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DIRECTORATUL GENERAL DE JUSTIȚIE
PROGRAM DE FINANTARE: Civil Justice „Action Grants” 2013
TITLUL PROIECTULUI: „Judicial Intercultural Communication in Family Mediation”

NOTICE FOR SELECTION OF SHORT TERM EXPERTS/SPEAKERS

Craiova Court of Appeal is searching for short-term experts/speakers to implement the action "Organizing 4 workshops regarding **Directive 2008/52/EC and family mediation referred to in Regulation (EC) 2201/2003, concerning divorce and parental custody matters "Brussels IIa Regulation"**, organised within the project " Judicial Intercultural Communication in Family Mediation ", financed by the European Commission.

The project is implemented by Craiova Court of Appeal, Romania as Co-ordinator, in partnership with Cluj Court of Appeal (Romania), Timisoara Court of Appeal (Romania), County Court of Rijeka (Croatia), Differenza Donna (Italy) and Sofia City Court (Bulgaria).

The experts/speakers will be selected so as to correspond to specific project activities and terms of reference described below.

One major objective of the project is to identify the specific problems arising in practice from cultural and psychological differences, diversity of traditions and mentality between European citizens. Therefore priority will be given to sociologists and mediators.



CVs should be submitted in Romanian or English.

Deadline for submission: 25.04.2014.

CVs can be sent to:

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- or may be submitted directly to the project office located 5A Constantin Brancusi street.



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Call for eight experts from EU member states

Title of the project: JUST/2013/JCIV/AG/4628 “Judicial Intercultural Communication in Family Mediation”

Co-ordinator: Craiova Court of Appeal (Romania)

Co-beneficiaries: Cluj Court of Appeal (RO), Timisoara Court of Appeal (RO), County Court of Rijeka (HR), Differenza Donna (IT)

Associated Partners: Sofia City Court (BG)

Title of the position: 8 experts / speakers to give presentations regarding the Directive 2008/52/EC and family mediation referred to in Regulation (EC) 2201/2003, concerning divorce and parental custody matters "Brussels IIa Regulation"

Number of positions: 8 (2 experts/speakers per each workshop)

Location and period:

1. Bulgaria (Sofia): 02 – 05 June 2014;
2. Romania (Cluj-Napoca): 30 June – 03 July 2014;
3. Croatia (Rijeka): 22 – 25 September 2014;
4. Italy (Rome): 20 – 23 October 2014.

1. Project description

The project aims at improving judicial cooperation in civil matters between national judges and overcome the difficulties arising in practice in relation to family mediation in cross-border proceedings, by organizing a series of workshops addressed to judges and other legal practitioners, that will provide the opportunity to identify the main common difficulties that legal practitioners encounter in practice and identify viable solutions for a better enforcement of the legal instruments adopted at European level.

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result, the project will meet the need of magistrates and other legal practitioners to determine and to overcome the main issues and problems encountered in family cross-border mediation matters. The partnership is formed of Craiova Court of Appeal, Romania (Co-ordinator), Cluj Court of Appeal, Romania (Co-beneficiary 1), Timisoara Court of Appeal, Romania (Co-beneficiary 2), County Court of Rijeka, Croatia (Co-beneficiary 3), Differenza Donna, Italy (Co-beneficiary 4), Sofia City Court, Bulgaria (Associate partner) as partners.

The implementation period of the project is 12 months and it consists in:

- organizing 4 workshops, 1 in Romania, 1 in Bulgaria, 1 in Croatia and 1 in Italy, where judges will learn about mediation referred to in Directive 2008/52/EC and family mediation referred to in Regulation (EC) 2201/2003, concerning divorce and parental custody matters "Brussels IIa Regulation";
- creating a guidebook for magistrates and a brochure for promoting mediation among European citizens.

Each workshop lasts for 4 days, it will be conducted by international experts (one trainer and two speakers) and it will be divided into a theoretical module and an intensive practical one. The first module will focus on theoretical aspects of Directive 2008/52/EC, the Regulation (EC) 2201/2003 and their implementation into national legislation, difficulties, methods, solutions and proposals for improvements in the field. There will be presentations of statistic data on mediation in general and mediation in family disputes in particular, which will be analyzed by specialists: sociologists, judges, lawyers, mediators. The practical module will focus on: Mutual learning, exchange of good practices on the quality of mediation services, in general, and guarantee of fair procedures, recognition and enforcement of mediation agreements signed into a different state and of the court orders they are based on, in particular; Presentations and analysis of actual situations regarding the implementation and promotion of cross-border mediation; Presentations of specific situations based on the expertise of sociologists, mediators, lawyers; Roll-plays on mediation in cross-border cases, simulated hearings with the purpose of recommending the parties to try mediation or going to an information session; debates; case studies; video presentations.

The target group is formed of approx. 100 judges and other legal practitioners (25 participants/workshop).



2. Specific tasks

2.1. Preparation of presentations or training material regarding Directive 2008/52/EC and family mediation referred to in Regulation (EC) 2201/2003, concerning divorce and parental custody matters "Brussels IIa Regulation", respecting the agenda elaborated by the trainer.

2.2. Deliver the presentations or training material during the workshops.

3. Time frame and schedule

The workshops will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria (4 days), Cluj-Napoca, Romania (4 days), Rijeka, Croatia (4 days) and Rome, Italy (4 days).

A total of maximum 1 working day will be required for the progress of the each expert/speaker.

4. Profile of experts and qualifications

- Fluency in Bulgarian, Romanian, Croatian or Italian; excellent communication and drafting skills
- Minimum 3 years practical experience in mediation (not compulsory);
- In-depth knowledge of the EU standards relevant to the specific area.

