

Training on Preparing and Issuing an European Investigation Orders (EIOs) using TREIO's eEDES Simulator

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Overview

The 'TRaining on the European Investigation Order' (TREIO) Project¹, funded by the European Union, has developed a training methodology and a practical, EU-wide standardized training on the European Investigation Order (EIO) and e-Evidence Exchange Digital System (eEDES)², while also offering guidelines for customization to diverse jurisdictional contexts.

One particular module, dedicated to take-home tasks, is designed to reinforce the knowledge gained in previous sessions and provide participants with practical experience in issuing an EIO using the eeEDES. The session comprises three tasks:

- Preparing a draft EIO in eEDES
- Reviewing the draft EIO
- Sending the EIO.

The primary objectives of these tasks are to enable participants to practice using eEDES and to reflect on the workflow involved in issuing an EIO.

Task 1: Preparing a Draft EIO in eEDES

Participants are tasked with preparing a draft EIO using eEDES based on a given scenario involving fraudulent activity between two companies based in different

¹ <https://treio.eu/>

² A system designed for exchanges of forms, documents and evidences under the EIO workflow, among other judicial cooperation instruments, under a project run by Directorate-General Justice and Consumers, Unit JUST.B.3, to the European Commission, also known as reference implementation software under Regulation (EU) 2023/2844 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2023 on the digitalisation of judicial cooperation and access to justice in cross-border civil, commercial and criminal matters, and amending certain acts in the field of judicial cooperation.





Member States. The aim is for participants to practice initiating a new EIO, completing Annex A, and filling in relevant sections for special measures. This task provides hands-on experience in drafting an EIO and preparing it for review.

Task 2: Reviewing the Draft EIO

After completing the draft EIO, participants assume the role of a reviewer to assess the document's accuracy and completeness. They then send the draft back for any necessary amendments before finalizing it as the author and preparing it for transmission. This task allows participants to familiarize themselves with different roles in the EIO issuance process and emphasizes the importance of collaboration and thorough review.

Task 3: Sending the EIO

In the final task, participants validate, sign, and send the completed EIO for transmission to the executing authority. This task reinforces the steps discussed in a previous session on transmitting an EIO and provides participants with practical experience in the validation and transmission process. By completing this task, participants gain confidence in navigating eEDES and carrying out essential actions required to issue an EIO effectively.

Conclusion

These take-home tasks serve as a valuable opportunity for participants to apply their knowledge of issuing EIOs using eEDES in a simulated environment. Through practical exercises, participants gain hands-on experience in drafting, reviewing, and transmitting EIOs, thereby enhancing their proficiency in utilizing eEDES for cross-border judicial cooperation. These tasks reinforce learning and promote collaboration and critical thinking, which are essential for effective investigative procedures in the European Union.

For this purpose, the TREIO Project has developed an eEDES simulator to deliver real-time and immersive training opportunities which simulate the EIO forms and evidence exchanges customized to different scenarios.

