



Judicial training structures in the EU

Romania

Entity name: **National Institute of Magistracy**

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Target group

- Future judges and prosecutors - auditors of justice (initial training)
- In service judges and prosecutors (continuous training)

Initial /induction period training

- Existence of initial/induction training period – **YES**
- Length of such period – **2 years**
- Existence of a curriculum – **YES**
 - in-depth assimilation of the main branches of internal law (substantive and procedural law), ethics and deontology, European judicial institutions, human rights, foreign languages
 - extracurricular projects and conferences
- Language training – **YES** (English and French)
- Internship periods - **YES**
 - During the first year of initial training, the auditors of justice follow a 2-week internship in first instance courts, prosecutor's office, probation offices and at the end of the first year of initial training they undertake a 1-month internship in lawyer offices.
 - The activity of the auditors of justice during the second academic year takes place in first instance courts and prosecutor's offices attached to courts, as well in other institutions, under the guidance of the practical training custodians, in alteration with the modules provided by the Institute's syllabus.

Continuous training

- Compulsory – **NO** (exceptionally, the training is compulsory for the magistrates recruited following an exam directly on the position and the magistrates whose activity has been assessed as unsatisfactory). Moreover, the provisions of Law on the Statute of magistrates oblige the magistrates to undergo training stages at least once in 3 years.
- Existence of a yearly programme – **YES** – the yearly curricula for continuous training includes all the seminars planned for that year and comprise a short description of the theme, objectives to be accomplished, target group, location.
- Average number of persons trained each year – 3026 (2005), 3687 (2006), 5545 (2007), 4193 (2008), 1750 (2009), 3522 (2010), 4779 (2011)

International partnerships/agreements:

- N.I.M. is a member European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) and EAJTN. NIM also has partnership agreements with other magistrates schools and European training institutions
- Participation of foreign professionals in some training sessions possible – YES - NIM seminars are included in EJTN's Catalogue, creating the possibility for foreign magistrates to participate in NIM's training sessions

History and good practices

- Date of creation of judicial training entity: 1992
- Past and current milestones:
 - 1997 – NIM initiates the programme of initial training
 - 2000 – first promotion of auditors of justice to be trained for two years
 - 2004
- are adopted The Laws of Justice (Law no. 303/2004 on the Statute of Judges and Prosecutors, Law no. 304/2004 on the organisation of the judicial system, Law no. 317/2004 on the Superior Council of Magistracy)
 - as a consequence, NIM is placed under the coordination of the Superior Council of Magistracy
 - from this moment NIM has responsibilities in organising contests and exams (the admission contest to the NIM, the graduation exam of the auditors of justice, the capacity exam of magistrates, the admission contest to magistracy, the contest of promotion in execution functions, the contest of promotion in leading functions)

- NIM elaborates the list of trainers and from now on the continuous training sessions will usually be held by trainers from the list (90% magistrates)
- 2005
 - NIM creates a data base for continuous training, including a history of professional training for all the magistrates in service
 - taking part in continuous training sessions is from now on based on the option each magistrate makes every year
- 2006 – NIM creates The Continuous Training Plan, including all the seminars organised during a year
- 2007
 - NIM becomes a member of EJTN, also being elected in EJTN’s Steering Committee and Working Groups (renewal in 2010)
 - NIM elaborates the Statute of Trainers (provisions on recruiting, training, evaluation and dismissal of the trainers)
- 2008 - ISO Certification – Quality Management System
- 2011 – first training actions broadcasted on-line: NIM organised a series of 4 conferences dedicated to the New Civil Code, which were also on-line broadcasted, allowing anyone interested to follow the discussions and to send questions to the participants (the maximum number of people that had accessed the web page being 30.465 (with 4.663 simultaneous users)
- 2012
 - NIM aims to recruit 15 trainers for initial training, which will strengthening the institutional training capacity
 - NIM implements the E-learning platform
- Innovative projects that may be of interest: NIM focuses on programmes regarding the New Civil Code and also the other new codes (Civil Proceedings, Criminal Law, Criminal Proceedings) which are about to entry into force. The conferences dedicated to these new codes will be on-line broadcasted trough an e-streaming system.

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