



“EUROPEAN NETWORK OF MEDIATORS
FOR CROSS BORDER DISPUTE RESOLUTION”

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PROJECT

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The project “European Network of Mediators for Cross Border Dispute Resolution” (EuroNetMed) aims at establishing network of legal practitioners for cooperation in cross border civil proceedings, provision of services and promotion of mediation as alternative method for cross border dispute resolution and contribute towards achievement of training synergies and policy dialogue in Europe.

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WHAT THE OBJECTIVES ARE

- To improve the cross border cooperation in mediation in the actions of institutions involved in civil proceeding in Europe;
- To contribute towards improved national and EU cross border synergism in applied mediation techniques for resolution of cross-border disputes and improve the existing skills of practitioners;
- To promote the use of and improve the access to alternative justice.

THE RESULTS

- **Real and working contacts and partnership in cross border dispute resolution** between courts, bar associations, EU and mediation organizations in Bulgaria, Germany and France;
- **Specific training methodologies** and curricula developed to meet the needs of stakeholders;
- **Trainings provided** for legal practitioners;
- **Mediation Centers for Cross Border Dispute Resolution** in Bulgaria and Germany that provide mediation assistance and information at national and EU level established, equipped for on-line mediation;
- **Awareness seminars** in Bulgaria, France and Germany;
- **International conference** in Bulgaria.



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WHY MEDIATION AND WHY NOW

The increasing use of the rights of free movement of persons, goods and services results inevitably in an increase in the potential number of cross-border disputes. The EU has put in place a number of measures designed to help individuals with cross-border litigation. It aims to ensure that people can approach courts and authorities in any EU country as easily as in their own. More than 20 legislative instruments have been put in place at European level over the last decade.

Alternative dispute resolution methods, such as mediation, have also played a big part in easing cross-border conflicts.

According to an EU-funded study, the time wasted by not using mediation is estimated at an average of between 331 and 446 extra days in the EU, with extra legal costs ranging from €12,471 to €13,738 per case.

SPECIFIC BENEFITS FOR STAKEHOLDERS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- You will be aware of the possibilities of mediation being familiar with the best practices;
- You'll have legal experts trained free during the implementation of the project thus creating in-house capacity for preventing conflicts and for cutting the cost of the dispute;
- You'll have the chance to contribute to the development of the mediation rules for the future Mediation Center for Cross Border Dispute Resolution. It is mutual benefit these rules to be consistent with actual practice, namely with your practice. After the completion of the project – for those who are interested – we can indicate on the website that your organizations use the results of the project and apply the rules of the Mediation Center when conflicts arise and have to be settled.

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