentations, slides, brochures, etc.)
9. The list of speakers
10. Publications (if applicable)

**The Commission reserves the right to request any additional information and documents in order to evaluate whether the costs claimed by the Beneficiary(ies) were declared in accordance with the Grant Agreement and the eligibility conditions.**

**Each beneficiary must provide the following documents for each cost category, upon request:**

STAFF Costs [heading A.a)]

* + - Employment contract (or equivalent document):
      1. For **permanent staff**: existing contract with each staff member, clearly mentioning monthly salary and Secondment letter including description of tasks, reference to the project, duration, time allocated to the project, hourly/daily rate
      2. For **non-permanent staff** specifically recruited for the project: specific contract linked to the project with indication of tasks, reference to the project, duration, time allocated to the project, hourly/daily rate
    - Payslips (or remuneration’s receipts) / Invoices (if the staff is not on the payroll with indication of tasks, reference to the project, duration, time allocated to the project, number of hours/days worked and hourly/daily rate)
    - Timesheets or equivalent documents showing the number of working days per month and the description of the tasks. The time records should be signed at least monthly by the employees (on paper or electronically in accordance with the Beneficiary’s time recording system) authorised and signed by the project manager or another manager

TRAVEL and ACCOMMODATION expenses for staff involved in the operation, for participants and speakers and interpreters [headings A.b)]

* + - Copy of tickets clearly mentioning name of a passenger, date of travel and a price
    - For travel by car, evidence of the corresponding rail fare and declaration of the expenses
    - Proof of reimbursement if costs are not borne by the beneficiary

**Unit costs for accommodation [headings A.b)] must be applied.**

*The duly signed attendance lists will be sufficient supporting documents.*

SUBSISTENCE costs for staff involved in the operation as well as for participants, speakers and interpreters

**Unit costs for subsistence [headings A.c)] must be applied.**

*The duly signed attendance lists will be sufficient supporting documents.*

INTERPRETERS FEES [heading A.d)]

* + - Copy of the invoice clearly mentioning languages translated, hours worked, date(s) of service, amount paid

SPEAKER FEES [heading A.d)]

* + - Copy of the invoice or an equivalent document clearly mentioning hours worked, date(s) of service, amount paid

EQUIPMENT AND RENTAL COSTS [heading A.d)]

* + - Copy of the invoice. Please specify the usage rate and depreciation rule applied. You can only charge to the project the equipment's depreciated value. The direct link to the project implementation should also be presented.
    - Copy of the invoice of rental costs, clearly mentioning the item rent, the price per unit and the duration of the rent (in months/days). The direct link to the project implementation should also be described. If costs of rental of equipment are part of a service (room rental, hotel invoice), the cost should be clearly detectable.

CONSUMABLES AND SUPPLIES [heading A.d)]

* Copy of the invoice clearly mentioning the items description, quantity and price per unit.

The costs of consumables and supplies are eligible, provided that they are identifiable and exclusively used for the purpose of the project.

General office supplies (pens, paper, folders, ink cartridges, electricity supply, telephone and postal services, Internet connection time, computer software, etc.) are considered as **indirect costs [heading A.e)]**.

PUBLICATIONS and REPORTS [heading A.d)]

* + - Copy of the invoices of publications costs, clearing mentioning the price per unit and the number of items published
    - Copy invoices of editing or proof-reading or translations of texts, clearly mentioning the rate per page and the pages analysed (if any)

ANY OTHER DIRECT COSTS [heading A.d)]

* + - Copy of postage invoices clearly linked to the project
    - Proof of bank charges, clearly linked to the project
    - Accounting/audit invoices clearly linked to the project, specifying the hours/days worked and the rate per hours/day



**Training of National Judges in EU Competition Law**

# TECHNICAL REPORT

**SUMMARY**

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| **TRAINING OF NATIONAL JUDGES IN EU COMPETITION LAW** | |
| **Call reference number** |  |
| **Grant reference number** |  |
| **Title of the Action** |  |
| **Acronym** |  |
| **Name of the Beneficiary/**  **Coordinator** |  |
| **Co-Beneficiaries (for multi-beneficiaries grant agreement)**  (Name & Country) | 1)  2)  Etc. |
| **Legal Representative**  (Name and Function) |  |
| **Associate Partners (if any)**  (Name & Country) | 1)  2)  Etc. |
| **Thematic Priorities** |  |
| **Project website (if any)** |  |
| **Contact Details** | Name:  Address:  Email:  Phone: |
| **Duration of the Action**  From the Start date (Article I.2.2 of the Grant Agreement) to the end of the Action | Start date:  End date: |
| **Type and number of the event(s) / training activity(ies)** | Conference  Seminar  Workshop  Exchanges between national judges  Study visit to EU court  Training materials  Other: |
| **Date and Place of the event(s)** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Date** | **Place** | **Organiser[[1]](#footnote-1)** | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |
| **Publications** **(if any)** |  |
| **Amendments (if any)** |  |
| **Grant amount** | Amount of Total Eligible Costs:  Percentage of EU Grant:  Amount of EU Grant: |
| **Expenditure incurred** | Amount of Total Eligible Costs:  Percentage of EU Grant:  Amount of EU Grant: |
| **Total Number of Individual Participants[[2]](#footnote-2)** |  |

