

The contribution of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) and the International Association of Judges (IAJ) to the fight against corruption

To avoid corruption within the judiciary it is essential that states provide a framework, which makes corruption more difficult or almost impossible. CCJE when drafting its opinions on central cornerstones of such a framework contributes to this aim. The way how appointment, promotion, disciplinary measures, dismissal are organized, training and evaluation are performed, how the court structure and court administration is organized and what financial and other conditions for the position of judges are implemented are such cornerstones, which had been reflected in CCJE's Opinions.

But the task is not only entrusted to the states but also to the judges themselves. Here judges associations on national and international level have to play their role. A balance between Independence and liability has to be found and promoted and ethical guidelines have to be developed, spread out and implemented.