

Number of lawyers in European countries

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Country	Total number of fully qualified lawyers	Barristers	Solicitors	Lawyers currently in practice	Stagiaires	Lawyers employed in private companies	Number of Bars and Law Societies	Divers
Austria²	4.046							
Belgium	12.672 (7.233 : Union of Flemisch Bars; 5439 : Union of French and German speaking Bars)							
Denmark	4.181					431		
Finland	1.550							
France³	39.282 (dont 15.436 pour le Barreau de Paris)							
Germany⁴	110.367 (27.924 female)							
Greece	31.300 (16.800 among them are in Athens)							
Iceland	602		602	540				
Ireland	ca. 8.000	ca. 1.500	7.553	5.625 (solicitors) 900 (barristers)				
Italy⁵	135.000							
Liechtenstein	89						1	
Luxembourg	780 (550 avocats à la Cour, 230 avocats)							

¹ Table according to details given by the CCBE delegations.

² June 30th,2001.

³ June 30th,2001.

⁴ January 1st, 2001.

⁵ Approximate, October 31st, 2000.

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The Netherlands ⁶	11.033							
Norway ⁷	5.250 (includes 453 passive members)			4.797 (3.747 are private practitioners)	1.050	801		
Portugal ⁸	16.828							
United Kingdom	104.343	11.086	93.257					
England and Wales	92.901	10.132	82.769					
Scotland	9.043	434	8.609					
Northern Ireland	2.399	520	1.879					
Spain	134.592			98.922				
Sweden	3.632			3.242 (512 female, 2.730 men)				

⁶ End of 2000.

⁷ December 31st,2001.

⁸ July 1999.

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Bulgaria ⁹	5.470							
Cyprus ¹⁰	1.400							
Estonia	404 (222 sworn advocates, 94 senior clerks of sworn advocates, 82 clerks of sworn advocates)							
Hungary	8.500 lawyers and 1.500 legal advisers			8.500 lawyers	about 600	about 1.500 legal advisers being employed in different firms and enterprises (lawyer's offices, banks, insurance companies, etc.), they are not members of any Bar Associations.	20 Local Bar associations	
Poland	7.032 Advocates 20.343 Legal advisers			5.012 Advocates 16.645 Legal advisers	971 Advocates 2.472 Legal advisers		- 24 - 19	Ordre des Conseillers Juridiques: 18.000; details in file
Slovak Republic	1.683			1.570	570		1	
Czech Republic	7.823			6.453	3.692			
Romania ¹¹	13.000			7.000	6.000			
Slovenia	876				106			86 ("candidates d'avocat")

⁹ Information forwarded by the President of the Bulgarian Supreme Council of Lawyers, February 26th, 2001.

¹⁰ July 1999.

¹¹ Approximate - Declarations of the President of the Romanian Bar Association at the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, on November 13th, 2000.

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Switzerland				6.540 members of the SBA (approx. 90% of all the lawyers currently in practice)			24	