The exchange programme

**LAWYEREX** is the exchange programme for lawyers set up in 2017 by ELF and co-funded by the EU. It offers the chance to EU lawyers to work for two weeks in law firms abroad and gain first-hand experience of how a different EU legal system works in practice.

Due to the health crisis caused by the pandemic, the project has moved to an online format, where each partner country presents the main elements of its legal system through short sessions on the following topics: a) normative framework and judicial structure b) civil procedural law and c) criminal procedural law.

Below is the schedule of the upcoming events:
Criminal lawyers are not always familiar with the EU legal instruments for the protection of suspects and accused persons or the European Arrest Warrant procedure. That is why the CRIMILAW project is implemented: to bring together, raise awareness and train 360 lawyers from 7 EU Member States on the right of access to a lawyer, the presumption of innocence and the right to legal aid.

Due to Covid-19, the initial cross-border events were converted into 2-week online courses and the result of this transition went far beyond our expectations: 167 criminal lawyers across 7 EU Member States completed the first two courses (April 2021 and June 2021) and rated their experience with an average of 4.70 out of 5.

Participants praised the new training format as the best possible alternative to the physical events, because not only did it enable them to receive high-quality training by the most experienced criminal law experts, but it also offered them the opportunity to easily interact with their counterparts from other countries.

The chart below shows the number of lawyers trained so far in the project per nationality.
Between April and June 2021, one train-the-trainers and three regional training events on AML/CTF took place. The events had been planned with an in-person format but, due to Covid-19, they were converted into webinars.

All three regional events had an identical programme and the speakers were top-rank experts on AML/CTF rules at EU level. The three events were recorded and can be viewed through the project’s dedicated website.

The AML website also contains useful material such as the user’s manual and presentations from the three regional events, which can be freely consulted here.

In total, 1030 lawyers and 49 trainers were trained during the four AML events.

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