### 1. Legal basis
- Regulation concerning continuing training
- Adopted by the General Assembly of the OVB on 16/06/2010
- Entry into force on 10/12/2010

### 2. Training

#### 2.1. Basic information

| Extent |         | Min. 16 points/judicial year |
|        |         | Max. 8 points for non-legal matters and max. 8 points for *in-house* activities |
|        |         | Transmission of surplus possible |
|        |         | (for lawyers: max. 48 points to the next judicial year of which max. 32 points attained during this year; for trainee lawyers: any points obtained in addition to the courses/examination for obtaining certificate of competence can be transmitted to the next judicial years) |

Exemptions
- Motivated reasons (e.g. pregnancy, age, illness)
- Exemptions granted by the President of the local Bar

#### 2.2. Activities and methods

| Activities | Courses | ✓ | 1 hour = 1 point |
|           |         | ✓ | Max. 6 points/day (max. 6 hours/day) |
|           |         | ✓ | Max. 32 points for the complete course |

Language courses
- 1 hour = 1 non-legal point (only if legal language courses)
- Max. 6 points/day (max. 6 hours/day)
- Max. 32 points for the complete course

Teaching
- 1 hour = 2 points
- Max. 10 points /judicial year

Writing/publishing
- 1000 words = 2 points
- Max. 32 points/publication

Foreign training activities
- Max. 10 points for activities accredited by a foreign bar/judicial year

Other
- Speaking at conference: 1 hour = 2 points; max. 12 points/day (max. 6 hours/day)
- Additional degree/doctorate at a university department of law: max. 32 points for the complete course
- Participation in professional education course in *cassation procedure*: 10 points/judicial year: max. 10 points for the complete course

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#### 2.3. Course providers

| Bar/Law Society | ✓ | OVB and local Bars |
| Accredited provider | NO |
| Other provider (free market providers) | ✓ | - Number of providers: 864 (from 2002 until July 2011)  
- Prior application for a course accreditation: ✓  
- Accreditation body: the Recognition Committee\(^1\) of the OVB  
- Procedure: application 6 weeks prior to the course\(^2\)  
- Criteria for accreditation: subject of the course – (a) legal (b) non-legal but relevant to the profession of the lawyer  

**Explanatory note:** Every provider needs to get accreditation for the course. It is not the provider who is accredited but it is the course meaning that it is possible that a provider gets accreditation for the first course, but not for the second course (accreditation of the course depends on its content). |

### 3. Assessment of training activities

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| Other training activity              | **Procedure:**  
- Right for an *a posteriori* assessment  
- Applicant: lawyer  
- Assessment body: Recognition Committee  

Training activities can also be assessed during the compliance procedure (please see below 4.1.)  

**Criteria for assessment:**  
- Quality (subject – (a) legal (b) non-legal but relevant to the profession of the lawyer) |

### 4. Supervision

#### 4.1. Compliance procedure

| Regular control | - Lawyer submits a written report (electronically) and documents of proof\(^3\) to the President of his/her local Bar annually by 30 September  
- The President of the local Bar submits an overview\(^4\) to the OVB until 31 March (indicating how many points each lawyer has obtained) |
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#### 4.2. Sanctions

| Non-disciplinary | - It is up to the discretion of the President of the local Bar not to initiate disciplinary proceedings under certain conditions (the President might order to fulfill the obligation within a fixed period of time)  
- The President of the local Bar inquires as to whether the lawyer has had valid reasons for not obtaining points |
| Disciplinary     | - A breach of the Regulation can lead to a disciplinary sanction by the Disciplinary board; it is the President of the local Bar who can ask to summon a lawyer to appear for the Disciplinary board  
- Sanctions:  
- Warning |

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\(^1\) Consists of 7 members: the Director of the OVB’s Continuous Education Department is the President; other members are 3 lawyers admitted to the Bar and 3 academics; all are elected by the General Assembly of the OVB.  
\(^2\) The application fee for recognition equals the cost for one participant in the activity, with a minimum of €110 and a maximum of €695.  
\(^3\) Documents of proof are automatically attached to the report if a Bar or OVB course; if not, the lawyer has to scan or fax the documents.  
\(^4\) The overview indicates how many lawyers have obtained (1) 16 points; (2) 8-15 points; (3) 1-7 points; (4) 0 points and exemptions.

**Continuing training in the CCBE full member countries – 2015 – 2/3**
- Reprimand
- Suspension for a period of up to 1 year
- Striking off from the list of trainees, the lawyers’ roll or the EU-list