# EJTN info session on THEMIS Competition 2023 TH/2023

## online 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023





With financial support from the Justice Programme of the European Union

# **Outline:**

- 1. Presentation of THEMIS Competition
- 2. THEMIS Competition 2023 Semi-Finals
- 3. Questions?



#### **1. Presentation of THEMIS Competition**

The highly acclaimed THEMIS Competition, open to future EU magistrates undergoing entry level training, is an event for debating topics, sharing common values, exchanging new experiences, discussing new perspectives and practicing judicial skills.



- <u>Who:</u> For EJTN Member and Observers' training institutions and schools
- <u>Participants:</u> judicial trainee judges or prosecutors (initial training for no more than 2 years) / first year of service
- Team: 3 trainees & 1 tutor
- What: 4 Semi-Finals & 1 Grand Final
- <u>Video: watch here</u>



**1. Presentation of THEMIS Competition** 

**Registration 2023** 

- 1 team per institution per Semi-Final
- 1 extra team per institution per Semi-Final can be on the reserve list
- Applications are treated by the EJTN Secretariat according to the date they are received and completed
- Deadline: 6 March 2023 (OSP and Registration Form)



**1. Presentation of THEMIS Competition** 

## Financial: EJTN Corporate Financial Policy 2023

- Reimbursement of transport (up to 500 € aller/retour)
- Daily allowance per full day covering accommodation and meals (per diem based on country rate CFP)
- Exception policy?
- Prepayment of per diem
- Reimbursement based on invoices and documents



2. THEMIS Competition 2023 Semi-Finals

Semi-Final A: **EU and European Criminal Law** 15-19 May 2023 – Budapest, Hungary



Semi-Final C: **EU and European Civil Law** 13-16 June 2023 - Budapest, Hungary



Semi-Final B: **EU and European Family Law** 5-9 June 2023 – Naples, Italy



Semi-Final D: Judicial Ethics and Professional Conduct 3-7 July 2023 – Krakow, Poland





2. THEMIS Competition 2023 Semi-Finals

### Semi-Finals structure:

- <u>Paper:</u> 20 pages, **new ideas, critical appreciations** or **proposals**
- <u>Deadline</u>: send **4 weeks before day 1** of the semi-final to EJTN PM
- Presentation: 30 minutes "everything goes"
- Jury discussion: 45 minutes







2. THEMIS Competition 2023 Semi-Finals

#### Semi-Final approach:

- European Union Law
- European Comparative Law
- Court of Justice of the European Union
- European Court of Human Rights







2. THEMIS Competition 2023 Semi-Finals

Semi-Final A: EU and European Criminal Law - 15-19 May 2023 – Budapest

- European Arrest Warrant
- Environmental Crimes
- Right to silence
- Ne bis in idem
- Habeas corpus under EU law
- ECJ vs. ECtHR on criminal issues
- AI and criminal offences
- Sanctions vs. administrative measures
- National law vs. European criminal law
- Harmonisation of criminal sanctions
- Sanctions regimes



2. THEMIS Competition 2023 Semi-Finals

### Semi-Final B: EU and European Family Law

- Age assessment
- Hearing of children
- Rainbow marriage and family relations under EU Law
- Right to family life
- ECJ jurisprudence on family law
- Marriage and divorce in the EU
- Right to family reunion
- Freedom of movement and Family life
- "Panchareva"-ruling



2. THEMIS Competition 2023 Semi-Finals

### Semi-Final C: EU and European Civil Law

- European Account Freezing orders
- Locus standi before the ECJ / ECtHR
- The lawyer under EU law
- Environmental law
- State liability and damages
- Contracts under EU law
- Unfair terms
- Structure of the Judiciary
- Preliminary ruling procedure



2. THEMIS Competition 2023 Semi-Finals

#### Semi-Final D: Judicial Ethics and Professional Practice

- Judges and social media
- Retired judges
- Freedom of speech
- Judges and activism
- Judges and political engagement
- The independence of the judiciary
- Mediation
- Judges lawyers clients
- AI and the judiciary
- Digital hearings



2. THEMIS Competition 2023 Semi-Finals

### Semi-Finals 2023 deadlines

- Deadline for team applications: 6 MARCH 2023
- Deadline for jury nominations: 6 MARCH 2023 (Semi-finals & Grand final)



2. THEMIS Competition 2023 Semi-Finals

### **THEMIS Competition**











# See you in Budapest / Naples / Krakow ...

# and Bucharest!

Q - rasmus.van.heddeghem@ejtn.eu

