

## Court staff categories in the EU Estonia

Information provided by: Estonian Ministry of Justice (Justiitsministeerium)

May, 2014

| DESCRIPTION OF CATEGORIES OF COURT STAFF in Estonia |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Court staff category / profession                |   |
| Name of Court Staff<br>Category                     | In Estonian: <b>Kohtuistungi sekretär</b>   |
|   | In English: Clerk of the Court Session  |
| Legal basis / regulatory documents                  | <u>Courts Act</u>   |
| 2. Access to the category / profession              |   |
| Main Access conditions                              | Qualifications:   |
|   | Secondary-school/high-school diploma  |
|   | Aspects of EU law: not known  |
| Access process                                      | Recruitment procedure: takes place at national level  |
|   | <ul> <li>Interview by the Head of Court</li> <li>Selection through written application</li> </ul> |
| Alternative access routes                           | Transfer routes from other professions : N/A  |

| 3. Responsibilities / Duties                 |   |
|--|---|
| General responsibilities                     | <ul> <li>Administrative tasks</li> <li>Management of Courts (E-justice, data protection)</li> </ul>   |
| Role in process with EU law aspects          | Aspects of EU law: are not relevant to the discharge of their duties  |
| 4. Organisation of the category / profession |   |
| Organising Structure                         | Ministry of Justice - Republic of Estonia   |
|  | The Ministry of Justice (together with the courts where the assistant judges are appointed to office) is responsible for the training.  |
|  | Training is based on the demand of the courts. Information about the demand is collected by the Ministry of Justice once a year.  |
| Training providers                           |   |
| numbers                                      | <ul> <li>2-5 national level private sector structures</li> <li>2-5 public sector structures</li> <li>1 regional level private sector structure</li> <li>1 European training provider</li> </ul> |
| types  | <ul> <li>Public sector structures</li> <li>private sector structures</li> <li>European training provider</li> </ul>   |
| Name(s)                                      | <ul> <li>Estonian Ministry of Justice</li> <li>Courts where the Assistant judges are appointed</li> </ul>   |
| Professional organisation(s)                 | 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