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SURVEY ON TRAINEESHIP

Q: Would you please indicate your first and last name as well as the sending institution?

A: Helin Ayaz, İzmir Katip Çelebi University

Q: What did drive you to choose IECLO and the University of Salerno as hosting institution?

A: I have always been interested in international criminal law studies. For this reason, I believed that doing my internship at this institution would greatly benefit my academic work. When I researched IECLO along with the University of Salerno and the city of Salerno, I realized that it is truly a suitable place for studying under the Erasmus program.

Q: How long did your traineeship last?

A: My traineeship, which started on October 1, 2024, ended on February 1, 2025. It lasted a total of four months.

Q: How was the reception from the Mentor and from the other Members of the Observatory?

A: The Mentor and the other Members of the Observatory were very attentive and supportive. They answered all my questions in detail, which made me feel welcomed and not alone during my traineeship.

Q: Could you please explain in detail your occupations during the traineeship?

A: Doing my traineeship in IECLO has taught me a great deal. First of all, having the opportunity to give a presentation on ecocide allowed me to improve my public speaking skills. I also wrote an article on the rule of ne bis in idem. The research I conducted on these topics not only increased my knowledge but also helped me use English more effectively. Additionally, I participated in an Italian language course offered at UNISA.

Q: Did you have any colleagues? Were you included in a team of similarly tasked personnel?

A: I was the only Erasmus trainee during the October 2024–February 2025 period. However, I had the opportunity to work as part of a team with the IECLO members.

Q: What did you enjoy the most of this experience?

A: Actually, everything during my time in IECLO has been incredibly enjoyable. But if I had to choose, meeting new people and trying to understand different perspectives was the most rewarding



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part of the experience. Also, the Italian language courses were very enjoyable for me. Even though I struggled at times, learning a new language was a lot of fun.

Q: Has the traineeship in some way changed the way you look at or approach working?

A: Yes. I particularly realized the importance of developing an international perspective, rather than being limited to a specific area in the work I will do. This will be something I will pay attention to in the future.

Q: Do you believe this working experience has deepened your knowledge in the field of International and European Criminal Law in comparison to your level at the start of the traineeship?

A: Yes, this working experience significantly deepened my knowledge in International and European Criminal Law compared to when I started the traineeship. Through hands-on tasks, research, and discussions with experts, I gained a much clearer understanding of key legal principles and their practical applications. This experience also enhanced my analytical skills and broadened my perspective on cross-border criminal justice issues.

Q: Do you believe this working experience has honed your skills in work management (e.g., team-working, time management, etc.) in comparison to your level at the start of the traineeship?

A: Yes, this traineeship has definitely honed my work management skills. Working closely with the team improved my teamwork abilities, and managing multiple tasks helped me develop better time management and organizational skills.

Q: Do you feel that your working/career aspirations and goals have in some way changed since the start of the traineeship?

A: As I mentioned before, doing my traineeship at IECLO gave me a broader and more international perspective. Therefore, I now aim to steer my career goals toward a more global and international direction.