

## QUESTIONNAIRE A

I.

The name of the Polish training institution of judges and public prosecutors is the National Training Centre for the Officials of the Common Courts of Law and the Public Prosecutor's Office.. At present it will be responsible for the in-service training of judges and public prosecutors, yet in the future also the initial training of judges and public prosecutors will be assigned to the National Training Centre. The National Training Centre for the Officials of the Common Courts of Law and the Public Prosecutor's Office organises trainings for judiciaries at the central level and it coordinates the training activity of courts and prosecutor's offices around the country.

II.

The National Training Centre will not employ any full-time or part-time trainers, only occasional ones. The National Training Centre is funded from the national budget.

The Minister of Justice – Public Prosecutor General confers upon the National Training Centre the statute which defines its structure, registered office and the manner of fulfilling the training activity.

The National Training Centre for the Officials of the Common Courts of Law and the Public Prosecutor's Office will cooperate with EJTN, the Lisbon Network and training institutions for judiciaries from all European countries as well as with countries awaiting the admission to the EU.

III.

The instruments of NJTC are: the Programme Board (9 members), the director, the administrative and technical staff.

The members of the Programme Board are appointed by: the Minister of Justice – Public Prosecutor General (5), the National Judicial Council (2) and the Public Prosecutor's Council attached to the Public Prosecutor General. Trainers of the National Training Centre for the Officials of the Common Courts of Law and the Public Prosecutor's Office will be selected among the eminent practitioners, experienced judges and prosecutors, scientists and law experts by contest, on the basis of transparent procedures.

IV.

The members of the management are: the director – a public prosecutor, the deputy of the director – a judge, heads of departments – judges and public prosecutors.

V.

The National Training Centre for the Officials of the Common Courts of Law and the Public Prosecutor's Office will also co-operate with trainers who will be responsible for language and computer training of judges and public prosecutors. They will be selected among the best professionals by contest, on the basis of transparent procedures.

## VI.

Retired judges and public prosecutors are invited to fulfill the task of trainers in the National Training Centre for the Officials of the Common Courts of Law and the Public Prosecutor's Office.

## VII. / VIII

As it was stated above, the National Training Centre will not engage full-time or part-time trainers. Occasional trainers will be delegated from courts and public prosecutor's offices all over Poland, which means that the burden of their work within their jurisdiction will remain unchanged.

## IX.

Currently there are no trainings for trainers. Therefore, they are subjected to self-training.

## X.

Both trainers and trainees will have the opportunity to stay updated in the matter of trainings, seminars and workshops organised by the National Training Centre for the Officials of the Common Courts of Law and the Public Prosecutor's Office and published on the website of the National Training Centre. The website will also contain information concerning learning materials and other resources available in the library of the National Training Centre, as well as useful addresses and telephone numbers.

## XI.

As mentioned previously, the National Training Centre will co-operate with international institutions responsible for training of judiciaries within the EU and international organizations (the Council of Europe, EJTJN). The National Training Centre will be in charge of appointing judges and prosecutors who will participate in international seminars and workshops.

Present-day initiatives in which the National Training Centre is involved are:

- The Twinning Light Contract – *Strengthening the Polish justice system* – co-operation with Spanish General Council for the Judiciary
- The HELP Programme within the Human Rights Co-operation and Awareness Division (the Lisbon Network)