INTRODUCTION TO QUESTIONNAIRE ONE

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL TRAINING SYSTEM FOR LAWYERS

The questionnaire is meant to be filled in by national Bars and Law Societies. The answers will be used to establish factsheets describing each training system, whether national or regional.

The questionnaire is accompanied by a glossary. We have tried to indicate in the text of the questionnaire which terms are defined in the glossary: they are in italics and followed by an *.

Questions are in green when related to topics that were already addressed in the 2005-2006 CCBE’s factsheets on continuous training. However, we ask you to kindly answer there as well, as changes may have occurred since 2005. Additionally questions are often detailed to obtain more precise answers.

How to fill in the questionnaire

Most questions allow you to tick boxes for applicable options or choose between yes and no. However, do not hesitate to add explanations if you think that the questions - which have to cover all possibilities open by national training systems - need to be accompanied by more precise information or do not reflect properly what happens in your country.

To tick a box you can change the format of the bullet point from □ to ✔ or •. You can also delete the options which are not applicable.

Setup of the questionnaire

Part 1 asks for some brief background on the prerequisites and procedures for accessing the profession. This background is necessary to understand each training system – whether during the induction period and throughout the career.
Part 2 covers the *induction period*. During this stage, if it exists, lawyers may be regarded as *trainee lawyers* and will not have been registered on the main list of qualified practitioners. For some countries, it also covers initial professional training periods where graduates have not yet chosen precisely which legal profession they will join.

Part 3 covers continuous training in general that is to say further professional development training. We have differentiated between *continuous training* and *specialisation training* since there might be differences in organisation.

**Overcoming blocks**

Do not hesitate also to contact the project team with any request for clarification or indicate a problem with the questionnaire.

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