

Mediation Meets Judges



The main obstacle to the use of mediation is not the lack of supply but lack of demand. Thousands of mediators have been trained in the last ten years in Europe, but demand for mediation by companies involved in a conflict remains very low. The judges are empowered in many countries to discuss / recommend or even force the parties to go to mediation, but this possibility is not used as much as it could be due to the lack of guarantees of knowledge, tools and quality.

Specific objectives

- Mediation meets Judges (MmJ) focuses on the promotion of **mediation in civil and commercial disputes** and the increase of **judicial referral of disputes to mediation** by providing judges with a “direct” knowledge about mediation and practical tools to be used when referring parties to mediation.

Key Outcomes

- Organisation of 40 workshops where judges and mediation practitioners can meet to exchange best practises and further promote the use of mediation in courts. A set of tools is developed and discussed with judges of European civil and commercial courts.
- Generate court annexed mediation pilot schemes in (at minimum) 13 European regions.
- Build new opportunities for improving networking between judges and mediation practitioners in a long-lasting way and at creating a virtuous circle that, by means of exchange of information and experiences, will develop stable and sustainable results.



Countries involved

Belgium
Bulgaria
Cyprus
France
Ireland
Italia
Spain

Barcelona Chamber role

Partner

Duration

From 2014 to 2015

Budget

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For Barcelona Chamber:
€ 70,827

Programme contribution

75%

Tags

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Promotion of judicial cooperation
Access to justice
Networks

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Funding Programme

