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**QUESTIONNAIRE “A” ON THE STRUCTURAL AND FUNCTIONAL
FEATURES OF TRAINING INSTITUTIONS OF JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS**

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**Questionnaire “A” on the structural and functional features of training institutions
of judges and prosecutors¹**

I. What is (are) the name (s) of the training institution (s) of judges and prosecutors in your country? Please indicate whether the training of judges and that of prosecutors takes place or not within the same training institution; does (do) the training institution(s) of judges /prosecutors ensure both initial and in-service training? National and decentralised training?

Office of the Prosecutor General is responsible for training of Prosecutors. That includes in-service training.

Estonian Law Centre is responsible for training of Judges.

II. For each training institution, please indicate:

a) the number of full- time trainers

- b) the number of part- time trainers
- c) the number of occasional trainers
- d) the number of administrative and managerial staff
- e) the origin of funding
- f) the link with the Ministry of Justice, the High Council of Magistrates, etc..
- g) taking into account, in particular, item f) above, if it should be considered as an autonomous/independent training institution
- h) the links between the training institutions if there are more than one (co-operation, coordination, subordination, etc...);

There are no permanent trainers in the Prosecutors Office. But there are ten Prosecutors who are part-time trainers in the field of Criminal Law and three Prosecutors are EU Law part-time trainers.

We have close cooperation with different training institutions and authorities in Estonia to organize training for Prosecutors. For example, Prosecutors Office has close cooperation with Estonian Law Centre and Ministry of Justice to organize joint trainings for Judges and Prosecutors (often also investigators are invited).

Office of the Prosecutor General is responsible for international training for Prosecutors (bilateral cooperation with different countries, also cooperation with different EU and Council of Europe institutions/networks).

III. What are the procedure and the criteria for the appointment of managerial staff and instructors of the training institution (s)? Are the criteria for the appointment of the trainers identical for a) full-time, part-time and occasional trainers? b) trainers responsible for initial training and those responsible for in-service training?

Training institution and trainers are selected on the basis of the Training Policy of the Prosecutors Office (decree of the Prosecutor General, adopted May 22, 2003).

IV. What is the proportion of judges and prosecutors who are full- time / part-time instructors and/or members of the management?

Look answer II.

V. If persons other than judges or prosecutors fulfill the task of trainers, what are their original profession? Please also give details on their proportion;

Quite often Lawyers from the Ministries or Universities, also practitioners from different Law Enforcement Authorities are used as trainers. Professionals from the private sector are also used (IT specialists, accountants etc).

VI. Are retired judges and prosecutors or other retired law practitioners invited to act as trainers or members of the management?

As we finished the criminal procedure law reform in Estonia recently (on the July 1, 2004), we do not use retired judges or prosecutors as trainers at the moment.

VII. What choice has been done between full-time instructors, part-time instructors or occasional instructors that furthermore have judicial functions?

Look previous answers.

VIII. If judges or prosecutors are part-time or occasional trainers, is the burden of their work within their jurisdiction alleviated?

No, it is not.

IX. Please specify the modalities of the training of trainers who perform their training mission – full-time or part-time- within the framework of the training institution(s) or in Courts (content, educational methods, duration, periodicity, etc...);² Is training of trainers compulsory?

We do not have permanent trainers in our Office.

X. Please specify what initiatives are taken to assure vicinity between trainers and trainees at regional and local level as well as to develop communication (including through the Internet);

Every participant has contacts of training institution and other participants, so it is possible to communicate also after the training.

There is everyday e-mail connection and intranet to receive/send additional information if needed.

Roundtable meetings for specialized Prosecutors are organized (prosecutors who are specialized for drugs-cases, corruption etc). During these meetings Prosecutors have possibility to discuss about everyday problems with their colleagues who work in the same field, also different case- studies are organized for them.

XI. Please specify what initiatives are taken to assure participation of the training institution in international co-operation in the field of training (exchanges between training institutions, periodicity of these exchanges, organisation of / participation. in international seminars, co-operation with International Organisations / Institutions (Council of Europe, the European Commission, etc...)).

Estonian Prosecutors Office participates actively in the work of European Judicial Training Network, also there are bilateral contacts with different EU countries to organize joint trainings for Prosecutors (close cooperation with the Netherlands, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania etc.), we attend trainings organized by Taixex, different

**EU institutions, International Association for Prosecutors, other EU Member States
etc.**