**Award Criteria Guidance 2016**

**A. The Evaluation of the projects will take into account the coverage of:**

1. **Two Areas**
2. **Area: Improvement of knowledge, application and interpretation of EU competition law**
3. **Area: Development of legal linguistic skills of national judges**
4. **Five priorities for training activities focussing on**
5. **State Aid**
6. **Directive 2014/104 on antitrust damages actions**
7. **Economic principles of competition law**
8. **Interface between European competition law and new developments in e-commerce and/or intellectual property laws**
9. **Development of legal linguistic skills**
10. **Three preferences when assessing the projects:**
    1. **Trainings foreseeing consecutive levels, building up one on another**
    2. **Trainings which not simply duplicate/overlap existing/planned training material or existing/future projects of other training providers at national level, but that act in complementarity or that innovate**
    3. **Trainings addressing judges from several member states in one training and thus encourage networking**

**B. The award criteria for the projects (total max. 100 points)**

1. **Relevance of the objectives and the subject matter (max. 40 points)**

Inter alia: compliance of the project with the objectives of the call looking into the  
Areas/Priorities/Preferences and the European added value

1. **Intrinsic quality of the project (max. 20 points)**

Inter alia: methodology/ goals/ quality of speakers and action/ timing/ marketing and   
targeting addressees' needs

1. **Geographical scope and expected results, dissemination and sustainability (max. 15 points)**

Inter alia: geographic impact, involved number of nationalities and jurisdictions/ achievability of results/ dissemination/ shared and sustainable learning material

1. **Cost-effectiveness (max. 25 points)**

Inter alia: reasonable budget in view of: expected results, a cost per day/judge basis, the ratio between speakers' fee and overall costs of the project (in particular in view of the cost coverage foreseen for participants)

**C. Relevant minimum score for Grants**

**Projects have to reach a minimum overall score of 60 points and at least 50% of the points available under criterions I., II. and IV.**

**Departing from these thresholds and within the limits of the available budget, the Evaluation Committee will establish a ranking of the projects eligible for co-financing under the Call 2016.**

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