

## **BREAKING THE BARRIERS 1ST NEWSLETTER, OCTOBER 2021**

Welcome to the first issue of the Breaking the Barriers newsletter! This newsletter aims to share information on EU criminal law with justice professionals across the European Union. Follow our website <https://www.breakingthebarriers.eu/> to receive the newsletter fresh from the press and get regular updates on the project activities, including cross-border training activities for judicial trainers, judges, and prosecutors, resources on procedural safeguards for suspects and accused persons in criminal proceedings, transnational conferences, and more!

A new issue of the newsletter will circulate at the end of the year.

**Are you a judge or prosecutor or judicial trainer involved in criminal justice in Greece, Spain, Austria or Germany? Then you might be interested in the transnational training seminars for trainee and for acting judges and prosecutors, that will take place in November at the Greek National School of the Judiciary, in Thessaloniki, Greece. The seminars will be interactive and practice oriented, and will offer easy linguistic access through simultaneous interpretation in the national languages of the above-mentioned Member States. An online option will be available for participants who do not wish to travel.**

**An invitation will be published soon, stay tuned!**

## BREAKING THE BARRIERS PROJECT

“Breaking the Barriers” strengthens procedural rights established in the EU ‘Roadmap’ Directives (access to a lawyer, legal aid, presumption of innocence, procedural safeguards for children) through the training of judges and prosecutors with limited participation in international trainings due to language barriers. The project promotes judicial cooperation and mutual learning through interactive, experiential training for judges and prosecutors, emphasizing their role as the primary implementers of EU law.

Learn more about the project’s objectives and activities:  
<https://www.breakingthebarriers.eu/>



## MEET THE PARTNERS

The project is implemented by a consortium of research institutions and judicial schools from Greece, Spain and Austria. Specifically, the project is implemented by the Centre for European Constitutional Law (Greece), the Spanish Judicial School - Escuela Judicial Del Consejo General Del Poder Judicial (Spain) and the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights (Austria) and is actively supported by the National School of Judges of Greece and the Federal Ministry of Justice of Austria.

A team of expert judges and prosecutors has created an interactive training curriculum, based on the real needs and issues encountered by criminal justice professionals in practice. The curriculum is being piloted on trainee and acting judges and prosecutors in the partner countries.

Case studies on real-life cases of the CJEU and ECtHR, as well as a moot court simulation example will help trainees put their theoretical knowledge into practice!

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND:

- A comprehensive Training Needs Assessment Report for Austria, Greece, and Spain.
- Three sets of tailored, current, practical training material on procedural rights for
  - Ø Trainers
  - Ø Acting judges and prosecutors
  - Ø Trainee judges and prosecutors

Available in 4 languages (EN, GR, DE, ES)

- A Booklet on the Directives, also available in 4 languages (EN, GR, DE, ES).

We invite you to join our training and utilise the training material.



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