



Instruments of Mutual Recognition: The EAW and EIO in practice

Training for Defence Lawyers

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Key topics

- The range of EU mutual recognition instruments and how they interact
- Practitioners' insights into the use of the European Arrest Warrant
- Gathering evidence through the European Investigation Order and its implications for the defence
- CJEU case law
- Double defence: Representing a client in European Arrest Warrant and other cross-border proceedings
- Equality of arms through a strong network of defence lawyers in Europe

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English

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Organisers
ERA (Cornelia Riehle) in cooperation with the Budapest Bar Association



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08:45 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 **Welcome and introduction to the programme**
Representative of Budapest Bar Association & Cornelia Riehle (ERA)

PART I: Understanding mutual recognition

Chair: Cornelia Riehle

09:05 **The range of EU mutual recognition instruments and how they interact**

- Instruments of mutual recognition
- EU Agencies and Networks supporting the judiciary
- Other law enforcement measures

Silvia Allegrezza

09:45 **Mutual recognition from the perspective of the defence**

- The roadmap for strengthening procedural rights
- Equality of arms through a strong network of defence lawyers in Europe
- Support offered by the CCBE, ECBA, and other networks
- Available websites, tools, and handbooks

Holger Matt

10:30 Discussion

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 **A case example: legal remedies and procedural safeguards in the EU**

- The jurisdiction and role of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) in dealing with criminal matters
- The preliminary reference procedure
- Violation of directives

Gábor A. Szűcs

12:15 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

PART II: The EAW

Chair: Holger Matt

13:45 **The EAW and how it functions as an instrument of mutual recognition**

- Scope and content of the Framework Decision
- General principles and distinctive features
- Issuing and executing EAWs
- Double criminality
- Grounds for refusal to execute
- CJEU case law affecting its use

Silvia Allegrezza

14:30 **A lawyer's role in EAW proceedings**

- Appointment of the lawyer
- The role of the lawyer in the issuing state
- Deficits in EAW proceedings: access to case files
- Defence and procedural rights

Katarzyna Dąbrowska

15:15 Coffee break

Objective

This seminar will focus on the main EU mutual recognition instruments in criminal matters from the perspective of the defence. The seminar will show how best to represent a client in European Arrest Warrant and other cross-border proceedings. It will explain the legal instrument and consider the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) that has influenced its operation, as well as the issues of mutual trust and recognition of judicial decisions in the context of the use of the EAW. Insights will be shared from practitioners familiar with the instrument who have been involved in EAW proceedings. The gathering of evidence through the European Investigation Order (EIO) and its implications for the defence will also be explained. Practical cases on the EIO will illustrate the active involvement of defence counsel in the EIO process. Participants will have the opportunity to meet and network with colleagues from across the EU.

About the Project

Training defence lawyers with special regard to European criminal law has gained more and more importance in recent years. Hence, this seminar is part of a large-scale project co-financed by the European Commission entitled "European Criminal Law for Defence Lawyers". Fifteen interactive, practice-oriented activities will be implemented within this project ranging from face-to-face seminars and conferences to webinars and eLearning courses. For more information, see: <https://training-for-defence.era.int/>

Who should attend?

Defence lawyers, who are citizens of eligible EU Member States participating in the EU Justice Programme (Denmark does not participate), Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo* and Ukraine.

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Venue

Budapest Bar Association
Szalay utca 7.
1055 Budapest

15:45 **Workshop: how is a defence lawyer involved in an EAW case?**
In two groups, participants will work on two different cases. The cases will illustrate the cross-border cooperation between two defence lawyers retained or appointed in an EAW case.
Katarzyna Dąbrowska

16:45 End of the first day

19:30 Dinner offered by the organisers

Friday, 26 September 2025

PART III: The EIO

Chair: Katarzyna Dąbrowska

09:00 **Practical issues concerning the European Investigation Order**
Scope – issuing and executing – filling in the form – CJEU case law and the EncroChat case
Silvia Allegrezza

09:45 **Gathering of evidence thorough the European Investigation Order (EIO): implications for the defence**
María Barbancho

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **Workshop: practical cases on the EIO**
In two groups, participants will work on practical cases illustrating the active involvement of defence lawyers in the EIO process.
María Barbancho

12:00 **The new e-evidence dossier of the EU: Regulation (EU) 2023/1543, the European Production and Preservation Orders, and the involvement of service providers**
Sándor Ésik

12:30 Closing
Cornelia Riehle

12:45 End of the seminar

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Terms and conditions of participation

Selection

1. Participation is only open to lawyers in private practice from eligible EU Member States (Denmark does not participate in this EU Justice Programme), Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo* and Ukraine.

The number of open places available is limited (10 places). Participation will be subject to a selection procedure. Selection will be according to professional eligibility, nationality and then "first come, first served".

Interested defence lawyers from Croatia should apply via the Croatian Bar Association.
Interested defence lawyers from Hungary should apply via the Budapest Bar Association.
Interested defence lawyers from Latvia should apply via the Latvian Council of Sworn Advocates.
Interested defence lawyers from Lithuania should apply via the Lithuanian Bar Association.
Interested defence lawyers from Portugal should apply via the Portuguese Bar Association.
Interested defence lawyers from Spain should apply via ICAB.

2. Applications should be submitted before **6 July 2025**.
3. A response will be sent to every applicant after this deadline. **We advise you not to book any travel or accommodation before you receive our confirmation.**

Registration Fee

4. €110 including documentation, coffee breaks, lunch and dinner.

Travel and Accommodation Expenses

5. Participants will receive a fixed contribution towards their travel and accommodation expenses and are asked to book their own travel and accommodation. **The condition for payment of this contribution is to sign all attendance sheets at the event.** The amount of the contribution will be determined by the EU unit cost calculation guidelines, which are based on the distance from the participant's place of work to the seminar location and will not take account of the participant's actual travel and accommodation costs.
6. Travel costs from outside Hungary: participants can calculate the contribution to which they will be entitled on the European Commission website (<https://era-comm.eu/go/calculator>, table 2). The distance should be calculated from their place of work to the seminar location.
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10. Successful applicants will be sent the relevant claim form and information on how to obtain payment of the contribution to their expenses. Please note that no payment is possible if the registered participant cancels their participation for any reason.

Participation

11. Participation at the whole seminar is required and participants will be asked to sign attendance sheets daily.
12. A list of participants including each participant's address will be made available to all participants unless ERA receives written objection from the participant no later than one week prior to the beginning of the event.
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