

Abbreviations: S.C. = Supreme Court**Reports were not sent by the following countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein and Northern Ireland**

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Allemagne -Germany	the right to put forward proposals belongs to the Commission for the Appointment of Supreme Court Judges (ministers of justice of member states, individuals selected by the Bundestag) and the Federal Minister of Justice	Conducted by the assessors of the Commission for the Appointment of Supreme Court Judges and by the Presidial Council	The Presidial Council (President, Deputy President + 5 S.C. Judges) – adopting a non-binding position	Federal Minister of Justice, Commission for the Appointment of Supreme Court Judges, President	Commission for the Appointment of Supreme Court Judges and Federal Minister of Justice	President	right of non-appointed candidate to a complaint in front of administrative court
Angleterre et Pays de Galles – England and Wales	Competition is held by the Lord Chancellor ; Preparing of a list by the Judicial Appointments Committee (JAC)	none	The Lord Chief Justice is included by the JAC in the High Court; in the Court of Appeal the Lord Chief Justice as the president of the selection panel	Judicial Appointments Committee (JAC)	Until October 2006 (Constitutional Reform Act) only the Lord Chancellor; starting 10/06 the JAC and the Lord Chancellor	Queen (the Crown)	none; however there exists a possibility for non-appointed candidate to present a complaint against the JAC or the Lord Chancellor in the event of procedural shortcomings in the appointing process.
Autriche – Austria	prepared by the S.C. "internal senate" (president, first deputy president, three S.C.	no such obligation but as a rule it does take place	proposal of the internal senate presented to the Minister of	Minister of Justice, President	Minister of Justice (abiding by the list of candidates, however, the minister can	President	none

	judges)		Justice		change its order		
Belgique – Belgium	publishing information about availability of position in “Moniteur belge”; application is submitted to the Ministry of Justice (MJ)	by the General Assembly on the motion of applicant; by the Appointing Commission on the motion or ex officio	General Assembly presents its position to the MJ	MJ hands over the application to the Appointing Commission of the Judicial Council; 14 members, half of them being judges/prosecutors; the proposal is accepted by a 2/3 majority	Appointing Commission of the Judicial Council	King	complaint presented in front of Conseil d’Etat (Council of State) by the candidate + motion to issue a temporary decision
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Bulgarie – Bulgaria	proposals of the President of the Supreme Court are presented to the Proposal-Assessing Committee (7 members) of the Supreme Judicial Council; opinion of the Committee is presented to the Supreme Judicial Council	none	S.C. President issues a directive on the appointment of a judge	none; but see composition of the Supreme Judicial Council	Supreme Judicial Council = common administrative unit of the judicature); 25 members, S.C. President, Supreme Administrative Court President, Attorney General, 11 selected by judiciary authorities, 11 by the National Assembly, 5 year term	President of Supreme Court	complaint by the individual in front of the Supreme Administrative Court
Chypre-Cyprus		-	consultations with S.C. judges	President of the Republic of Cyprus	President of the Republic of Cyprus	President of the Republic of Cyprus	none
Danemark – Denmark	public competition	-	recommendation of S.C. on the basis of applications (S.C. President + General Assembly) presented to the Council for the Appointment for Judges	recommendation of a single candidate only by the Council for the Appointment for Judges: members: S.C judges, judges of higher instance courts, local court judge, 1 attorney, 2 representatives of the public, minister of justice, the queen	Minister of Justice (so far he has abided by the recommendations of the Council for the Appointment for Judges which in turn abided by S.C. recommendations.)	Queen	none

