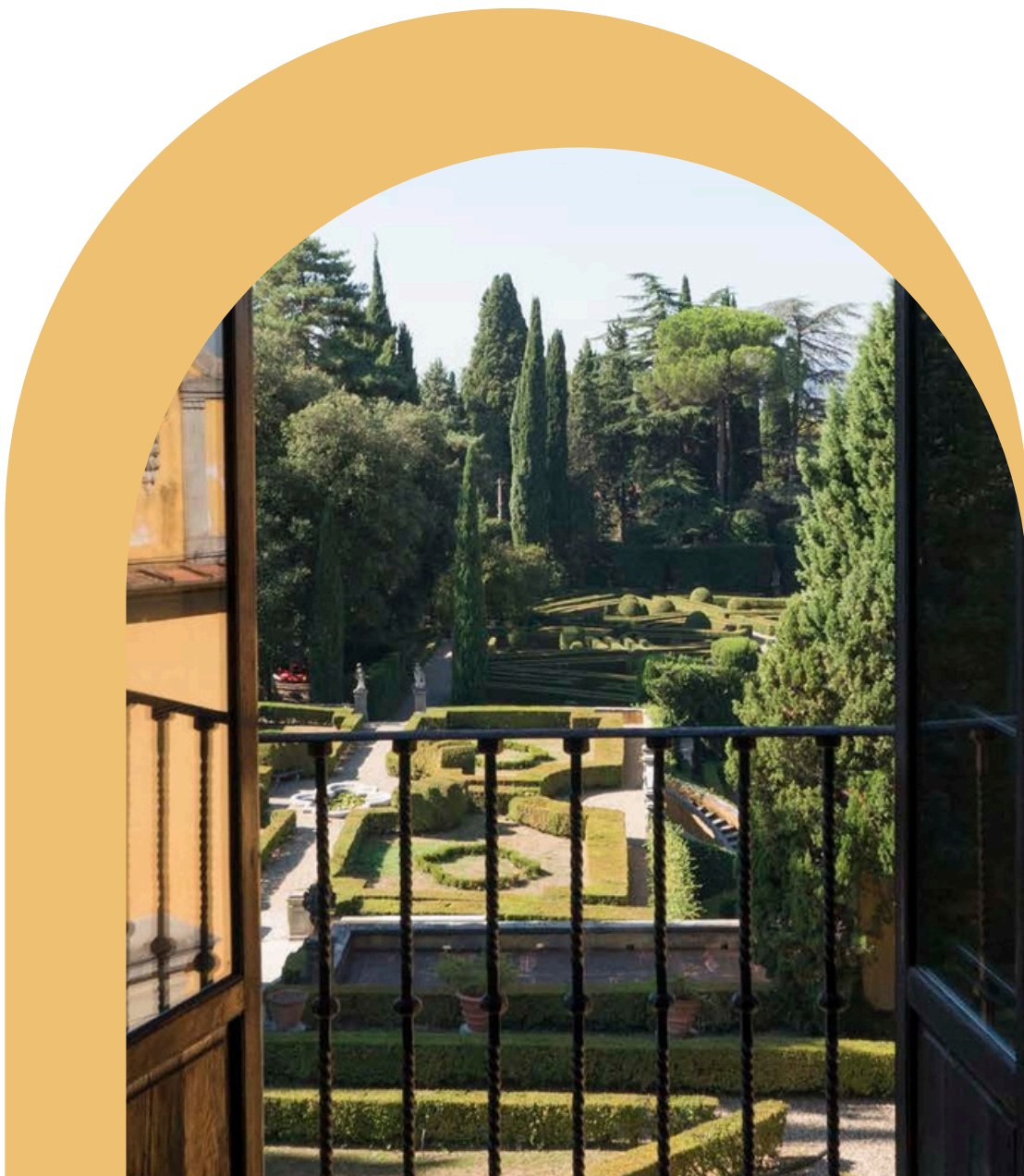


ENTraNCE TRAINING OF NATIONAL JUDGES IN EU COMPETITION LAW 2025 EDITION



SUMMARY

Following the successful organization of the fourteen previous editions, the Centre for a Digital Society (CDS) at the European University Institute (EUI) welcomes applications from judges of EU Member States to participate in ENTraNCE for Judges 2025, a project co-financed by the Directorate-General for Competition of the European Commission.

ENTraNCE for Judges is a training course addressed to 26 national judges from EU Member States interested in deepening their knowledge and sharing experience on recent developments in the interplay between intellectual property ('IP') rights and EU competition rules.

Key features of the 2025 programme:

1. Residential training at the EUI campus in Florence: all selected judges attend three days of advanced training on the recent developments on both cross-cutting IP and EU competition law issues and sector-specific ones of the highly innovative industries;
2. Interactive classes featuring frontal lectures and group exercises under the lead of prominent competition scholars with an interdisciplinary approach in law and economics;
3. Online activities: participants access background materials, including readings and lectures recordings on a dedicated e-learning platform;
4. Coaching: the ENTraNCE scientific team supports individual participants who have theoretical and practical questions concerning real competition law issues;
5. Final Workshop: all selected judges will be invited to attend the Final Workshop in person, at the premises of the European University Institute at Badia Fiesolana in Florence. During the workshop, the selected participants will present a case note summarizing a national ruling in the field of EU competition law.

ENTraNCE for Judges 2025 is suitable for administrative judges who are confronted with IP and competition law issues in reviewing the decisions of national competition authorities ('NCA') sanctioning. It is also ideal for judges from civil and criminal courts who deal with so-called euro-defenses in IP law disputes.

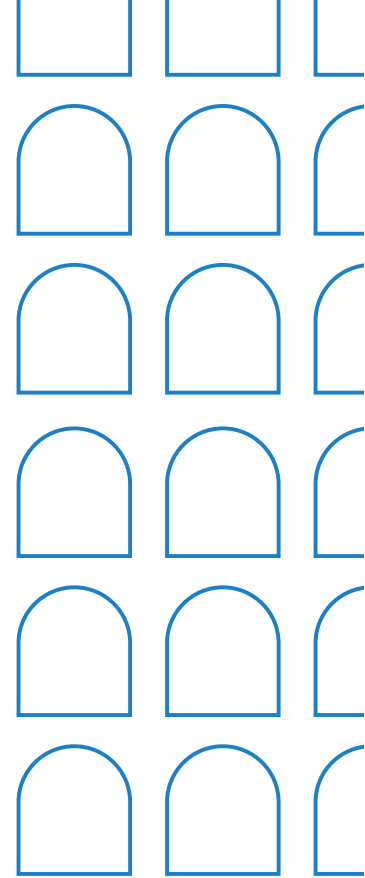
Requirements

Nationality of EU member States. Judges from Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein, as well as from Kosovo, Montenegro and the Republic of North Macedonia are also eligible to apply.

Funding

Participation in ENTraNCE for Judges 2025 is free of charge. The project will cover travel and accommodation costs for all selected participants.





AGENDA

- **December 2024 - February 2025:** e-learning activities.
- **5 - 7 March 2025:** Three-days residential training in Florence.
Main topics:
 - 1.The complementary interplay of IP rights and Competition Law
 - 2.Agreements involving IP rights
 - 3.IP-related dominance abuses
- **24 - 26 September 2025:** Final workshop at the European University Institute, Florence
- **October 2025:** online follow-up activities.

APPLICATION

Judges interested in participating in ENTraNCE for Judges 2025 can apply online.

[Apply Here](#)

Deadline 30 November 2024

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