



# Court staff training systems in the EU

## Slovakia

Information provided by: **The Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic (Justičná akadémia Slovenskej republiky)** May, 2014

### DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL TRAINING SYSTEM FOR COURT STAFF in Slovakia

#### 1. Training of court staff

<p><b>Legal basis/ regulatory documents on training</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Act no. 548/2003</a> on Judicial Academy as amended by Act No. 757/2004 Coll</p> <p>The Status and Organization System of the Judicial Academy, Act No. 549/2003 Coll. on court officials.</p> <p>The Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic, as an independent legal entity, a non-profit budgetary organization of the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic. It manages funds specifically allocated in the state budget for the purposes of the education of its target groups.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.ja-sr.sk/en/node/1995">http://www.ja-sr.sk/en/node/1995</a></p>
<p><b>Categories/ professions concerned</b></p>	<p>Higher court officials Assistant to the Judge of the Supreme court Candidate prosecutor Court secretaries Probation and mediation officers Chief administrator – assistant</p>
<h4>2. Induction period</h4>	
<p><b>Is there an induction period?</b></p>	<p>NO</p>

Structure responsible for rules	The Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic (as an independent legal entity, a non-profit budgetary organization of the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic)
Compulsory	NO
Description	Length: There is no set length
	Form: N/A
	Set Curriculum & main topics: NO Main topics: N/A EU law content: Yes
Options	Linguistic training: Yes (in case of Higher court officials and Candidate prosecutors)
	Training in another MS:  No obligatory training outside Slovak Republic. Only on an optional basis (through EJTN seminars, ERA seminars, other cross-border projects etc.)
<b>3. Continuous training system</b>	
Continuous training available?	YES
Financial support by	The Ministry of Justice
Specificities	Compulsory: NO Obligations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There are no specific obligations to fulfil</li></ul>
	Methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attending face-to-face training sessions</li></ul>

	<p>The Programme is available at <b>national level</b></p> <p>Includes EU law aspects: <b>YES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU cross-border judicial procedures</li> <li>• EU legislation</li> <li>• EU jurisprudence/case law</li> <li>• Legal terminology and language of other Member States</li> <li>• Other issues of interest at EU level: Life-long learning concept comprises of two-day seminars with a nation-wide coverage, which are held in the detached branch in Omšenie, for the purposes of the educational activities of judges and prosecutors. One-day seminars, so-called regional seminars, (in Košice, Banská Bystrica, Pezinok) for judges and prosecutors are aimed at selected legal issues. Lastly, one- day seminars (in Košice, Banská Bystrica, Pezinok) are targeted at higher court officials within their competences set by specific legal act. This category of training also includes frequently organised language courses, which are being used as a promising tool for improving legal terminology in German, English and French. These courses are organised as a three-day seminars twice a year.</li> </ul>
<p>Training in another MS as part of continuous training:</p>	<p><b>NO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is too costly</li> </ul>
<p>Participation in training activities taking place in another MS</p>	<p><b>NO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enabling court staff to participate in regular training activity in another Member State could be added-value, but it mostly depends on the costs involved.</li> </ul>
	<p>Specific conditions: <b>N/A</b></p>
	<p>Exchanges: <b>YES</b></p>
<p>Continuous training impact on professional evaluation of a person</p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>

#### 4. Evaluation of training activities

Regarding induction period training activities	NO There is no induction period training in Slovakia
Regarding continuous training activities	YES Responsible structure and procedure: The Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic
<b>5. Assessment of needs</b>	
Assessment scheme description	YES Responsible structure and procedure: The questionnaires are collected and evaluated by the Office Staff of the Judicial Academy mostly for the following categories: Higher court officials Assistant to the Judge of the Supreme court Candidate prosecutor Court secretaries
<b>6. Foreseen reform</b>	
N/A	

Source: Pilot Project - European Judicial Training: "Lot 3 – State of play of training of court staff in EU law and promotion of cooperation between training providers at EU level ", carried out by the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) together with a consortium