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| * By EU Member States | | | | | |
| Austria |  | France |  | Malta |  |
| Belgium |  | Germany |  | The Netherlands |  |
| Bulgaria |  | Greece |  | Poland |  |
| Croatia |  | Hungary |  | Portugal |  |
| Cyprus |  | Ireland |  | Romania |  |
| Czech Republic |  | Italy |  | Slovakia |  |
| Denmark[[3]](#footnote-3) |  | Latvia |  | Slovenia |  |
| Estonia |  | Lithuania |  | Spain |  |
| Finland |  | Luxembourg |  | Sweden |  |
| * By Candidate Countries | | | | | |
| Albania |  | Montenegro |  |  |  |

## Technical REport

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| **Context & overall objectives**  *Describe the context and overall objectives of the project, giving a general assessment of the results achieved in relation to the initial objectives and expected results stated in the Description of the Action (Annex 1 of the grant agreement).* | |
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| **EU competition law thematic topics**  *Describe the topics of EU competition law addressed throughout the duration of the project.* | |
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| **Work performed & main achievements**  *Describe the implemented activities, the main achievements and their impact.* | |
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| **EU added value**  *Describe the European dimension of the project and the added value resulting from the EU’s support to the project compared to what could be achieved without EU funding.*  *What are the advantages and disadvantages**of receiving funding from the European Commission compared to national funding for this type of projects?* | |
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| **Critical issues**  *Describe the problems and critical issues you have encountered (administrative, practical obstacles, difficulties with the partners, critical issues in the implementation, in reaching the target group, or in producing results, etc.) and the measures adopted to mitigate their impact on the project implementation.* | |
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| **Cooperation with the partnership (if applicable)**  *Describe how the co-beneficiary(ies) and associate partners participate in the project and what was their role in the implementation.* | |
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| **Project management & Staff involved**  *Report on changes to the overall project management concept (if any).* | |
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| **Sustainability, long-term impact & continuation**  *Report on any changes in your sustainability analysis/strategy (if any).*  *Describe the follow-up of the project after the EU financial support has ended, how the results will be used or further developed.*  *Describe the strategy to ensure sustainability of results and long-term impact. Comment on possible synergies/complementarities with other (EU funded) activities (if any).* | |
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| **Dissemination, communication and visibility of the EU funding**  *Report on the dissemination and communication activities undertaken in the framework of the project.*  *List only activities directly linked to the project explaining how the visibility of EU funding was ensured.* |
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| **Conclusions & Recommendations for the European Commission**  *Indicate lessons learned and other comments on the implementation of the project (positive and/or negative experience).*  *Indicate any recommendations and/or comments for the European Commission.* | |
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## LIST OF Activities (Training events, Workshops, Seminars, Conferences, ETC.)

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| **Organiser name** |  |  | **Training information** | | | | **Participants** | |
| **Type** | | | **Place** | **Date** | **Duration**  **(days)** | **Total Number of participants** | **Geographical scope** |
|  | [insert type, e.g. training, workshop, conference, event, etc.] | | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | By EU Member States | | | | | | | Austria |  | France |  | Malta |  | | Belgium |  | Germany |  | The Netherlands |  | | Bulgaria |  | Greece |  | Poland |  | | Croatia |  | Hungary |  | Portugal |  | | Cyprus |  | Ireland |  | Romania |  | | Czech Republic |  | Italy |  | Slovakia |  | | Denmark[[4]](#footnote-4)\* |  | Latvia |  | Slovenia |  | | Estonia |  | Lithuania |  | Spain |  | | Finland |  | Luxembourg |  | Sweden |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | By Candidate Countries | | | | | | | Albania |  | Montenegro |  |  |  | |

*Please add a row for each implemented activity*

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| **Beneficiaries' Evaluation Questionnaire** |

*Please note that this template is a standard document, thus, if a section is not applicable to your specific project please indicate with 'N/A'. When the data required to answer these questions has to be gathered from the Participants' Evaluation Questionnaire (PEQ), the corresponding question in the PEQ is indicated (e.g.* ***PEQ 1.a****).*

**1. Number of Participants' Evaluation Questionnaire (PEQ)**

Please specify the number of **Participants' Evaluation Questionnaires submitted**

**2. Content and overall evaluation of the training**

a) Based upon the questionnaires issued to the participants, what **percentage** of the judicial staff noted a "*minimal*", "*moderate*" and "*great*" improvement in their **knowledge** of EU competition law topics and policies? ***(PEQ 1.b.)***

