

# Judicial training structures in the EU

# Poland

Entity name: National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution

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#### Target group

Officials of the common courts of law and the public prosecutor's office: judges, prosecutors, assessors in public prosecutor's office, court referendaries, judge assistants, prosecutor assistants, probation officers, courts and public prosecutor's offices staff.

# Initial /induction period training

- Existence of initial / induction training period: YES
- Length of such period: 60 months (judge's initial training), 42 months (prosecutor's initial training)
- Existence of a curriculum: YES and presentation of curriculum

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- Language training: YES, in languages English, French
- Internship periods: YES, type and objectives of internships:

During the course of initial (12 months), judge's (30 months) and prosecutor's (30 months) initial training the trainees shall attend classes at the National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution and an apprenticeship schemes in accordance with the initial training curriculum.

Within the framework of the judge's initial training trainees after attending a 30-month-long course serve a 18-month-long internship on the positions of a court referendary.

#### Continuous training

- Compulsory: **YES**
- Existence of a yearly programme **YES**
- Average number of persons trained each year: **18287**

# International partnerships/agreements:

International cooperation is the crucial field of statutory activities of the National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution. Basically, it is realized under the agreements of bilateral as well as multilateral cooperation signed with the authorities of legal training institutions across Europe.

International cooperation of the National School involves the cross-border cooperation related to its membership in the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN). Besides, the National Schools cooperates with different international institutions and legal training organizations such as the European Academy of Law (ERA), European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), International Organization for Judicial Training (OIJT), European Patent Office (EPO).

In terms of bilateral cooperation the National School cooperates systematically with the judicial training schools in the most member states of the European Union and national judicial schools of the states from the region of Central and Eastern Europe.

In terms of multilateral international cooperation there is a conduct of regional cooperation in frames of the Eastern Partnership with the judicial training institutions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldavia, Ukraine and Russia as well as the regional cooperation realized in frames of Polish membership in Wisegrad Group.

• Participation of foreign professionals in some training sessions possible: YES

#### History and good practices

• Date of creation of judicial training entity

The Polish National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution was registered as a legal entity on the basis of the Act of 23 January 2009. The School commenced its operations on 4 March 2009.

The National School of Judiciary and Public Prosecution is a legal successor of the National Training Centre for the Officials of the Common Courts of Law and the Public Prosecutor's Office, commenced its operations on 1 September 2006.

The main statutory tasks of the National School:

- conducting the general initial training, judge's initial training and prosecutor's initial training.

- training and enhancing the professional competences of the officials of the common courts of law and the public prosecutor's office;

- providing the research and analysis for determining the competence and qualifications assigned to particular positions in courts and public prosecution.

Innovative projects that may be of interest: <u>case and court management, series of EU law and HR</u> <u>seminars, e-learning</u>

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