Espagne – Spain	candidate selection by the Assessing Committee (5 members of General Council); proposal of the Committee is presented to the General Council	-	S.C President is the President of the General Council; 2 members of the General Council are S.C. judges.	none, but see composition of the General Council	General Council (Consejo General del Poder Judicial); 20 members selected by the Parliament, including 12 judges	King	legal measures to 3 S.C. Senate S.C. = Federal Administrative Court
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Estonie - Estonia	announcement of public competition by S.C. President; S.C. President must take into account opinion of the S.C. General Assembly and the Council of Administration of Courts	in front of S.C. General Assembly	S.C. President proposes a candidate taking under consideration opinion of the General Assembly	Council of Administration of Courts and Parliament	Parliament	Parliament	complaint about Parliament's decision to the Supreme Court (Constitutional Review Chamber)
Finlande – Finland	no applications, candidates express their interest	none	proposal of the S.C. General Assembly; forwarded to the Minister of Justice with optional minority opinion	Minister of Justice, Council of State)	Council of State (so far it has approved S.C. proposals)	President of the Republic	none
France – France	Candidate list is prepared by the administrative division of the judiciary in the Ministry of Justice	by the Supreme Judicial Commission	none	Supreme Judicial Commissions	Supreme Judicial Commissions (Conseil supérieur de la magistrature)	President	to Council of State (Conseil d'Etat)
Grèce – Greece	Chief Judges of the Court of Appeals compete for the post	by the Supreme Judicial Council	Supreme Judicial Council; General Assembly (Plenary)	possibility of submitting a protest by the Minister of Justice against decision of the Supreme Judicial Council; decision is then taken by S.C. General Assembly	Supreme Judicial Council; 15 members: S.C. President, Attorney General, 11 S.C. Judges, 2 deputies of the highest representatives of the public prosecutor's office, chosen by a		appeal by the concerned individual to the General Assembly; does not apply to appointment of President, Deputy President

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Hongrie - Hungary	publishing information on available judicial post by the S.C. President in court monitor; preparing a list of candidates by judges of appropriate senate	interview by S.C. President	decision is taken by the S.C. President; is not bound by the list of candidates	none	S.C. President (S.C. President is appointed by the National Assembly at the proposal of the President by a 2/3 majority vote)		none
Irlande – Ireland	candidates are High Court Judges or they represent exceptional level of merit; the latter must submit application to the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board); supervision is conducted by S.C. Chief Justice	none	Chief Justice as the President of the Judicial Appointments Advisory Board	Judicial Appointments Advisory Board in case of the individuals who are not High Court Judges; the Government is basically bound by the recommendation	Government	President of Ireland	none
Italie – Italy		possibility of interview by the Judicial High Council	First President thanks to the membership in the Judicial High Council	consulting the non-binding opinion of the Minister of Justice by the Judicial High Council in appointing Chief Justices, Deputy President and First President	Judicial High Council	Minister of Justice or the President of the Italian Republic	complaint by the concerned individual to regional administrative court
Lettonie – Latvia	selection is made by the S.C. President in accordance with the recommendations of the Judicial Qualifications Committee				Parliament on the basis of recommendation by the S.C. President		Once approved by the Parliament, the judge may not be dismissed with the exception of

							being convicted by a disciplinary court or penal code verdict
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Lituanie – Lithuania	candidate selection is conducted by the President of the Republic ,the S.C. President must propose the candidates to the President of the Republic who is not, however, bound by this proposal	interview in Parliament, in groups (clubs?) and parliamentary commissions	S.C. President may present a proposal to the President of the Republic	President of the Republic proposes a candidate to the Parliament, the Judicial Council provides the President of the Republic with recommendations	Parliament	Parliament	complaint by the Parliament (1/5 of MPs)
Luxembourg	Preparation of a list of 3 candidates per one available post by the General Assembly of the Supreme Court	none	S.C. President and Court			Selection from the list by the Grand Duke	Legal measures in the Administrative Court
Malte – Malta			none; S.C. President is only informed of the planned appointment prior to making the proposal public (but the S.C. President may decide in what court judge is to sit!)	Prime Minister; President of Malta	President of Malta according to the proposal of Prime Minister	President of Malta	none
Norvège – Norway	competition for available judicial posts is held by the Recommendations Committee; 7 members, including 3 judges; submitting candidate	interview by the Recommendations Committee; no public interview	position expressed in writing by the S.C. President is submitted to the Ministry of	King (Government), Ministry, Recommendations Committee	Government; it can not select a candidate who does not have recommendation of the Committee	King (King in Council)	-

