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Prosecutors**

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**QUESTIONNAIRE “A” ON THE STRUCTURAL AND FUNCTIONAL  
FEATURES OF TRAINING INSTITUTIONS OF JUDGES AND  
PROSECUTORS**

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**Questionnaire “A” on the structural and functional features of training institutions of judges and prosecutors<sup>1</sup>**

I. What is (are) the name (s) of the training institution (s) of judges and prosecutors in your country? Please indicate whether the training of judges and that of prosecutors takes place or not within the same training institution; does (do) the training institution(s) of judges /prosecutors ensure both initial and in-service training? National and decentralised training?

The training institution of judges in the Republic of Armenia is the Judicial School at the Judicial Department, formerly the Training Center of the Staff of the RA Cassation Court, the Council of Court Chairmen of the Republic of Armenia and of the Secretariat of the Council of Justice.

The training of judges takes place within the Judicial Training Center. The Training Center ensures only in-service training.

II. For each training institution, please indicate:

- a) the number of full- time trainers is 0
- b) the number of part- time trainers is 20
- c) the number of occasional trainers is 30
- d) the number of administrative and managerial staff is 7
- e) the origin of funding-the Judicial Training Center gets its financial support from the State budget and from international organizations
- f) the link with the Ministry of Justice, the High Council of Magistrates, etc...- the Judicial Training Center operates adjacent to the RA Cassation Court and the RA Council of Court Chairmen
- g) taking into account, in particular, item f) above, if it should be considered as an autonomous/independent training institution- the Judicial Training Center is an autonomous institution
- h) the links between the training institutions if there are more than one (co-operation, coordination, subordination, etc...) - the Judicial Training Center collaborates with other training institutions, such as American University of Armenia (AUA).

III. What are the procedure and the criteria for the appointment of managerial staff and instructors of the training institution (s)? Are the criteria for the appointment

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<sup>1</sup> Members of the Lisbon Network are invited to send their replies to the Secretariat by E-mail ([valerie.schaeffer@coe.int](mailto:valerie.schaeffer@coe.int)) for 31 March 2005 at the latest.

of the trainers identical for a) full-time, part-time and occasional trainers? b) trainers responsible for initial training and those responsible for in-service training?

The members of the managerial staff of the Judicial Training Center are appointed by the procedures established by the Law. The instructors of the Training Institution are selected by the Judicial Training Center itself. The criteria for the appointment of the part-time and occasional trainers are identical.

IV. What is the proportion of judges and prosecutors who are full- time / part-time instructors and/or members of the management?

There are 17 judges among part-time instructors.

V. If persons other than judges or prosecutors fulfill the task of trainers, what are their original profession? Please also give details on their proportion;

Only 3 of the part time trainers are not judges – they are high ranked officials of the Ministry of Justice.

VI. Are retired judges and prosecutors or other retired law practitioners invited to act as trainers or members of the management?

Retired judges and other law practitioners are invited to act as trainers and members of the management.

VII. What choice has been done between full-time instructors, part-time instructors or occasional instructors that furthermore have judicial functions?

The absolute majority of part-time instructors are sitting judges.

VIII. If judges or prosecutors are part-time or occasional trainers, is the burden of their work within their jurisdiction alleviated?

All of the trainers that are judges by profession work as part-time instructors alongside their judicial functions. The burden of their work within their jurisdiction is alleviated.

IX. Please specify the modalities of the training of trainers who perform their training mission –full-time or part-time- within the framework of the training institution(s) or in Courts (content, educational methods, duration, periodicity, etc...);<sup>2</sup> Is training of trainers compulsory?

Training of trainers program is under development.

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<sup>2</sup> See the conclusions of the meeting of the Lisbon Network held in Budapest, 25-26 October 1999, on the theme "The training of trainers".

X. Please specify what initiatives are taken to assure vicinity between trainers and trainees at regional and local level as well as to develop communication (including through the Internet);

The vicinity between trainers and trainees is supported through meetings in seminar sessions. The main communication means of trainers and trainees are telephone and mail. Communication through the Internet is not used for the most part.

XI. Please specify what initiatives are taken to assure participation of the training institution in international co-operation in the field of training (exchanges between training institutions, periodicity of these exchanges, organisation of / participation. in international seminars, co-operation with International Organisations / Institutions (Council of Europe, the European Commission, etc...)).

The Judicial School is keen to participate in the activities of the European institutions.