



Judicial training structures in the EU

Cyprus

Entity name: **Supreme Court of Cyprus**

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Target group

Judges and judicial staff

Initial /induction period training

- Existence of initial/induction training period **No**
- Existence of a curriculum **No**
- Language training **No**
- Internship periods **No**

Continuous training

- Compulsory **No**
- Average number of persons trained each year **130**

History and good practices

The Supreme Court, which was established in 1960, is responsible for the training of judges. Responding to the need to provide training has established on a systematic and permanent basis a programme for the training of judges at all levels. In accordance with this programme, judges receive training in various fields of the law and matters relevant from a broader perspective of the administration of justice.

The subjects of training include:

1. Human rights with particular reference to Cyprus case law and European court of human rights case law
2. European community law with particular reference to ECJ case law.
3. Civil procedure
4. Criminal procedure with special emphasis on arrest and detention
5. Evidence law

6. Sentencing
7. Conduct of judges with emphasis on psychology of witnesses and advocates, rules of etiquette, behaviour towards the public and advocates and study of various social phenomena.
8. Seminars on basic laws which were drastically amended.
9. Family court judges training on matters relating to dealing with children

Other forms of training of judges are the following:

Every two years a judicial conference is organised by the Supreme Court that deals with various legal and judicial matters

Judges at all levels attended seminars and international Conferences abroad and especially those organised by EJTN and ERA. Through these seminars they share knowledge and ideas as well as develop educational programs and materials and prepare globalized judicial training methods.

In cooperation with other independent organs and authorities of the Republic the Supreme Court organises on a regular basis i.e. competition law, taxation, environmental law.

Seminars are organised also in association with other European Institutions.

Training of judges also includes their participation in seminars organised by the Cyprus Bar Association and other local institutions i.e. seminar on the effect and practical application of EU law on national judges organised by the law office of the Republic.

A provision is made in the Budget allocated by the State to the Judiciary for the training of the judges.

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- Number of staff: 13 supreme court judges (plus 74 employees)
- Ministerial department/independent structure: *Supreme Court is completely independent and this is safeguarded in our Constitution.*