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§1

European law

Not a topic for the happy few
• The painting “Abduction of Europa (De roof van Europa)” by Rembrandt van Rijn (1606, Leiden – 1669, Amsterdam) can help us explain the aim of this project.

• As Zeus - changing his form into that of a bull - carried Europa off into Crete, we now have to bring European law into every Court.
• Up to recent years, **European law** has often been considered as a topic for happy few specialists.

• Our bull is made by a network of specialists in every national Court.

• European law has to become matter for everyday judicial application without pain.
• Our aim is to allow **national judges** to become true **European judges**.
§2
The new European context
• Following the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, great importance is attached to the relations between the European Union, the Charter of fundamental rights of the European Union and the European Convention for the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

• National judges, as EU judges, are required to implement these instruments.
• Treaty of Lisbon: new legal base for judicial training (artt. 81 and 82 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).

• To develop judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, the European Parliament and the Council shall adopt measures aimed at ensuring: (h) support for the training of the judiciary and judicial staff.
§3

The *European Gaius Project*: comparative law in action.
Taking into account the experience in European law gained by the *Eurinfra programme*, implemented in the Dutch system to strengthen the knowledge of European law among judges and prosecutors, on April 13, 2011 the Italian CSM approved the *European Gaius* action plan.
• The *European Gaius* action plan is an example of **comparative law in action**.

• Thanks to the relationship with European colleagues met during the exchange programme organised by EJTN, we discovered the Eurinfra project.

• We studied the Dutch experience and adapted its goals and means to the **new context** of the Lisbon Treaty and to the larger context of **Italy**.
• The *European Gaius* action plan is part of the initiatives aimed to create the necessary conditions to have judges and prosecutors fulfill such extremely complex and enormous duty of protecting and guaranteeing the effectiveness of rights in the best possible way.
three actions:

- 1) increasing the number of central and decentralised courses on European law (with specific regard to language contents) and introducing specific sessions on European law in courses on national law;

- 2) introducing special trainers in European law in each Court of Appeal;

- 3) implementing a website (e-G@ius: electronic Gaius) in order to provide quick and easy access to training materials and European law sources.
The state of implementation of project:

• 1) we increased for 2012 the number of central and decentralised courses on European law. Language courses, e-forum on Eu-law in civil and commercial matters (training 2.0);

• 2) we completed the appointment of the trainers in European law in each Court of Appeal;

• 3) first pages e-G@ius are available on www.csm.it/gaius/index.html
Now implementation has to be continued in cooperation with the newly established *Italian School for the Judiciary*, which started operation this year.

The new *School* ensures the implementation of the right to, and duty of, professional training of members of the judiciary; the Schools also performs other tasks in the areas of training and research, as provided for by the law and the School’s own charter.
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Thank you very much

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