

Proposal for dissemination, evaluation and implementation

ImprovEAW research findings

The project findings consist of data gathered from the questionnaires answered by the project partners about challenges to issuing and to executing European Arrest Warrants (EAWs) from their practice. The object of such questionnaires was – by comprehending what factors can result in difficulties, delays, non-execution of EAWs – understand best practices and formulate recommendations that could be useful to Member States and national authorities. The country reports explain the Partners` findings in their research and from their expertise about their home countries, Belgium, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Poland, the Netherlands, and Romania. The research report was the instrument used to analyse all the relevant data derived from the country-reports and explain the conclusions that may lead to recommendations. Finally, to translate the conclusions and recommendations into concrete implications for practitioners, the researchers elaborated Common Practical Guidelines (CPG). Due to the focus on the practical aspects of EAWs, the CPG is aimed at being an accessible and user friendly document, which can be swiftly applied in practice. Each of these parts of the research is available for publication and is accessible to the public the project website.

Target audience

a) Who?

ImprovEAW's target audience is composed of practitioners and academics that work with European cooperation in criminal matters. In order to have both types of audiences involved in the project, ImprovEAW *modus operandi* is divided in two fronts. The first is that the Partners involved in the project are practitioners and academics, the second is that the Sounding Board (SB) that is also composed by practitioners and academics of the Member States that were not represented among Partners. ImprovEAW also targeted countries that have a close cooperation relationship with the EU, such as the United Kingdom, Iceland and Norway, which were also encompassed in the Sounding Board.

ImprovEAW was also disseminated to the public in general by press releases, on the websites of Maastricht University and the Amsterdam District Court.

b) Utilization

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The utilization of ImprovEAW's output by these two audiences will occur, firstly, by using the findings contained in the research report as their own source of research. Secondly, the CPG and the recommendations will be used in practice, by lawyers, judges, prosecutors, counsels, and by Member States and the European Union.

Method

The dissemination method will be online, via website and Twitter, as well as face-to-face, with the final conference – the European Symposium. The Symposium will count with more than 100 participants, in person and online, which will have access to the research output, making dissemination easier. The research output consists of:

- country reports, some were published in the form of a book and online;
- research report with recommendations, published in the form of a book and online;
- Common practical guidelines, available online;
- one or more articles, devoted to the project, its outputs and results, in scholarly legal magazines with a Union wide coverage

Potential dissemination partners

ImprovEAW dissemination partners are primarily individuals – the Management Team, Partners, Sounding Board as well as the Symposium participants. Throughout the meetings, they are encouraged to share awareness of the project within their own networks. Secondly, there is also the possibility of using networks to disseminate the project materials, as well as inviting institutions that might have interest in the project to participate, such as European Commission, Europeans Public Prosecutor's Office, Eurojust, and think tanks. For instance, members of the European Criminal Bar Association and of the Defence Extradition Lawyers Forum, among other networks were invited to attend the final conference.

Impact sustainability

ImprovEAW impact sustainability is ensured by leaving the materials available to the public online, by being used for future projects – as we do now with the research output of *InAbsentiaEAW*. Besides, after completion of the project, copies of the project report and the common practical Guidelines will be sent to the Court of Justice, to the European Commission and to the Ministries of Justice of all the Member States.

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Evaluation

To evaluate the dissemination, after the end of the project, the MT will stipulate how many people did the research output reach, and whether, and to what extent, it reached the targeted audience. Besides, the Common Practical Guidelines and the Recommendations will be tested during presentations that will be held after the end of the project.



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