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Brussels, Belgium, 20 October 2011 – ENCJ confirms the importance of Judicial Training in EU Law

The European Network of Councils for the Judiciary (ENCJ) underlines the message of the European Commission in their recent communication on European Judicial Training.

The ENCJ reiterates that the creation of a Common Area for Justice and the strengthening of mutual confidence can only be achieved through a well thought-out programme for judicial training, which includes training in EU law and understanding of national judicial systems. The achievement of an optimum level of judicial training is primarily the responsibility of Member States and is the shared responsibility of the executive and the judiciary, with the judiciary being responsible for ensuring that the actual training is carried out effectively and independently.

The ENCJ calls upon the relevant actors to ensure that courses for judges, prosecutors and court staff also include relevant EU law and time for training be guaranteed to the practitioner. As time spent on training should be looked upon as an investment in the quality of justice resources should be made available on the national level. The ENCJ agrees with the European Commission that particular emphasis should be given to training of younger judges.

The ENCJ stresses that the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) and the national training institutes are indispensable in reaching the goals set out by the European Commission.

The ENCJ is fully committed to contribute to these goals as well and calls upon its Members to support and initiate actions that may add to the judges of Europe becoming European judges.

The press release and the text of the European Commission's communication can be found on DG Justice's website at : http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/news/20110913_en.htm

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