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CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN JUDGES (CCJE)

Questionnaire for the preparation of the CCJE Opinion No. 23 (2020):

“The role of the Associations of Judges in supporting the judicial independence”

*Please in your answers do not send extracts of your legislation
but describe the situation in brief and concise manner.*

Hungary

General

1. How many Associations of Judges (please note that they can have different names) exist in your country?
 - a) For judges of all jurisdictions and all court levels 1
 - b) For judges of certain jurisdictions only 4
 - c) For judges of certain court levels only 3
 - d) Are there Associations of Judges on some other criteria (i.e. women judges) 2

Total number of all types of Associations of Judges 10

Other objectives _____

Membership

2. What are the requirements for membership in the Associations of Judges? **Na data**
- 3.
4. Are prosecutors members of the Associations of Judges? **Na data**

Legal framework / objectives

5. Which is the legal framework of the Association of Judges? Are there specific legal regulations (law, by-laws) which deal with the Associations of Judges in your country?

According to the act on the organization and administration of the courts the president of the National Judicial Office ensures for the exercise of rights of interest representation bodies (associations). However, he does not examine the activities of interest representation bodies in terms of content.

6. According to their statutes, what are the main objectives of the Associations of Judges? (please mark yes or no and indicate by "1", "2" and "3" the three most important objectives)

Defending and fostering the independence of judges and the judiciary	<input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no
Defending and fostering the rule of law	<input type="radio"/> yes 1 <input type="radio"/> no
Fighting for economic safeguards of judges	<input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no
Fighting for social and physical security of judges	<input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no
Contribution to the development of the law	<input type="radio"/> yes 2 <input type="radio"/> no
Training of judges	<input type="radio"/> yes 3 <input type="radio"/> no
Ethics and accountability of judges	<input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no
Involvement in judicial self-government, especially influencing the election of officers of self-government	<input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no
Media work	<input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no
Organising conferences	<input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no
International contacts and networking	<input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no
Other objectives (which)	<input type="radio"/> yes <input type="radio"/> no

Support of individual judges

7. a) How do the Associations of Judges interact with individual judges? -

b) Can judges get assistance from the Association (which kind)?-

c) Do the Associations of judges defend individual judges (against what)? **No**

8. If there is an infringement of the independence of a judge or of the judiciary, by what means do the Associations of Judges react? -

9. Is there any influence of the Associations of judges on appointment or promotion of judges? **No**

10. Is there any influence of the Associations of Judges in disciplinary procedures? **No**

11. Is there any influence of the Associations of Judges on training? **Yes**

Resources

12. Are there membership fees? **Yes**

13. What other resources are available for the Associations of Judges? -

Administration of the Associations of Judges

14. How are the governing bodies, the secretariat and officers of the Associations of Judges selected? What is their term of office? **It is different in each association.**

15. Are there restrictions as regards the number of terms of office for members of the governing bodies of the Associations of Judges, and if yes, how many terms and for how long? **It is different in each association.**

16. Are there restrictions to become an officer of an Association of Judges? **No data**

Interactions with state institutions and political parties

17. How do the Associations of Judges interact with the parliament? **only informal**

Are Associations of Judges involved in the process of law-making? **only informal**

If yes, how (is this formal or informal)?

18. How do the Associations of Judges interact with the government, especially with the ministry of justice? **only informal**

19. a) How do the Associations of Judges interact with political parties? **No interaction**

b) Are certain Associations of Judges connected with certain political parties? **No interaction**

c) Is there an influence of party politics within the Associations of Judges? **No**

20. a) How do the Associations of Judges interact with the Council for the Judiciary? **Association of Hungariaan Judges has interaction**

b) What is the role, if any, of the Associations of Judges in the selection of members of the Council for the Judiciary and/or presidents of courts and judges (please describe)?
No any role

21. How do the Associations of Judges interact with the court administration and what, if any, are the problems in these relations?
It depends on the given court level and the particular association.

Interactions with other organisations

22. a) If there is more than one Association of Judges, how do they interact with each other? **No data**

b) If there is more than one Association of Judges, how other stakeholders deal with this fact? **No data**

23. How do the Associations of Judges interact with NGOs? **No data**

24. How do the Associations of Judges interact with foreign or international organisations? **No data**

25. Is there a trade union, in which judges can be members? **Yes** If so, what are the relations between this trade union and the association of judges? **It is different in each association.**

26.

Ethical standards

27. Is there any influence of the Associations of Judges in establishing ethical standards? **Yes**

28. Do the Associations of judges contribute to a further improvement of the justice system? **Yes (mostly)** How? **It is different in each association.**

29.

Perception

30. How does the public at large see the Associations of Judges? **No data**