

Lawyers' training systems in the Member States

Bar Associations, private practices or law firms, training providers and universities are the main organisers of lawyers' induction period in the EU Member States. In some Member States, this task is performed by Courts of Appeal and the Ministry of Justice. Supervision of continuous training, where it exists, is ensured by the Bar.

Here are factsheets describing the lawyers' training systems in the EU Member States. They can be useful to national Bars and in order to compare the training of lawyers who want to exercise their right to freedom of establishment in another Member State.

- **Belgium:**
The [French/German](#) and [Dutch-speaking](#) Bars are responsible for organising the induction period.
- **Bulgaria**
- **Czech Republic**
The [Bar Association](#) and law firms or companies are responsible for organising the induction period. The Bar Association does not supervise the continuous training but only its own training activities.
- **Denmark**
The induction period is organised by private practice or law firms and by the [Danish Bar and Law Society](#).
- **Germany**
The [German Bar](#) and the Appeal Courts are responsible for organising the induction period. Continuous training is supervised by Regional Bars, the [Deutsches Anwaltsinstitut](#) and the [Deutsches AnwaltsAkademie](#).
- **Estonia**
The induction period is organised by the [Bar Association](#) and universities. Continuous training is supervised by the Bar.
- **Ireland**
The induction period is organised by the [Law Society](#) and private practices or law firms.
- **Greece**
The Bar Association and the [Ministry of Justice](#) are in charge of organising the induction period.
- **Spain**
[Bars](#) and universities are in charge of organising the induction period. Voluntary continuous training provided by the Schools of Legal Practice is supervised by the Bar.
- **France**
[Regional Bar schools](#) and the [National Council of French Bars](#) are in charge of organising the induction period. Continuous training is supervised by the National Council of French Bars, the [Inter-professional Funds for the continuous training of the liberal professions](#) and professional lawyer trade unions.
- **Croatia**
The [Bar Association](#) is in charge of organising the induction period and supervising continuous training.
- **Italy**
[Bar Associations](#), private training providers, private training providers accredited by the Bar, universities and lawyers' academies or other structures established by the Bar organise the induction period. The Bar supervises continuous training.
- **Cyprus**
The [Legal Board of the Bar Association](#) organises the induction period.
- **Latvia**
Private practice or law firms and a special institution established by the [Council of Sworn Advocates](#) organise the induction period. The Council of Sworn Advocates also supervises continuous training.

- Lithuania
The [Bar Association](#) and private practice or law firms organise the induction period. The Bar also supervises continuous training activities.
- Luxembourg
The [Bar Association](#) and private practice or law firms organise the induction period.
- Hungary
The [Bar Association](#) organises the induction period.
- Malta
Private practice and law firms organise the induction period.
- Netherlands
Private practice and law firms, private training providers accredited by the [Bar](#) and lawyers' academies and other training structures established by the Bar organise the induction period.
- Austria
The [Bar](#), private practice and law firms, private training providers, private training providers attached to the Bar, universities and lawyers' academies or other training structures of the Bar organise the induction period.
- Poland
The [Bar Association](#) is in charge of organising the induction period and supervising continuous training.
- Portugal
The [Bar](#) is in charge of organising the induction period.
- Romania
The [National Institute for Training and Development](#) and [Colleges Union of the Romanian Legal Advisors](#) organise the induction period of respectively lawyers and legal advisors.
- Slovenia
- Slovakia
The [Bar Association](#) and private practice or law firms organise the induction period.
- Finland
Private practice and law firms and public legal aid offices are in charge of organising the induction period.
- Sweden
The [Bar Association](#) is in charge of organising the induction period and supervising continuous training.
- United Kingdom:

England and Wales:

Barristers

The induction period of Barristers is organised through approved training organisations, pupil supervision from a Barrister and external training. The [Bar Standards Board](#) supervises continuous training.

Solicitors

The induction period is organised by private practice firms, non-private practice organisations, commercial providers and universities. The [Law Society](#) supervises solicitors' continuous training.

Northern Ireland:

Barristers

The induction period is organised by the [Bar](#), private practice firms, private training providers, universities, lawyers' academies and training structures established by the Bar. The Bar also supervises continuous training.

Solicitors

The induction period is organised by the [Law Society](#), private practice and law firms and universities. The Law Society also supervises continuous training.

Scotland:

Advocates

The [Bar](#) organises the induction period and supervises continuous training.

Solicitors

Private practices and law firms, non-private organisations, providers authorised by the [Law Society](#) and commercial providers and universities organise the induction period.

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