



# Judicial training structures in the EU

Estonia

Entity name: **Supreme Court of the Republic of Estonia, Judicial Training Department**

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## Target group

Judges and law clerks

### *Initial /induction period training*

- Existence of initial/induction training period: No. There are no formal initial training program, however there could be courses offered to trainees and young judges.
- Language training: No
- Internship periods: Yes. A candidate for judicial office shall undergo preparatory service. During preparatory service, a candidate for judicial office shall be prepared for the office of judge. The duration of preparatory service shall be two years.

### *Continuous training*

- Compulsory: No
- Existence of a yearly programme: Yes
- Average number of persons trained each year: approximately 240

## International partnerships/agreements

- Member of EJTN, project-based agreements
- Participation of foreign professionals in some training sessions possible: Yes

## History and good practices

- Date of creation of judicial training entity: From 01.01.2009 the Supreme Court of Estonia is responsible pursuant to law for developing the judicial training curriculum offered on an ongoing basis to Estonian judges, as well as implementing the curriculum.

- Past and current milestones: The Estonian Law Centre Foundation was until 31.12.2008 responsible pursuant to law for developing the judicial training to Estonian judges.
- Innovative projects that may be of interest: Videotaping the hearings and giving feedback afterwards

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- Number of staff: 116 (5 in Judicial Training Department)
- Ministerial department/independent structure: Constitutional institution

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