

## THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Founded in 1958 under the name of “*National centre of judicial studies*”, the Ecole nationale de la magistrature (ENM) is the only school for the training of the judiciary whether they are judges or public prosecutors. It deals with initial and on-going training.

The ENM is a public institution under the supervision of the Ministry of Justice, administered by a board whose chairman is the President of the Court of cassation (The French Supreme Court).

The School has a panel of permanent professors and usually requires temporary lecturers chosen among personalities and qualified experts for their skills and knowledge in technical fields.

The service is called “Sous-direction du Département international” (SDDI). i.e. international department.

The SDDI is in charge of all the international activities of the ENM. The direction of initial training in Bordeaux sets up many actions with an international orientation for the students of the ENM called “*auditeurs*”. The last year, about 50 of them in the framework of their external training period spend two and a half months abroad in an international organisation, an embassy, or a co-operation service or even institutions of judicial training with which ENM has signed partner agreements. Participating to Grotius programs financed by the European commission, the ENM gives some students the opportunity to work on issues defined with their colleagues of European judicial schools.

On-going training offers the French judiciary various sessions in the catalogue published each year. Those actions allow them to meet foreign magistrates. They are organised in seminars or specific colloquia getting benefit of European programs. More and more those actions will be integrated into the European network of judicial training (EJTN) of which ENM is a major partner. It is also possible for a French magistrate to propose individually a study issue and research abroad for which it will be likely to get the help of the ENM.

The SDDI is a small team of 7 people. The ENM is more than an institution exporting judicial techniques and educational know how. It aims at delivering a judicial culture where ethic and deontology are the core of the actions of the prosecutors and the judges.

The current catalogue only contains training sessions in France. Throughout the year, the SDDI organises other sessions in France. Actually every year actions are developed towards various partners. In so far as they cannot be programmed in advance some actions are published separately.

Moreover the ENM has developed a lot of training actions abroad. Those trainings are included in global programmes defined in common with each country or partner institution. Those programmes endeavour to define information between training in France and training abroad in order to set up global co-operation on common issues with a view of mutual respect and exchange.

As a conclusion, a lot of foreign magistrates benefit from training actions organised by the SDDI each year.

Thus the School has developed specific co-operation actions founded on the core principles of human rights, the independence and the responsibility of the judiciary. To put it in a nutshell, the international role of ENM can be conveyed through various channels : technical assistance to foreign training institutes already created or in the making, attendance of foreign magistrates to thematic seminars in France, organisation of mission or teaching abroad, expertise or audit of the training in the frame-work of bilateral projects, twinning or call for tenders on multilateral financing by the European Union or international organisations.

## **CALENDAR OF TRAINING ACTIONS IN 2008**

### **GENERAL TRAINING SESSIONS**

#### **CYCLE OF INITIAL TRAINING**

28<sup>th</sup> January 2008- 5<sup>th</sup> February 2010 (Provisional closing date of cycle, likely to be modified within the framework of the reform of initial training )

#### **KNOWLEDGE OF THE FRENCH JUDICIARY**

14<sup>th</sup> January-14<sup>th</sup> March 2008

#### **PRESENTATION OF FRENCH JUDICIAL INSTITUTIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008

### **SPECIAL SESSIONS**

#### **TRAINING OF TRAINERS CYCLE**

25<sup>th</sup> March-4<sup>th</sup> April 2008

And 15<sup>th</sup> September- 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008

#### **TEACHING METHODS AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUDICIARY TRAINING INSTITUTES**

#### **ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS**

17<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> November 2008