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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
**TRAINING OF
NATIONAL JUDGES IN
EU COMPETITION LAW**

SUMMARY

Following the successful organization of the five previous annual editions, the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) at the European University Institute (EUI) welcomes applications from judges of EU Member States to participate in ENTraNCE 2016, a project co-financed by the Directorate General for Competition of the European Commission.

ENTraNCE is a training programme for **52 national judges from EU Member States** interested in deepening their knowledge and sharing their experience in EU competition law enforcement. ENTraNCE 2016 provides an introduction to EU competition for judges who are less familiar with the subject. In addition, ENTraNCE 2016 focuses on the new Damages Directive 2014/104/EU, in particular on the role played by national courts in ordering the disclosure of certain documents in the context of competition law proceedings.

ENTraNCE 2016 is thus suitable both for judges who are beginners in EU competition law, as well as for judges who already have experience in this field.

ENTraNCE 2016 includes a **new individual coaching service** to support the participants to overcome difficulties with practical competition law and competition economics issues

The requirements to apply are:

1. Having the nationality of one eligible EU Member State¹;
2. Working as a judge in a national court of one EU Member State in the area of civil law;
3. Good knowledge of English.

Participation in ENTraNCE 2016 is free of charge. Tuition fees, travel and accommodation costs in Florence for the selected participants will be covered by the project.

Judges who have participated in previous editions of ENTraNCE are eligible to apply for ENTraNCE 2016. In the selection process, however, priority will be given to judges who have never attended the training programme in the past.

APPLICATION

Judges interested in participating in ENTraNCE 2016 can apply online **by 31 May 2015:**

http://www.rscas.org/registration_form/?p=1619

Applicants need to “create an account”, before submitting the online application for ENTraNCE 2016.

¹ Judges from Denmark, United Kingdom and from the EU candidate countries are not eligible to participate.

AGENDA

- **July - September 2015:** online preparatory activities
- **1 - 3 October 2015:** 3 days residential training in Florence

Main topics:

- i. Introduction to EU competition law (Art. 101-102 TFEU)
 - ii. Private enforcement of EU competition law
 - iii. The new Damages Directive 2014/104/EU
 - iv. Disclosure of documents by national courts in competition law proceedings
- **October 2015 – April 2016:** online activities through user-friendly platform. Participants will use the platform to compare the national cases of application of the competition law through a guided online forum of discussion and analysis of case studies.
 - **19 – 21 May 2016:** 3 days final workshop in Florence
Final roundtable to discuss national experiences in the enforcement of the competition law.
 - **June 2016:** online follow-up activities.