How to build capacity for judicial training on EU law

Conclusions from the 2022-2023 Training Needs Assessment on EU acquis in Serbia and Montenegro

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KEY ROLE OF JUDICIAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

Establishing a quality control mechanism and monitoring against quality standards is crucial for sustainable and cohesive provision of training.

Judicial training institutions have a central role to play in raising awareness of the importance of EU law for national judges and prosecutors.

NATIONAL EXPERTS

National judicial trainers specialised in EU law can clarify and update surveys, improve focus group discussions, design and tailor training packages, and create meaningful evaluations for EU law training.

A core group of trainers can ensure that considerations of European standards are consciously raised throughout the training life cycle.





SURVEY DEVELOPMENT

Closed-ended questions with pre-defined answers are helpful for survey respondents with limited experience of EU law implementation.

They raise awareness of international and European legal instruments and jurisprudence of EU courts among national judges and prosecutors.

TRAINING DESIGN AND MATERIALS

Rather than being abstract, training must 1) provide practical examples for resolution of daily tasks of judges and prosecutors and 2) address approximation of national law to EU law.

Elaboration of training materials should lead to development of quality written content for reuse and wider distribution.