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| **Improvement** | **% of participants** |
| Minimally |  |
| Moderately |  |
| Greatly |  |

b) Based upon the questionnaires issued to the participants, what **percentage** of the judicial staff noted a "*minimal",* "*moderate*" and "*great*" improvement in their **confidence in application/interpretation** of EU competition law topics and policies? ***(PEQ 1.c.)***

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| **Improvement** | **% of participants** |
| Minimally |  |
| Moderately |  |
| Greatly |  |

c) Based upon the questionnaire issued to the participants, what percentage of the judicial staff assessed as *“poor”*, *“good”* and *“very good”* the overall quality of the programme? ***(PEQ 1.d.)***

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| **Quality of the programme** | **% of participants** |
| Poor |  |
| Good |  |
| Very good |  |

**3. Activities & Training methodologies**

a) Please indicate which training methods were used, provided or established throughout the project and which methodologies have been considered most effective by the participants ***(PEQ 2.a.)***

b) Using the results of the questionnaire issued to the participants, what **percentage** of the judicial staff deemed these tools/methodologies to be "*useful*" or "*very useful*" in the performance of the tasks in their line of work ***(PEQ 2.b.)***

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c) Where the **sustainability** of the training tools/methodologies is based upon the will of the participants to use the knowledge gained/tools-material provided following completion of the project, using the results of questionnaire issued to the participants, indicate what **percentage** of the judicial staffare "likely" to continually use the tools ***(PEQ 2.c.)***

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d) Using the results of the questionnaire issued to the participants, to what extent, if any, do the training tools/activities foster cooperation and continual dialogue in the field of EU competition law? ***(PEQ 2.d.)***

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| **Contribution of training tools/activities to the cooperation in the field of EU competition law** | **% of participants** |
| Minimally |  |
| Moderately |  |
| Greatly |  |

**4. Organisation/Logistics/Administration Evaluation**

a) Based upon the questionnaires issued to the participants, what percentage of the judicial staff deemed the administrative, organisation and structural implementation of the project to be "*satisfactory*" or "*very satisfactory*"? ***(PEQ 3.c(i))***

b) If participants answered that they were "***unsatisfied***" what reasoning, if any, did they give? ***(PEQ 3.c(ii))***

c) What suggestions, if any, did the participants give to improve the organisation, structure or administration of the implementation of this project? ***(PEQ 3.d.)***

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| **Template request for pre-financing** |

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European Commission

Directorate‑General for Competition

Directorate R

Unit R2 – Finance and Internal Compliance

MADO 14/003

1049, Brussels - Belgium

**Reference number:** HT.XXXX, SI2.XXXX

**Subject:** Request for pre-financing

I hereby request a pre-financing payment under the Grant Agreement mentioned above.

The amount requested is XX,XXX.XX € (representing 50% of the maximum EU Commission contribution as specified in Art. I.3.).

The payment should be made to the following bank account:

Bank name

Address

Account N°

Iban

Swift/BIC code

Yours faithfully

Name of representative

Signature of legal representative

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| **Template request for final payment** |

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European Commission

Directorate General for Competition

Directorate R

Unit R2 – Finance and Internal Compliance

MADO 14/003

1049, Brussels - Belgium

**Reference number:** HT.XXXX, SI2.XXXX

**Subject:** Request for final payment

In accordance with Art I.4. of the above-mentioned Grant Agreement, I hereby request a final payment of the balance to be paid by the EU Commission.

I hereby certify that:

* the information provided in the request for payment of the balance is full, reliable and true.
* the costs incurred can be considered eligible in accordance with the Grant Agreement and that the request for payment is substantiated by adequate supporting documents that can be produced in the context of the checks or audits described in Article II.27 of the Grant Agreement.
* all the revenues generated by the action referred to in Article II.25.3 have been declared for the beneficiary and its affiliated entities other than non-profit organisations.

The amount requested is XX,XXX.XX €.

The payment should be made to the following bank account:

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Yours faithfully

Name of representative

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# FINANCIAL REPort

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***[The Detailed Budget shall be presented following the model of the grant agreement - Annex III. The table shall respect the headings and include a clear explanation of the means by which the amounts have been calculated]***

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| **Budget consumption —****Use of resources (deviations)**  *Explain deviations from the budget planning (i.e. differences between actual and planned use of resources).*  *Include explanations on transfer of cost categories in the estimated budget (if applicable).* |
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1. In case of activities organised by other beneficiaries in a multi-beneficiaries Grant Agreement. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Please indicate the number of participants referring to the target audience defined in the Call for Proposals (section 2). IMPORTANT: A participant attending, for example, two training events shall be counted only once. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Please note that the costs related to the participation of Denmark are not eligible for reimbursement). See section 2.2 of the Call for Proposals. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. \* Please note that the costs related to the participation of Denmark are not eligible for reimbursement). See section 2.2 of the Call for Proposals. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)