	evaluations to S.C. judges.		Justice with verbal notification given to the Minister of Justice				
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Pays-Bas –the Netherlands	maintaining up-to-date list of candidates by S.C.'s internal committee; if a post becomes available the S.C. presents to the House of Representatives a proposal of 6 candidates	interview by S.C. President prior to submitting list of candidates to the House of Representatives; next interview by Judicial Council	S.C. President and Attorney-General conduct detailed discussion about the list with the Committee, which then prepares a list of 3 candidates submitted to the House of Representatives; forwards the list to the Minister of Justice	House of Representatives, Judicial Commission	Council of Ministers (usually accepts proposal of the Supreme Court)	Queen	none
Pologne – Poland	First President publishes information about available posts in an official monitor; presentation of the candidate to appropriate S.C. chamber; selections during General Assembly of Judges ; proposal of 2 candidates per one available judicial post is presented to the National Council of the Judiciary	Discussions with candidates during General Assembly of Judges	Chamber, General Assembly of the Judges. President and 2 S.C. judges are members of the National Council of the Judiciary	National Council of the Judiciary; members: S.C. First President. Minister of Justice, President of Supreme Administrative Court, 1 person nominated by the President of the Republic of Poland; 15 judges, 4 MPs, 2 Senators	probably National Council of the Judiciary?	President of the Republic of Poland	-
Portugal – Portugal	preparation of candidate list by the National	No interview	S.C. President as the President of	National Judicial Council	National Judicial Council	National Judicial	complaint by concerned

	Judicial Council; candidate selection procedure every 2 years		the National Judicial Council			Council	individual to the Supreme Court
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Roumanie – Romania	Directorate College of the Supreme Court examines applications and submits report of recommendations to the Supreme Judicial Council	interview by the plenum of the Supreme Judicial Council	S.C. President as member of the Supreme Judicial Council	Supreme Judicial Council (S.C. President, representatives of the public and Ministry of Justice)	Supreme Judicial Council	President	Complaint by concerned individual to the Supreme Court
Écosse – Scotland	presenting of information about available posts; preparation of a candidate list by the Judicial Appointments Board since 2002 ; 10 members – judicial and non-judicial	by the Board	First Minister consults with Lord President	First Minister	First Minister	Queen	none
Slovakie – Slovakia	public competition; nomination by the Nomination Board; 5 members (3 recommended by the S.C. Judicial Council, 1 by the Judicial Commission of the Republic of Slovakia, 1 by the Minister of Justice)			approval by the Judicial Commission of the Republic of Slovakia (18 members, Commission President is the S.C. President) following consultations with the Minister of Justice; submitting the proposal to the President of the Republic of Slovakia by the Judicial		President of the Republic of Slovakia	none, however, possibility of a complaint to the Constitutional Tribunal about the decision of the Judicial Commission

				Commission of the Republic of Slovakia			
Slovénie – Slovenia	publishing information about available judicial posts; forwarding applications by the Ministry of Justice to the S.C. "Board of Employees" – the Board conducts evaluations with optional commentary by the S.C. President; forwarding to the Judicial Commission	possible but not practiced	Board of Employees; S.C. President	Judicial Commission makes the selection and presents its proposal of candidatures to the Parliament	Parliament	Parliament?	possibility of approaching the Judicial Commission and conducting administrative court action
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Suède – Sweden	3 S.C. judges constitute the preparatory group, which creates a list of candidates		list of candidates is used by the General Assembly as the basis for discussion; submitting of the S.C. proposal by the S.C. President to the Minister of Justice	Minister of Justice may carry its own candidate; once agreement is reached the Minister of Justice comes to the General Assembly and presents the candidate	Government	Government	none
Czech Republic			S.C. judge may only be appointed with agreement of S.C. President	Minister of Justice decides about assignment of judge to Supreme Court	S.C. President and Minister of Justice	President of the Republic	-

