



Judicial training structures in the EU

Czech Republic

Entity name: **Justiční akademie (Judicial Academy)**

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Target groups

- Judges
- Prosecutors
- Trainees
- Management of courts and prosecution offices
- Assistants
- Middle professional staff of courts and prosecution offices
- Other experts in the judiciary

Initial /induction period training

- Existence of initial/induction training period: YES
- Length of such period: 3 years training programme
- Existence of a curriculum: YES (available on <http://www.jacz.cz/>)
- Language training: YES, but it is not a compulsory part of initial training; trainees may participate in courses of English, German and French offered by the Judicial Academy within the annual training programme
- Internship periods – within the initial training the Judicial Academy provides training in theory and practical skills, trainees' internship is organized by courts and prosecution offices

Continuous training

- Compulsory: NO, continuous training for judges and prosecutors is not compulsory
- Existence of a yearly programme: YES
- Average number of persons trained each year: 14561 participants of training (this number includes all participants trained at JA in 2011, including repeated participations)

International partnerships/agreements

- Czech Judicial Academy has many bilateral contacts in and outside Europe. Since 2004 it has been an active member of the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN). It has got a partnership agreement with the Academy of European Law (ERA) and agreements on cooperation in training with judicial training institutions of V4 countries.
- Participation of foreign professionals in some training sessions possible: YES

History and good practices

- The Judicial Academy (JA) was established in 2002 by the Act No. 6/2002 Coll. as the central institution of the justice sector for training of judges, state prosecutors and other target groups. Since it took over the Judicial school in 2005, the Judicial Academy is a unique state body in the Czech Republic providing training to all target groups in the Czech judiciary.
- Past and current milestones: The Czech Judicial Academy has got its seat with training and accommodation facilities in Kroměříž and training facilities in other 8 cities including Prague. Since 2002 the Judicial Academy as the central training institution of the justice sector provides training pursuant to the annual training programme, created on the basis of needs analysis in the judicial sector in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice, the Council of JA, courts and state prosecution offices.

Among main training activities of the Judicial Academy are: initial training of trainees; continuous training of judges and prosecutors; initial and continuous training of middle professional staff at courts and prosecution offices; continuous training of senior staff at courts and prosecution offices; training in cooperation with partner institutions (eg. Association of Judges, Association of Prosecutors, Czech Bar Association, Chamber of Court Appointed Interpreters and Translators); training in cooperation with European training institutions; etc. Training is focused mainly on domestic law, EU law, legal skills and social sciences. It is provided in form of lectures, seminars, workshops, short-term courses, conferences, moots, mock trials, etc.

In addition, JA has many bilateral contacts in and outside Europe. Since 2004 it has been an active member of European Judicial Training Network and cooperates with partner training institutions in the EU member states. The Czech Judicial Academy has got experience, skills and expertise in coordination of national and international projects. Detailed information about all JA training events and activities is available on the JA website <http://www.jacz.cz/> and in the ASJA on-line registration system on <http://asja.jacz.cz>.

- Innovative projects that may be of interest: JA successfully carried out dozens of national and European projects, eg. E-learning Education for Judiciary, project number CZ0056, (2007-2011); Training Needs Analysis and Creating of Training System for Professional Staff of Courts and State Prosecutions, project number 7F-07532.01, (2011-2013); Training Czech and Slovak judges in European Competition Law, project number HT.3290 - SI2.604873, (2012-2013).

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- Number of staff: 57 (including non-academic and technical staff)
- Ministerial department/independent structure: organizational unit of state

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