

Cooperation and Communication in European Cross-Border Insolvency Cases

Judges invited for Judicial Training Sessions

Over the last years Europe has faced a strong increase of cross-border insolvency cases. To improve cooperation between courts in different Member States in these cases, Leiden Law School and Nottingham Law School have been working on what is called the '*EU Cross-Border Insolvency Court-to-Court Cooperation Principles and Guidelines*' (['JudgeCo Project'](#)). The project is funded by the European Commission and the International Insolvency Institute (III). The aim of the project is to develop non-binding Principles and Guidelines for cross-border communications and cooperation in insolvency cases between courts within the European Union. In July 2014, the Final Public Draft of the Principles and Guidelines has been published. This draft is now open for public consultation and will be used for judicial discussion and training that will take place between October and December 2014.

Professors Bob Wessels (Leiden) and Paul Omar (Nottingham) act as reporters for the JudgeCo Project and are assisted by a group of some forty insolvency experts, including twenty judges from across Europe.

Judicial Training Sessions

As of October 2014 training sessions will take place in several cities across Europe, such as Amsterdam and Warsaw and two or three other cities, still to be decided. First instance judges deciding on matters of insolvency are offered the chance to participate in a two-day interactive training. These training sessions enable judges to test the *EU Cross-Border Insolvency Court-to-Court Cooperation Principles and Guidelines* and provide comments as to their usefulness in practice. Also, it allows judges to enlarge their European network and to discuss other pending issues with colleagues.

Once accepted as participant, travel and accommodation costs are covered by the project, [click here for more information](#). Interested judges can express their interest by e-mail at: judgeco@law.leidenuniv.nl.

Reviewing the Principles and Guidelines

The reporters welcome all comments on the Final Public Draft of the JudgeCo Principles and Guidelines by 15 October 2014. The Principles and Guidelines can be [downloaded here](#).