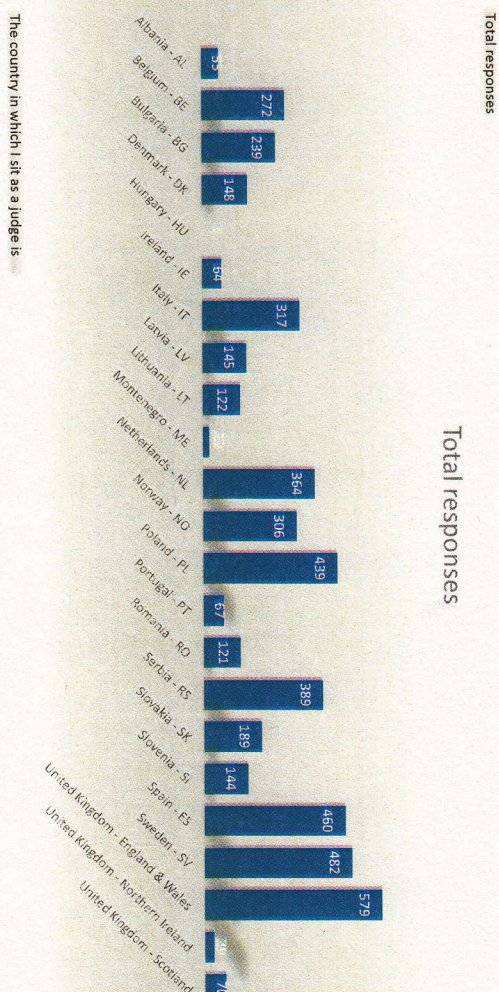


# **Overview Survey among professional judges about their independence** update of 31/03/2015

Country	Total responses
Albania - AL	55
Belgium - BE	272
Bulgaria - BG	239
Denmark - DK	148
Hungary - HU	1
Ireland - IE	64
Italy - IT	317
Latvia - LV	145
Lithuania - LT	122
Montenegro - ME	23
Netherlands - NL	364
Norway - NO	306
Poland - PL	439
Portugal - PT	67
Romania - RO	121
Serbia - RS	389
Slovakia - SK	189
Slovenia - SI	144
Spain - ES	460
Sweden - SV	482
United Kingdom - England & Wales	579
United Kingdom - Northern Ireland	29
United Kingdom - Scotland	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>5026</b>







**European Network of Councils  
for the Judiciary (ENCJ)**

**Réseau européen des Conseils  
de la Justice (RECJ)**

Brussels, 28 April 2015

Dear colleague,

I am writing to thank you very much for participating in the online survey undertaken by the ENCJ. We received a very good response with 5878 judges from 20 countries across Europe answering the survey. It is possible to see at once how valuable the responses will be, but it is taking some time to process the detail of the results.

We expect to provide a summary of the main responses in the report of the independence and accountability project that will be presented to the ENCJ General Assembly in The Hague on 4th and 5th June 2015. Thereafter, the report including these results of the survey will appear on the ENCJ website.

I am very grateful also to all our member and observer Councils for the Judiciary (and equivalent bodies) for their support in making the survey such a success. I hope that we will be able to repeat the survey in early 2017 using the experience of the first survey to allow us to improve the questions and the results of the first survey as a benchmark.

Meanwhile, many thanks once again for your participation.

Best wishes,

Geoffrey Vos  
President