



TRAFUT (Training for the Future)

EULITA – the European Legal Interpreters and Translators Association – was founded in the course of a project under the EU Criminal Justice Programme (JLS/2007/JPEN/249) in November 2009. Its action programme for the years 2011 to 2013 will focus on implementing the TRAFUT (Training for the Future) project, for which EU funding has been obtained in March 2011.

The TRAFUT project will be EULITA's contribution towards the implementation of the EU Directive on the right to interpretation and translation in criminal proceedings (OJL 280/1 of 26 October 2010). In the course of four regional workshops the main features of the Directive will be presented and discussed with the other judicial stakeholders, i.e.

- the training of legal interpreters and translators,
- the qualifications of legal interpreters and translators and their admission to national/regional registers, as well as the creation and management of national/regional registers,
- best practices for the cooperation between legal interpreters and translators and the other judicial stakeholders (judges, prosecutors, judicial staff, police authorities, lawyers, professional associations of legal interpreters and translators, etc.),
- various aspects of legal interpretation and translation (EAW, video-conference interpreting, sign-language interpreting, etc.).

EULITA is of the opinion that early cooperation and coordination between legal interpreters and translators and the other stakeholders in the judicial arena will make a constructive contribution towards the practical implementation of the EU Directive on the right to interpretation and translation.

The plans for an EU database of legal interpreters and translators in each of the 27 Member States, which is to feature on the e-justice portal, can only be put into practice if the EU Directive on the right to interpretation and translation in criminal proceedings is transposed expediently and in a coordinated manner. An EU database of legal interpreters and translators must be based on the requirements of the Directive and must ensure that standards in the individual EU Member States are comparable.

For more information about the TRAFUT project please contact the EULITA Executive Committee at info@eulita.eu.

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